

# BLOXHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1174024

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2017-07-28

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE PRINCIPAL PURPOSES OF THE CHURCH ARE:- 3.1.1 THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH ACCORDING TO THE PRINCIPLES OF THE BAPTIST DENOMINATION. 3.1.2 THE CHURCH MAY ALSO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND CARRY OUT OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND/OR OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD. 3.2 [NOTHING IN THIS CONSTITUTION SHALL AUTHORISE AN APPLICATION OF THE PROPERTY OF THE CHURCH FOR PURPOSES WHICH ARE NOT CHARITABLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 7 OF THE CHARITIES AND TRUSTEE INVESTMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005 OR SECTION 2 OF THE CHARITIES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2008.]

**Activities:** The activities may include but are not restricted to:regular public worship, prayer, Bible study, Communion, Baptism, preaching and teaching;evangelism and mission:the education,encouragement and growth of Christian disciples;pastoral care;community groups;supporting and encouraging charitable social action in the United Kingdom and abroad;

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Oxfordshire

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£129,722	£132,692	-	-
2023-12-31	£128,015	£137,563	-	-
2022-12-31	£123,511	£151,134	-	-
2021-12-31	£124,254	£138,986	-	-
2020-12-31	£118,868	£114,860	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Rev MICHAEL JAMES TYDEMAN	Chair	2018-03-31
Anne Linsey		2020-09-14
BARBARA MACIVER TREASURER		2018-03-31
Dr Robert Kerry		2020-09-14
Rachel Mitchell		2024-05-22

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# Accounts

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## **BLOXHAM BAPTIST CHURCH CIO. TRUSTEES' REPORT 2023.**

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity 1174024 for the year ended 31 December 2024.

### **Trustees**

The trustees who served throughout the year and up to date of authorisation of this report were as follows:

Rev Mike Tydeman

Rachel Mitchell

Barbara MacIver (Treasurer)

Anne Linsey (Secretary)

Margaret Taylor

Robert Kerry

Jonathon Round

### **Objectives and activities**

#### **Objects and aims**

The principal purpose of Bloxham Baptist Church CIO (the "Church") is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination. The Church may also advance education and carry out other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and in other parts of the world.

#### **Significant activities**

In fulfilling its purpose, the Church will engage in a range of activities either on its own or with others that will vary from time to time with activities being initiated, expanded, or closed, as appropriate.

The Church's activities include, but are not restricted to:

- regular public worship, prayer, Bible study, preaching and teaching;
- baptism, as defined in The Baptist Union's Declaration of Principle;
- the Communion of the Lord's Supper, which shall normally be observed twice a month;
- evangelism and mission, locally, regionally, nationally and internationally;
- working in partnership with the other local Churches;
- the teaching, encouraging, welcome and inclusion of young people;
- nurture and growth of Christian disciples;
- education and training for Christian and community service;
- giving and encouraging pastoral care;
- supporting and encouraging charitable social action in the United Kingdom and abroad;

## **Public benefit**

In planning the activities of the Church, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

## **Grant making**

The Church seeks to fulfil its objective of spreading the Christian message throughout the United Kingdom and worldwide by making grants to specific independent missionary and charitable organisations whose aims coincide with those of the Church, including the Home Mission Fund of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and BMS World Mission.

## **Volunteers**

A significant proportion of the Church's activities are run by and with the assistance of volunteers who freely give of their time and skills to support the Church in the furtherance of its aims.

## **Achievements and performance**

### **Charitable activities**

During the year the Church has delivered Sunday and Holy Day church services open to all, as well as regular meetings, either corporately or in small groups, for Bible study, prayer and worship. A few small group meetings continued to be held on Zoom for wider accessibility.

All age services once a month in an informal 'café style' setting and children's / youth groups provided as part of every other service.

Continuation of Saturday morning and Wednesday evening prayer gatherings.

Communion services continue twice a month on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday.

The church has continued to encourage links with St Mary's, hosting a number of joint services.

The church has conducted 5 baptisms over the year.

Homegroups and various small support groups ran throughout the year both on Zoom and physical meetings, providing practical and emotional support, prayer, teaching and enhancement of the Christian faith.

The church ran an 'Alpha Course' opening to anyone with questions about faith and a 'Bereavement Journey course' open to the community for anyone experiencing loss and our Children and Families pastor ran two 'Parenting for Faith' courses one in person and one online.

A Youth group meet every Sunday evening facilitated by volunteers. Engaging in a variety of social, and worship based activities, also attending regular Youth events in Oxford and the Limitless Festival in the summer.

The Church continues to be active in the local community, providing activities for all age groups which are open to all members of the local community on a non-profit making basis that are in addition to the more formal church and related services.

These have included Tiddlywinks Toddler group, Bitesize lunch club for mum's to be & mum's and babies, Wednesday Tea for single parent families.

Holiday clubs for primary aged children were provided during Easter & Christmas holidays in the form of craft mornings open to all the community. Weekly activities were provided, during the summer holidays, in partnership with the local 'Cherrytree' playgroup for under 5's and their families.

Girls' Brigade meetings have continued and they welcomed new members during the year. Boy's Brigade is run by St Mary's CofE and supported by Bloxham BC volunteers.

A Renew Wellbeing space is open once a week and continues to be a space of welcome and inclusion. Run as an ecumenical provision with some volunteers from St Mary's CofE and in partnership with mental health teams to improve mental and emotional wellbeing.

The Pastor continues in a chaplaincy role at the local Secondary school (where we hold our Sunday services) and in partnership with Good News for Everyone distributes New Testaments to students.

The Pastor, along with a trained CAP Money coach from church, provided 3 sessions of money advice to year 13 students using CAP resources.

The C&F pastor and a group of volunteers regularly lead assemblies at the primary school using "Open the Book" resources.

A number of church volunteers also mentor children at both the secondary and primary schools as part of Transforming Lives for Good.

The Church partnered with Ambassadors Football to deliver a 3 day community outreach event at the local secondary school in the summer holidays. Providing football coaching with a Christian message to over 60 primary aged children of any background or faith. The Church also provided community tea and cake for the attendees' families and friends as part of the awards presentation.

