



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	1st	April	2022		31 st	March	2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Fellowship Baptist Church

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1173883

Charity's principal address

144 Alexandra Avenue

Luton

Bedfordshire

Postcode LU3 1HJ

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Stanley Eugene Boelman	Pastor		
2	Timothy John Brighton	Trustee	Appointed May, 2022	
3	Beavin Andrew	Treasurer		
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (e.g. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (e.g. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (e.g. appointed by, elected by)	By appointment of the members

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Regarding relationships with related parties, the church is a member of the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches. This is purely a joining of hearts and minds as opposed to a structural union, the FIEC does not own any of the church's property and neither does it require a membership fee. The church shares the same theological perspective and annually affirms its agreement with the articles of faith.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The objective of the charity is for public benefit, the advancement of the Christian faith, in accordance with the Statement of Faith.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The main activities fall under the stated objective of advancing the Christian Faith. Specifically, these include:

- Regular meetings for Christian worship
- Children's clubs to enhance the Christian faith
- Support for the public as available (see below in Section D)

As needed, the trustees have met to review the work of the charity as well as to oversee the financial status.

To ensure that the trustees are functioning at their best, the chair (Stan Boelman) took part in a webinar for faith based charities which was hosted by the Charities Commission. In doing so, Stan was pleased to learn that the trustees are working well at their tasks.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

In the year ending 2023, one significant change has taken place – we now have a much better place to worship. In August of 2022, the church began worshipping at Ambleside Community Centre. Some will remember that in 2021, the church met for a short time at another venue. That was short lived and it was believed at the time that the congregation would be soon returning to its original venue, namely William Austin Infant School.

In May, 2022, we learned that the school could no longer host the church. The main reason was that of rising energy costs. In one year, for example, the school's energy budget had risen from £10,000 annually to over £30,000. For that and other reasons, the school concluded that it was no longer viable for us to use the premises. This was a huge disappointment for the church because we had met at the school for nearly 20 years.

As noted above, however, the church now has a public face and we have seen some benefits. Indeed, we are now able to worship in person and we have had occasional visitors, something that wasn't happening for the three years when we met over Zoom.

The following continues to be our pattern of ministry:

- On Sunday mornings, the church worships at Ambleside Centre. It is not a large building and doesn't have other rooms for children's work. This is not the best because we are not able to have a separate children's function during the adult worship.
- In the afternoon, the pastor continues to make use of Facebook Live to do sermons for the public. This has had an increasing response with some sermons attaining over 5,000 people who watched the sermon for at least 15 seconds. And happily, not all of the listeners are Christians. Some are of other faiths and some of no faith at all. We welcome this as part of our ongoing mission to proclaim the Christian faith.
- In the week, a prayer meeting takes place on the Zoom platform.
- A weekly study group also takes place over Zoom and subjects such as the book of Revelation have been the topics.
- Finally, a ladies group, Servants Hearts, continues to meet on Zoom and includes women from other churches not in Luton.
- Much good has been achieved in global Christian work.

The church gave a substantial gift of £2,000 to one of our missionaries to help with medical expenses.

A charity based in Tigray, Ethiopia was given a gift of £500.

All of our missionaries were given extra funding in a total amount of £1,500 (£500 each for three missionaries).

These gifts are examples of the generosity and philanthropic spirit of the congregation. Our local impact may be small but our global reach can be large.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The trustees and the membership have considered the need for a reserves policy and it has been agreed that no set amount is needed but that the charity will always agree to meet its financial obligations. Apart from the moneys held in the charity's current account, there is an unrestricted fund with a value of £29,301.95 at the start of the new financial year (April, 2022)

Details of any funds materially in deficit

No deficit exists.

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The charity subsists from the donations of its members and other interested parties.

Expenditures supported the objectives via payments for rental costs, literature to Christian work, donations to Christian charities and the support of Christian work in other parts of the world.

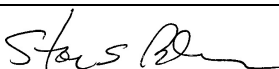
Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Stanley Eugene Boelman

Position (e.g. Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair/Pastor

Date

22nd July, 2023



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name Fellowship Baptist Church	No (if any) 1173883
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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 04/01/2022	To	Period end date 31/03/2023
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Collections taken during church services	6,850	-	-	6,850	11,463
Donation from supporters outside church	2,400	-	-	2,400	
Gift Aid	2,119	-	-	2,119	-
		-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	11,369	-	-	11,369	11,463
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	11,369	-	-	11,369	11,463

A3 Payments					
Support for missionaries	2,520	-	-	2,520	4,520
Hire of community centre for services	1,925	-	-	1,925	360
Liability insurance	259	-	-	259	196
CCLI music licence	133	-	-	133	127
Storage facilities	450	-	-	450	450
FIEC membership	400	-	-	400	400
Speaker's remuneration	70	-	-	70	50
Abraham's Oasis UK	500	-	-	500	1,200
Special gift to Mosbys	2,000			2,000	
Tearfund	200			200	
Supplementary gift to missionaries	1,500	-	-	1,500	-
Sub total	9,957	-	-	9,957	7,303

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)

	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	9,957	-	-	9,957	7,303
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,412	-	-	1,412	4,160
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	1,412	-	-	1,412	4,160

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period


Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Balance at year ended 31 March, 2023	9,204	-	
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	9,204	-	-
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	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Savings for eventual capital asset purchase, including interest earned of £27.27	29,329	-	
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

B5 Liabilities

		-	-
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Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Stan Boelman	22/07/2023