The Church is mindful of other communities locally, nationally and throughout world who have less fortunate circumstances and consequently continues to support financially and prayerfully targeted areas and projects in a number of locations, including:

- Specific gift day monetary collections for Local Homeless provision, Open Doors, Tearfund.
- Child Sponsorship through Compassion UK.
- Charitable donation to Transforming Lives for Good (Charity number 1074114)
- Charitable donation to Renew Wellbeing (Charity number 1173963)

The church also operates a restricted Fellowship Fund which offers confidential financial support to individuals both within the church fellowship and the wider community.

### **Fundraising activities**

The Church's activities are principally financed by the voluntary giving of its members and congregation, supplemented with tax rebates through the Gift Aid scheme, and at cost charges for some of its community activities. The Chapel building is also occasionally hired out for events, such as birthday parties, for local people, and our portable baptistery is loaned, for donation, to a variety of local churches.

## **Financial review**

The financial position of the charity is set out in the Statement of Financial Activities – Payments and Receipts report and the related notes, prepared in accordance with statutory requirements of the Charities Act 2011 and SORP (FRS 102).

### **Principal funding sources**

The principal funding sources of the Church are the voluntary donations and giving by members of the Church's congregation together with allied income tax rebates under the Gift Aid Scheme.

The letting of two properties owned by the church also provides a regular rental income. The financial return of this investment is regularly reviewed to ensure fair value for the Charity. Our property assets are managed to ensure financial viability but also to be available to meet the purposes and needs of the church.

### **Policy on reserves**

The Church aims to hold reserves that would cover three months essential revenue expenditure - i.e. legal commitments under contracts of employment and a reserve to meet essential immediate expenditure to the Church's premises necessary to allow the Church to continue to function. At the year end the Church had reserves of £35,000 that were considered sufficient to meet its reserves policy.

### **Going concern**

The trustees have considered the impact of an end of year deficit on the church's financial position, together with financial projections for the church and have also reviewed the availability of banking facilities and interest rates. The trustees are satisfied that the church has sufficient resources to continue in operation for the foreseeable future, being at least 12 months from the date of signing the financial statements. Accordingly, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the church's financial statements.

## **Future plans**

### **Activities planned to achieve aims**

The Church plans to continue with its current activities and has plans for developing the small group provision for pastoral and evangelistic purposes.

The Church is looking to offer more free of charge CAP (Christians Against Poverty) Money courses open to all, that teach budget skills and money management.

The church is planning to re-run the Bereavement Journey course with an open invitation to the community at cost. (not for profit.)

The church is looking to further its support of national and international communities by hosting guest speakers to increase awareness.

## **Structure, governance and management**

**Governing document**

Bloxham Baptist Church CIO (the "Church") is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and constitutes a corporate body with limited liability. It is registered with the Charity Commission under Number 1174024. The Church was incorporated on 28 July 2017 and is controlled by its governing document, a constitution and is governed by its trustees in accordance with its constitution.

**Recruitment and appointment of trustees**

The day to day running of the Church is under the control of a singular 'Leadership Team' comprising the Pastor, C&F pastor, Church Secretary, Church Treasurer and a number of other elected Trustees. The Pastor role is appointed by the Church at a special church meeting and is employed under a letter of appointment. The C&F pastor is employed under contract and is also a Trustee due to her job description. The other trustees are appointed in accordance with the Church's constitution.

**Organisational structure**

The Church appoints a Pastor, and other paid staff as circumstances require. The Pastor leads the church community in both spiritual and practical ways and chairs Leadership Team meetings and Church meetings.

The Church employs a Children and Families pastor who shares spiritual and practical oversight with a specific remit for families both within the fellowship and the wider community.

The Church Membership elect the Leadership Team (including Church Secretary and Treasurer) from among themselves to oversee the spiritual and operational aspects of the Church. The Leadership Team meets regularly and administers the Charity by majority decision on behalf of the membership.

**Wider network**

The Church is a member of The Baptist Union of Great Britain and the Southern Counties Baptist Association. The holding trustee of the church is the Baptist Union Corporation Limited which is charity number 249635 and which is controlled by the Baptist Union Council. The Baptist Union Corporation Limited also acts as the holding trustee in respect of the church premises themselves.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 28 April 2025 and signed on its behalf by

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A Linsey

Secretary and Trustee

## STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports)

Regulations, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

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B Maclver

Treasurer and Trustee

**Bloxham Baptist Church**  
**Income and Expenditure Account**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2024**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Giving	79,705	73,562
Gift Aid received	15,481	17,043
Mission Income - Tiddlywinks/Wednesday Tea/Football Club	4,004	3,621
Rental Income	27,490	30,482
Grant received	470	-
Chapel repairs Fund	-	1,000
Bank Interest received	2,472	1,916
Fellowship Fund	100	391
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<b>Total Income Received</b>	129,722	128,015
<b>Expenditures</b>		
Mission costs	3,561	3,493
Church Catering	2,770	2,818
Operational costs	7,424	7,598
Property maintenance	6,102	6,714
Staff costs	97,405	92,037
Minister in Training	142	7,346
Tithe		
BMS World Mission	6,193	6,043
BU Home Mission	1,548	1,200
Insurance	2,602	2,776
Office/General Admin expenses	1,392	1,366
St Mary's Building Our Future gift	-	5,000
Confidential fund, gifts and donations	402	370
Audrey Wild's fund payments	1,030	-
Fellowship Fund payments	2,121	802
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<b>Total expenditure</b>	132,692	137,563
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<b>(Deficit) of Income over Expenditure</b>	- 2,970	- 9,548
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**Bloxham Baptist Church**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**As at 31 December 2024**

	Note	2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
TANGIBLE ASSETS					
Chapel, Hawke Lane, Bloxham			200,000		200,000
Apple Tree Cottage, Kings Road, Bloxham			425,000		425,000
Cloudberry Cottage, Unicorn Street, Bloxham			375,000		375,000
	<b>2</b>		<u>1,000,000</u>		<u>1,000,000</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	<b>3</b>	3,617		2,314	
Bank and Cash	<b>4</b>	66,258		68,283	
		<u>69,875</u>		<u>70,597.00</u>	
<b>CURRENT LIABILITES</b>					
Creditors and Accruals	<b>5</b>	<u>4,825</u>		<u>2,577</u>	
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			65,050		68,020
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>			<u><u>1,065,050</u></u>		<u><u>1,068,020</u></u>
<b>CHARITY FUNDS</b>					
RESTRICTED					
Fellowship Fund	<b>6</b>		3,583		5,604
Audrey Wild Fund	<b>7</b>		3,371		4,401
UNRESTRICTED					
			1,058,096		1,058,015
<b>TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS</b>	<b>9</b>		<u><u>1,065,050</u></u>		<u><u>1,068,020</u></u>

**BLOXHAM BAPTIST CHURCH  
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS  
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

**1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of Preparation**

The accounts are prepared in accordance with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP 2021), FRS102 and with the Charities Act 2011

Bloxham Baptist Church is a registered charity, no. 1174024 and meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognized at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

**Investment Income**

Investment Income is included in the accounts in the year in which it is receivable.

**Expenditure Recognition**

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. Expenditure is recognized where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

**2. FIXED ASSETS**

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*Note that the church is the beneficial owner (subject to the relevant trusts) of the church building, the legal title to which is held by the church's custodian trustee which is the Baptist Union Corporation Ltd.*

**3. DEBTORS**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
Gift Aid received after date	1,252	989
Rent received after date	950	1,325
Refund due	1,415	-
	<u>3,617</u>	<u>2,314</u>

**4. BANK AND CASH BALANCES**

	2024	2023
Baptist Union Corporation Account	57,376	55,070
HSBC General Account	2,991	3,488
HSBC Deposit Account	5,891	9,725
	<u>66,258</u>	<u>68,283</u>

**5. CREDITORS AND ACCRUALS**

	2024	2023
Gift Day - not yet paid out to charities	500	1,084
PAYE December	1,457	980
Tithe BMS	1,393	-
Tithe Home Mission	348	-
Integra Insurance	-	238
EDF / SSE Gas	204	223
EDF / SSE Electricity	98	52
Warriner rent	450	-
Staff expenses	375	-
	<u>4,825</u>	<u>2,577</u>

**6. Fellowship Fund**

	2024	2023
Income	100	391
Expenditure	2,121	802
Surplus of Income over Expenditure	- 2,021	- 411
Balance B/fwd	5,604	6,015
Balance C/fwd	<u>3,583</u>	<u>5,604</u>

**7. Audrey Wild Fund**

	2024	2023
Expenditure	1,030	-
Balance B/fwd	4,401	4,401
Balance C/fwd	<u>3,371</u>	<u>4,401</u>

**8. Gift Days**

Gifts made inclusive of gift aid subsequently claimed.

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
Nehemiah Ministries	288	1,755
Open Doors	-	1,590
Tear Fund	750	140
Polly Preedy	500	1,500
	<u>1,538</u>	<u>4,985</u>

Morrisons vouchers of £500 were bought for Polly Preedy in January 2025

**9. Charity Funds**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
Brought Forward	1,068,020	1,077,568
Deficit for the year	- 2,970	- 9,548
	<u>1,065,050</u>	<u>1,068,020</u>



**Independent Examiner's Report**

<b>Report to the trustees/ members of</b>	Bloxham Baptist Church		
<b>On accounts for the year ended</b>	31/12/2024	<b>Charity No</b>	1174024
<b>Set out on pages</b>	1 - 5		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31/12/2024.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the charity accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Signed:**  **Date:** 30/05/2025

**Name:** Veeraka de Mel

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):** Adv Dip MA  
Chartered Institute of Management Accountants UK (CIMA-UK)

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Nehemiah Ministries	288	1,755
Open Doors	-	1,590
Tear Fund	750	140
Polly Preedy	500	1,500
	<u>1,538</u>	<u>4,985</u>

Morrisons vouchers of £500 were bought for Polly Preedy in January 2025

**9. Charity Funds**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
Brought Forward	1,068,020	1,077,568
Deficit for the year	- 2,970	- 9,548
	<u>1,065,050</u>	<u>1,068,020</u>



**Independent Examiner's Report**

<b>Report to the trustees/ members of</b>	Bloxham Baptist Church		
<b>On accounts for the year ended</b>	31/12/2024	<b>Charity No</b>	1174024
<b>Set out on pages</b>	1 - 5		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31/12/2024.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

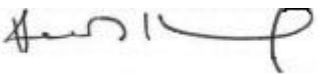
I report in respect of my examination of the charity accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Signed:**  **Date:** 30/05/2025

**Name:** Veeraka de Mel

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):** Adv Dip MA  
Chartered Institute of Management Accountants UK (CIMA-UK)

**Address:** 30 Blackwell Drive  
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**BLOXHAM BAPTIST CHURCH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1174024

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# Accounts

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## **BLOXHAM BAPTIST CHURCH CIO. TRUSTEES' REPORT 2023.**

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Anne Linsey (Secretary)

Janet Brigden (completed 2<sup>nd</sup> term April 2023)

Margaret Taylor

Robert Kerry

Jonathon Round

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Volunteers from the church have also been involved in facilitating a Parenting course at the Warriner School

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### **Principal funding sources**

The principal funding sources of the Church are the voluntary donations and giving by members of the Church's congregation together with allied income tax rebates under the Gift Aid Scheme.

The letting of two properties owned by the church also provides a regular rental income. The financial return of this investment is regularly reviewed to ensure fair value for the Charity. Our property assets are managed to ensure financial viability but also to be available to meet the purposes and needs of the church.

### **Policy on reserves**

The Church aims to hold reserves that would cover three months essential revenue expenditure - i.e. legal commitments under contracts of employment and a reserve to meet essential immediate expenditure to the Church's premises necessary to allow the Church to continue to function. At the year end the Church had reserves that were considered sufficient to meet its reserves policy.

### **Going concern**

The trustees have considered the impact of an end of year deficit on the church's financial position, together with financial projections for the church and have also reviewed the availability of banking facilities and interest rates. The trustees are satisfied that the church has sufficient resources to continue in operation for the foreseeable future, being at least 12 months from the date of signing the financial statements. Accordingly, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the church's financial statements.

## **Future plans**

### **Activities planned to achieve aims**

The Church plans to continue with its current activities and has plans for developing the current programme, activities and evangelistic outreach.

In particular the trustees are continuing to explore ways to encourage further growth in disciple-making and prayer, both corporate and personal.

The church is looking to invest in small group leaders as part of its vision of being church in the communities where people live.

The Church is looking to offer more free of charge CAP (Christians Against Poverty) Money courses open to all, that teach budget skills and money management.

The church is planning to re-run the Bereavement Journey course with an open invitation to the community at cost. (not for profit.)

The church is training a group of people in “Open the Book”, a Bible Society project to equip and resource dramatic storytelling in schools as well as community and church events.

## **Structure, governance and management**

### **Governing document**

Bloxham Baptist Church CIO (the "Church") is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and constitutes a corporate body with limited liability. It is registered with the Charity Commission under Number 1174024. The Church was incorporated on 28 July 2017 and is controlled by its governing document, a constitution and is governed by its trustees in accordance with its constitution.

### **Recruitment and appointment of trustees**

The day to day running of the Church is under the control of a singular 'Leadership Team' comprising the Pastor, CYF Pastor, Church Secretary, Church Treasurer and a number of other elected Trustees. The Pastor role is appointed by the Church at a special church meeting and is employed under a letter of appointment. The CYF Pastor is employed under contract and is not a Trustee. The other trustees are appointed in accordance with the Church's constitution.

### **Organisational structure**

The Church appoints a Pastor, and other paid staff as circumstances require. The Pastor leads the church community in both spiritual and practical ways and chairs Leadership Team meetings and Church meetings.

The Church employs a Children and Families Pastor who shares spiritual and practical oversight with a specific remit for families both within the fellowship and the wider community.

The Church Membership elect the Leadership Team (including Church Secretary and Treasurer) from among themselves to oversee the spiritual and operational aspects of the Church. The Leadership Team meets regularly and administers the Charity by majority decision on behalf of the membership.

### **Wider network**

The Church is a member of The Baptist Union of Great Britain and the Southern Counties Baptist Association. The holding trustee of the church is the Baptist Union Corporation Limited which is charity number 249635 and which is controlled by the Baptist Union Council. The Baptist Union Corporation Limited also acts as the holding trustee in respect of the church premises themselves.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 20 May 2024 and signed on its behalf by

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A Linsey

Secretary and Trustee

## STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports)

Regulations, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 20 May 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

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B Maclver

Treasurer and Trustee

**Bloxham Baptist Church**  
**Income and Expenditure Account**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2023**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Giving	73,562	76,195
Gift Aid received	17,043	17,600
Mission Income - Tiddlywinks/Wednesday Tea/Football Club	3,621	2,368
Rental Income	30,482	24,215
Warm Spaces Fund grant received	-	500
Chapel repairs Fund	1,000	-
Bank Interest received	1,916	243
Fellowship Fund	391	2,390
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<b>Total Income Received</b>	128,015	123,511
<b>Expenditures</b>		
Mission costs	3,493	4,985
Church Catering	2,818	-
Operational costs	7,598	11,412
Property maintenance	6,714	10,709
Staff costs	92,037	96,507
Minister in Training	7,346	7,297
Tithe            BMS World Mission	6,043	5,859
BU Home Mission	1,200	5,859
Insurance	2,776	2,418
Office/General Admin expenses	1,366	2,115
Legal fees	-	2,009
St Mary's Building Our Future gift	5,000	-
Confidential fund, gifts and donations	370	354
Audrey Wild's fund payments		1,000
Fellowship Fund payments	802	610
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<b>Total expenditure</b>	137,563	151,134
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<b>(Deficit) of Income over Expenditure</b>	-     9,548	-     27,623
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**Bloxham Baptist Church**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**As at 31 December 2023**

	Note	2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
TANGIBLE ASSETS					
Chapel, Hawke Lane, Bloxham			200,000		200,000
Apple Tree Cottage, Kings Road, Bloxham			425,000		425,000
Cloudberry Cottage, Unicorn Street, Bloxham			375,000		375,000
	<b>2</b>		<u>1,000,000</u>		<u>1,000,000</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	<b>3</b>	2,314		1,755	
Bank and Cash	<b>4</b>	68,283		78,623.00	
			<u>70,597</u>		<u>80,378.00</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITES</b>					
Creditors and Accruals	<b>5</b>		<u>2,577</u>		<u>2,810.00</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			68,020		77,568
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>			<u><u>1,068,020</u></u>		<u><u>1,077,568</u></u>
<b>CHARITY FUNDS</b>					
RESTRICTED					
Fellowship Fund	<b>6</b>		5,604		6,015
Audrey Wild Fund	<b>7</b>		4,401		4,401
UNRESTRICTED					
			1,058,015		1,067,152
<b>TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS</b>	<b>9</b>		<u><u>1,068,020</u></u>		<u><u>1,077,568</u></u>

**BLOXHAM BAPTIST CHURCH  
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS  
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

**1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of Preparation**

The accounts are prepared in accordance with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP 2021), FRS102 and with the Charities Act 2011

Bloxham Baptist Church is a registered charity, no. 1174024 and meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognized at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

**Investment Income**

Investment Income is included in the accounts in the year in which it is receivable.

**Expenditure Recognition**

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. Expenditure is recognized where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

**2. FIXED ASSETS**

As at 31 December 2022 Stanbra Powell have given valuations for the cottages, Apple Tree and Cloudberry. These valuations have been re-used for 31 December 2023.

Stanbra Powell were unable to give a valuation for the chapel, so it has been included at the leadership team's valuation of £200,000 (without planning permission).

*Note that the church is the beneficial owner (subject to the relevant trusts) of the church building, the legal title to which is held by the church's custodian trustee which is the Baptist Union Corporation Ltd.*

**3. DEBTORS**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Gift Aid received after date	989	1,755
Rent received after date	1,325	-
	<u>2,314</u>	<u>1,755</u>

**4. BANK AND CASH BALANCES**

	2023	2022
Baptist Union Corporation Account	55,070	3,835
CAF 12 Month Fixed Rate Account	-	50,000
CAF Bank 60 day Notice Account	-	11,681
HSBC General Account	3,488	1,929
HSBC Deposit Account	9,725	11,178
	<u>68,283</u>	<u>78,623</u>

**5. CREDITORS AND ACCRUALS**

	2023	2022
Gift Day - not yet paid out to charities	1,084	1,273
Stanbra Powell - valuation of properties	-	300
PAYE December	980	875
Integra Insurance	238	-
SSE Gas	223	310
SSE Electricity	52	52
	<u>2,577</u>	<u>2,810</u>

**6. Fellowship Fund**

	2023	2022
Income	391	2,390
Expenditure	802	610
Surplus of Income over Expenditure	- 411	1,780
Balance B/fwd	<u>6,015</u>	<u>4,235</u>
Balance C/fwd	<u>5,604</u>	<u>6,015</u>

**7. Audrey Wild Fund**

	2023	2022
Expenditure	-	1,000
Balance B/fwd	<u>4,401</u>	<u>5,401</u>
Balance C/fwd	<u>4,401</u>	<u>4,401</u>

## **8. Gift Days**

Gifts made inclusive of gift aid subsequently claimed.

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Nehemiah Ministries	1,755	-
Chelm, Poland Baptist Church (exchange rate bank charges deducted)	-	4,997
Jews for Jesus	-	325
Open Doors	1,590	1,485
Embo Community Church	-	230
Tear Fund	140	710
Green Pastures	-	423
Beacon Centre	-	500
Polly Preedy	1,500	400
	<u>4,985</u>	<u>3,748</u>

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## **9. Charity Funds**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Brought Forward	1,077,568	1,055,191
Deficit for the year	- 9,548	- 27,623
Property Revaluation	-	50,000
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**BLOXHAM BAPTIST CHURCH**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2023**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

I report on the financial statements of the Church for the year ended 31st December 2023 which are attached herewith.

This report is made solely to the Church's Members, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Church's Members those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Church and the Church's Members as a body for my work or for this report.

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The Charity's Trustees (The Church's Leadership Team) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements, and they consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements under section 145 of the Act;
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**Basis of Independent Examiner's Report**

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Prepared by D F Cross

Dated: 24th April 2024

**BLOXHAM BAPTIST CHURCH**

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**Bloxham Baptist Church**  
**Income and Expenditure Account**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2022**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>]</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Giving	76,195	80,628
Gift Aid received	17,600	16,413
Mission Income - Tiddlywinks/Wednesday Tea/Football Club	2,368	376
Rental Income	24,215	23,080
Warm Spaces Fund grant received	500	
Bank Interest received	243	1,350
Fellowship Fund	2,390	2,407
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<b>Total Income Received</b>	123,511	124,254
<b>Expenditures</b>		
Mission costs	4,985	1,793
Operational costs	11,412	6,644
Property maintenance	10,709	12,385
Staff costs	103,804	98,341
Tithe		
BMS World Mission	5,859	6,135
BU Home Mission	5,859	6,135
Insurance	2,418	2,293
Office/General Admin expenses	2,115	1,638
Legal fees	2,009	
Confidential fund, gifts and donations	354	507
Audrey Wild's fund payments	1,000	2,000
Fellowship Fund payments	610	1,115
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<b>Total expenditure</b>	151,134	138,986
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<b>(Deficit)/Surplus of Income over Expenditure</b>	- 27,623	- 14,732
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**Bloxham Baptist Church**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**As at 31 December 2022**

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
TANGIBLE ASSETS			
Chapel, Hawke Lane, Bloxham		200,000	200,000
Apple Tree Cottage, Kings Road, Bloxham		425,000	375,000
Cloudberry Cottage, Unicorn Street, Bloxham		375,000	375,000
	2	<u>1,000,000</u>	<u>950,000</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	3	1,755	
Bank and Cash	4	78,623	105,191
		<u>80,378</u>	<u>105,191</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITES</b>			
Creditors and Accruals	5	<u>2,810</u>	
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		77,568	
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<u><u>1,077,568</u></u>	<u><u>1,055,191</u></u>
<b>CHARITY FUNDS</b>			
RESTRICTED			
Fellowship Fund	6	6,015	4,235
Audrey Wild Fund	7	4,401	5,401
UNRESTRICTED		1,067,152	1,045,555
<b>TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS</b>		<u><u>1,077,568</u></u>	<u><u>1,055,191</u></u>

**BLOXHAM BAPTIST CHURCH  
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS  
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

**1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of Preparation**

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**Investment Income**

Investment Income is included in the accounts in the year in which it is receivable.

**Expenditure Recognition**

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. Expenditure is recognized where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

**2. FIXED ASSETS**

As at 31 December 2021 the church Trustees estimated the value of the church's properties. For 31 December 2022 Stanbra Powell have given valuations for the cottages, Apple Tree and Cloudberry.

Stanbra Powell were unable to give a valuation for the chapel, so it has been included at the Trustee's valuation of £200,000 (without planning permission).

*Note that the church is the beneficial owner (subject to the relevant trusts) of the church building, the legal title to which is held by the church's custodian trustee which is the Baptist Union Corporation Ltd.*

**3. DEBTORS**

**2022**

Gift Aid received in 2023

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**4. BANK AND CASH BALANCES**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
Baptist Union Corporation Account	3,835	3,776
CAF 12 Month Fixed Rate Account	50,000	72,179
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	<u>78,623</u>	<u>105,191</u>

**5. CREDITORS AND ACCRUALS**

	<b>2022</b>
Gift Day - not yet paid out to charities	1,273
Stanbra Powell - valuation of properties	300
PAYE December	875
SSE Gas	310
SSE Electricity	52
	<u>2,810</u>

**6. Fellowship Fund**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
Income	2,390	2,407
Expenditure	610	1,115
Surplus of Income over Expenditure	<u>1,780</u>	<u>1,292</u>
Balance B/fwd	<u>4,235</u>	<u>2,943</u>
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**7. Audrey Wild Fund**

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Expenditure	1,000	2,000
Balance B/fwd	<u>5,401</u>	<u>7,401</u>
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## **8. Gift Days**

Gifts made inclusive of gift aid subsequently claimed.

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
Chelm, Poland Baptist Church (exchange rate bank charges deducted)	4,997	-
Jews for Jesus	325	-
Open Doors	1,485	2,750
Embo Community Church	230	
Slavic Gospel Association	-	500
Tear Fund	710	1,200
Green Pastures	423	300
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# Accounts

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## **BLOXHAM BAPTIST CHURCH CIO. TRUSTEES' REPORT 2021.**

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity 1174024 for the year ended 31 December 2021.

### **Trustees**

The trustees who served throughout the year and up to date of authorisation of this report were as follows:

Rev Mike Tydeman

Barbara MacIver (Treasurer)

Anne Linsey (Secretary)

Janet Brigden

Margaret Taylor

Sarah Stapleton

Robert Kerry

### **Objectives and activities**

#### **Objects and aims**

The principal purpose of Bloxham Baptist Church CIO (the "Church") is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination. The Church may also advance education and carry out other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and in other parts of the world.

#### **Significant activities**

In fulfilling its purpose, the Church will engage in a range of activities either on its own or with others that will vary from time to time with activities being initiated, expanded, or closed, as appropriate.

The Church's activities include, but are not restricted to:

- regular public worship, prayer, Bible study, preaching and teaching;
- baptism, as defined in The Baptist Union's Declaration of Principle;
- the Communion of the Lord's Supper, which shall normally be observed at least once a month;
- evangelism and mission, locally, regionally, nationally and internationally;
- working in partnership with the other local Churches;
- the teaching, encouraging, welcome and inclusion of young people;
- nurture and growth of Christian disciples;
- education and training for Christian and community service;
- giving and encouraging pastoral care;
- supporting and encouraging charitable social action in the United Kingdom and abroad;

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In planning the activities of the Church, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

## **Grant making**

The Church seeks to fulfil its objective of spreading the Christian message throughout the United Kingdom and worldwide by making grants to specific independent missionary and charitable organisations whose aims coincide with those of the Church, including the Home Mission Fund of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and BMS World Mission.

## **Volunteers**

A significant proportion of the Church's activities are run by and with the assistance of volunteers who freely give of their time and skills to support the Church in the furtherance of its aims.

## **Achievements and performance**

### **Charitable activities**

During the year the Church has delivered Sunday and Holy Day church services open to all, as well as regular meetings, either corporately or in small groups, for Bible study, prayer and worship. Some of these meetings continued to be held on Zoom depending on Government restrictions at the time and personal preference. Church services continue to be live streamed for wider accessibility.

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Despite ad hoc restrictions throughout the year, the Church continued to provide a full programme of regular activities, including:

Continuation of Saturday morning and Wednesday evening prayer gatherings.

Continuation of 12.30pm and 6pm Zoom prayer gathering.

Monthly Communion services.

Homegroups and various small support groups ran throughout the year both on Zoom and physical meetings, providing practical and emotional support, prayer, teaching and enhancement of the Christian faith.

Youth groups ran throughout the year providing opportunity to worship and to socialise. In addition a number of small youth groups were developed which are open to all. One to one meetings took place with more vulnerable young people.

The Church continues to be active in the local community, providing activities for all age groups which are open to all members of the local community on a non-profit making basis that are in addition to the more formal church and related services.

These have included Tiddlywinks Toddler group, Bitesize lunch club for mum's to be & mum's and babies, Wednesday Tea for single parent families.

Girls' Brigade meetings have continued and they welcomed new members during the year. Boy's Brigade is run by St Mary's CofE and supported by Bloxham BC volunteers.

A Renew Wellbeing space was opened in the Chapel once a week during 2021. This is a space of welcome and inclusion in partnership with mental health teams to improve mental and emotional wellbeing. It is run as an ecumenical provision with some volunteers from St Mary's CofE.

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- Child Sponsorship through Compassion UK.
- Charitable donation to Transforming Lives for Good (Charity number 1074114)
- Charitable donation to Standing in the Gap. (Charity number 1174627)

### **Fundraising activities**

The Church's activities are principally financed by the voluntary giving of its members and congregation, supplemented with tax rebates through the Gift Aid scheme, and at cost charges for some of its community activities. The Chapel building is also occasionally hired out for events, such as birthday parties, for local people.

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**For the year ended 31 December 2021**

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	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Income</b>		
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Legacies		2,000
Mission Income	376	538
Other income		3
Rental Income	23,080	17,205
Bank Interest received	1,350	1,166
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<b>Total Income Received</b>	124,254	118,868
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Property maintenance	12,385	8,519
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Insurance	2,293	2,175
Office/General Admin expenses	1,638	2,465
Confidential fund, gifts and donations	3,622	2,235
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<b>Total expenditure</b>	138,986	114,860
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<b>Deficit/Surplus of Income over Expenditure</b>	- 14,732	4,008
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	Note	2021 £	2020 £
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Assets held for Church's own use	3	950,000	N/A
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		1,055,191	N/A

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**3. Assets held for the church's own use**

Due to the Coronavirus restrictions it was not possible to obtain market valuations on properties during December 2020. In the absence of market valuations it was best practice to include the church's assets at their insured values.

However, as at 31 December 2021 the church leadership have estimated the value of the church's properties as follows:

1. Church premises at Hawke Lane is valued by the leadership as £200,000 (without planning permission).

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2. Apple Tree Cottage, Kings Road, Bloxham is valued by the church leadership at £375,000

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**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS contd.**

<b><u>4. Fellowship Fund</u></b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
Income	2,407	3,193
Expenditure	1,115	680
Surplus of Income over Expenditure	<u>1,292</u>	<u>2,513</u>
Balance B/fwd	<u>2,943</u>	<u>430</u>
Balance C/fwd	<u><u>4,235</u></u>	<u><u>2,943</u></u>

<b><u>5. Audrey Wild Fund</u></b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
Expenditure	2,000	1,210
Balance B/fwd	<u>7,401</u>	<u>8,611</u>
Balance C/fwd	<u><u>5,401</u></u>	<u><u>7,401</u></u>

<b><u>6. Gift Days</u></b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
Gifts made inclusive of gift aid subsequently claimed.		
Open Doors	2,750	1,850
Slavic Gospel Association	500	1,300
Tear Fund	1,200	2,235
Green Pastures	300	525
Beacon Centre	300	500
Polly Preedy (paid in January relating to previous year)	300	400
	<u>5,350</u>	<u>6,810</u>
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During early January 2022 an additional amount of £1,535 (including gift aid recovered) was received and further payments were made to Green Pastures and The Beacon Centre. Morrisons vouchers were bought for Polly Preedy.

**BLOXHAM BAPTIST CHURCH**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2021**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

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This report is made solely to the Church's Members, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Church's Members those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Church and the Church's Members as a body for my work or for this report.

**Respective responsibilities of the Church Leaders and The Independent Examiner**

The Charity's Trustees (The Church's Leadership Team) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements, and they consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- ☐ examine the financial statements under section 145 of the Act;
- ☐ follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act; and
- ☐ state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of Independent Examiner's Report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Church and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from the trustees of the church concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the financial statements present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent Examiner's Statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- ☐ to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act; and
- ☐ to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

**BLOXHAM BAPTIST CHURCH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1174024

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# Accounts

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## **BLOXHAM BAPTIST CHURCH CIO. TRUSTEES' REPORT 2020.**

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020.

### **Trustees**

The trustees who served throughout the year and up to date of authorisation of this report were as follows:

Rev Mike Tydeman

Barbara Maclver (Treasurer)

Sarah Stapleton (Secretary until 14 Sept 2020)

Anne Linsey (appointed Secretary 14 Sept 2020)

Janet Brigden

Margaret Taylor

Peter Dickins (Stood down 7 June 2021)

Robert Kerry (appointed 14 Sept 2020)

### **Objectives and activities**

#### **Objects and aims**

The principal purpose of Bloxham Baptist Church CIO (the "Church") is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination. The Church may also advance education and carry out other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and in other parts of the world.

#### **Significant activities**

In fulfilling its purpose, the Church will engage in a range of activities either on its own or with others that will vary from time to time with activities being initiated, expanded, or closed, as appropriate.

The Church's activities include, but are not restricted to:

- regular public worship, prayer, Bible study, preaching and teaching;
- baptism, as defined in The Baptist Union's Declaration of Principle;
- the Communion of the Lord's Supper, which shall normally be observed at least once a month;
- evangelism and mission, locally, regionally, nationally and internationally;
- working in partnership with the other local Churches;
- the teaching, encouraging, welcome and inclusion of young people;
- nurture and growth of Christian disciples;
- education and training for Christian and community service;
- giving and encouraging pastoral care;
- supporting and encouraging charitable social action in the United Kingdom and abroad;

## **Public benefit**

In planning the activities of the Church, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

## **Grant making**

The Church seeks to fulfil its objective of spreading the Christian message throughout the United Kingdom and worldwide by making grants to specific independent missionary and charitable organisations whose aims coincide with those of the Church, including the Home Mission Fund of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and BMS World Mission.

## **Volunteers**

A significant proportion of the Church's activities are run by and with the assistance of volunteers who freely give of their time and skills to support the Church in the furtherance of its aims.

## **Achievements and performance**

### **Charitable activities**

During the year the Church has delivered Sunday and Holy Day church services open to all (in person until 15 March 2020 and then via Zoom) as well as regularly meeting either corporately or in small groups for Bible study, prayer and worship. (Again via Zoom or in person as restrictions allowed.)

Despite the restrictions, the Church continued to provide a full programme of regular activities, including:

Continuation of Saturday morning and Wednesday evening prayer gatherings.

The introduction of Noon Zoom prayer gathering followed by a further 6pm Zoom prayer gathering.

Monthly Communion services were led via Zoom and the Breaking of Bread took place within the home. Physical Communion service took place at the Chapel when restrictions allowed.

Children and family worship activities designed to take place in the home.

Homegroups and various small support groups ran throughout the year, providing practical and emotional support, prayer, teaching and enhancement of the Christian faith. Mostly on Zoom and in person when restrictions allowed.

Alpha Online course, for people interested in knowing more about the Christian faith, ran throughout the autumn.

The Church continues to be active in the local community, providing activities for all age groups which are open to all members of the local community on a non-profit making basis that are in addition to the more formal church and related services.

These have included Tiddlywinks Toddler group, Bitesize lunch club for mum's to be & mum's and babies, Wednesday Tea for single parent families.

Youth groups continued via zoom and in person when restrictions allowed. One to one meetings took place with more vulnerable young people.

Girls' Brigade meetings have continued throughout the year moving online during restrictions.

A community Easter Hunt, designed by Scripture Union, was set up in Bloxham and another nearby village.

Many of the activities and events usually provided by the church were not run during 2020 due to the Pandemic restrictions. The social response was at a more individual level within neighbourhood communities and through the continuing network of Homegroups. Many practical needs were met during Lockdown and throughout the year via our Children and Families' Pastor and Christmas gifts of toys and games were provided for families in need.

Preparation continues for the opening of a Renew Wellbeing space in the Chapel. This is a space of welcome and inclusion in partnership with mental health teams to improve mental and emotional wellbeing.

The Church is mindful of other communities locally, nationally and throughout world who have less fortunate circumstances and consequently continues to support financially and prayerfully targeted areas and projects in a number of locations, including:

- Specific gift day monetary collections for Local Homeless charities, Open Doors, Tearfund, and Slavic Gospel Association.
- Child Sponsorship through Compassion.
- Charitable donation to Transforming Lives for Good

### **Fundraising activities**

The Church's activities are principally financed by the voluntary giving of its members and congregation, often supplemented with tax rebates through the Gift Aid scheme, and at cost charges for some of its community activities.

### **Financial review**

The financial position of the charity is set out in the Statement of Financial Activities – Payments and Receipts report and the related notes, prepared in accordance with statutory requirements of the Charities Act 2011 and SORP (FRS 102).

### **Principal funding sources**

The principal funding sources of the Church are the voluntary donations and giving by members of the Church's congregation together with allied income tax rebates under the Gift Aid Scheme.

The letting of two properties owned by the church also provides a regular rental income.

### **Policy on reserves**

The Church aims to hold reserves that would cover three months revenue expenditure, legal commitments under contracts of employment and a reserve to meet essential immediate expenditure to the Church's premises necessary to allow the Church to continue to function. At the year end the Church had reserves that were considered sufficient to meet its premises policy

and reserves against its revenue expenditure. In addition the trustees have established a capital reserve to meet any future costs of a capital nature on its freehold assets.

### **Going concern**

The trustees have considered the impact of COVID-19 on the church's financial position, liquidity and future performance together with financial projections for the church and over the foreseeable future and have also reviewed the availability of banking facilities. The trustees are satisfied that the church has sufficient resources to continue in operation for the foreseeable future, being at least 12 months from the date of signing the financial statements. Accordingly, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the church's financial statements.

### **Future plans**

#### **Activities planned to achieve aims**

The Church plans to continue with its current activities and has plans for expansion of the current programme and activities. In particular the trustees are reviewing the shape of the ministry to young people and formally employed the Youth Leader on a part time basis in January 2021. Also, pursuing the opening of a Renew Wellbeing space (in accordance with Renew Wellbeing UK registered charity number 1173963) working with St Mary's CofE and various health providers. (The pilot scheme opened in July 2021)

### **Structure, governance and management**

#### **Governing document**

Bloxham Baptist Church CIO (the "Church") is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and constitutes a corporate body with limited liability. It is registered with the Charity Commission under Number 1174024. The Church was incorporated on 28 July 2017 and is controlled by its governing document, a constitution and is governed by its trustees in accordance with its constitution.

#### **Recruitment and appointment of trustees**

The day to day running of the Church is under the control of a singular 'Leadership Team' comprising the Pastor, CYF Pastor, Church Secretary, Church Treasurer and a number of other elected Trustees. The Pastor role is appointed by the Church at a special church meeting and is employed under a letter of appointment. The CYF Pastor is employed under contract and is not a Trustee. The other trustees are appointed in accordance with the Church's constitution.

#### **Organisational structure**

The Church appoints a Pastor, and other paid staff as circumstances require. The Pastor leads the church community in both spiritual and practical ways and chairs Leadership Team meetings and Church meetings.

The Church employs a Children and Families Pastor who shares spiritual and practical oversight with a specific remit for families both within the fellowship and the wider community. WEF 1/1/2021 the church also employs a part time Youth worker to lead the Youth Ministry Team and oversee groups and activities for young people.

The Church Membership elect the Leadership Team (including Church Secretary and Treasurer) from among themselves to oversee the spiritual and operational aspects of the Church. The Leadership Team meets regularly and administers the Charity by majority decision on behalf of the membership.

**Wider network**

The Church is a member of The Baptist Union of Great Britain and the Southern Counties Baptist Association. The holding trustee of the church is the Baptist Union Corporation Limited which is charity number 249635 and which is controlled by the Baptist Union Council. The Baptist Union Corporation Limited also acts as the holding trustee in respect of the church premises themselves.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 20 Sept 2021 and signed on its behalf by

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A Linsey

Secretary and Trustee

## STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports)

Regulations, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 20 Sept 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

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B Maclver

Treasurer and Trustee

**Bloxham Baptist Church**  
**Income and Expenditure Account**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2020**

	<b>2020</b>		<b>2019</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Income</b>			
Giving		79,417	75,123
Gift Aid received		15,346	17,469
Legacies		2,000	10,000
Mission Income		538	1,753
Other income		3	2,110
Rental Income		17,205	20,578
Bank Interest received		1,166	432
Fellowship Fund		3,193	430
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<b>Total Income Received</b>		118,868	127,895
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Mission costs	1,303		3,754
Operational costs	5,081		9,219
Property maintenance	8,519		3,299
Staff costs	81,214		83,508
Tithe		5,934	7,130
		5,934	7,130
Insurance		2,175	2,054
Office/General Admin expenses		2,465	2,064
Confidential fund, gifts and donations		2,235	1,076
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<b>Total expenditure</b>		114,860	119,234
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<b>Surplus of Income over Expenditure</b>		4,008	8,661
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**Bloxham Baptist Church**  
**Bank Accounts**  
**As at 31 December 2020**

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Baptist Union Corporation Account	3,769	3,756
CAF 12 Month Fixed Rate Account	70,993	70,000
CAF Bank 60 day Notice Account	11,174	21,027
HSBC General Account	5,821	2,979
HSBC Deposit Account (£7,400.75 Audrey Wild's Bequest)	<u>28,166</u>	<u>18,153</u>
	119,923	115,915
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Funds brought forward	115,915	107,254
Surplus of Income over Expenditure for the year ended 31 December 2020	<u>4,008</u>	<u>8,661</u>
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**Non-Monetary Assets held for the church's own use**

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2. Church contents have a sum insured of £171,622.
3. Apple Tree Cottage, Kings Road, Bloxham is valued at £296,265 based on the sum insured.
4. Cloudberry Cottage, Unicorn Street, Bloxham is insured for £419,222.

**Cloudberry Cottage Rental Debtor**

As at 31st December 2020 there remains an amount unpaid of £6,240 for the rent due.

The church leadership have prepared the following statement to be included in the accounts in relation to this:

"We ended the year with rent arrears totalling £6,240. Our long-term tenant at Cloudberry Cottage has periodically struggled to pay the rent and her situation was exacerbated by the Covid pandemic and loss of her business during 2020. We have sought to show grace by living out the gospel and, rather than pursuing this debt, have adopted a spirit of forgiveness whilst honouring the expressed desire of the tenant to make repayments as and when she can in the future. The tenant vacated the cottage on 28 February 2021 and is extremely grateful for the gracious and understanding way we have dealt with her."

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