

BLOXHAM BAPTIST CHURCH CIO. TRUSTEES' REPORT 2022.

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity 1174024 for the year ended 31 December 2022.

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

Robert Kerry

Jonathon Round (appointed March 2022)

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, 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 and Sunday morning church services continue to be live streamed for wider accessibility.

Family 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.

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.

A number of small youth groups continued through the first half of the year, then a new programme of Youth meetings were developed in the autumn providing opportunity to worship, socialise and build both peer and inter-year relationships. A group of young people also took part in a CAP money course.

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 the main school holidays – a 3 day event in the summer specifically for exploring the Christian faith more deeply, and Easter & Christmas Craft mornings open to all the community.

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 church has continued to develop links with St Mary's, hosting a number of joint services including the addition of a 5th Sunday praise and worship service with a focus on community.

The Pastor continues in a chaplaincy role at the local Secondary school, where we hold our Sunday services, and with the CYF pastor leads occasional assemblies at the primary school.

A number of church volunteers also mentor children at the secondary school as part of Transforming Lives for Good. New coaches have been trained and are awaiting placement at the local primary school.

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 40 primary aged children of any background or faith. The Church also provided a community BBQ for the attendees' families and friends.

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 new for 2022 the Embo Community Church in South Africa.
- 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)
- 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.

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 that were considered sufficient to meet its reserves policy.

Going concern

The trustees have considered the impact of and 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 exploring 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 has agreed to finance a church member to undertake training to become a Baptist Minister with Regent's Park College, Oxford (until 2024)

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 17 April 2023 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 17 April 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

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B MacIver

Treasurer and Trustee

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

	2022	2021
	£]
Income		
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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Total Income Received	123,511	124,254
Expenditures		
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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Total expenditure	151,134	138,986
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(Deficit)/Surplus of Income over Expenditure	- 27,623	- 14,732
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Bloxham Baptist Church
Balance Sheet
As at 31 December 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
FIXED ASSETS			
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>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	3	1,755	
Bank and Cash	4	78,623	105,191
		<u>80,378</u>	<u>105,191</u>
CURRENT LIABILITES			
Creditors and Accruals	5	<u>2,810</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS		77,568	
TOTAL ASSETS		<u><u>1,077,568</u></u>	<u><u>1,055,191</u></u>
CHARITY FUNDS			
RESTRICTED			
Fellowship Fund	6	6,015	4,235
Audrey Wild Fund	7	4,401	5,401
UNRESTRICTED		1,067,152	1,045,555
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS	9	<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

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 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

1,755
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Cloudberry Cottage Rental Debtor

Since our former tenant vacated Cloudberry Cottage on 28 February 2021, she has not been in a position to make any repayments to the rent arrears of £6,240. We are extending grace and forgiveness by not pursuing this debt. We are not anticipating receiving this now, and it has been written off. As the Accounts in 2021 were prepared on a cash basis, it has not previously been declared as income.

4. BANK AND CASH BALANCES

	2022	2021
Baptist Union Corporation Account	3,835	3,776
CAF 12 Month Fixed Rate Account	50,000	72,179
CAF Bank 60 day Notice Account	11,681	11,327
HSBC General Account	1,929	3,740
HSBC Deposit Account	11,178	14,169
	<u>78,623</u>	<u>105,191</u>

5. CREDITORS AND ACCRUALS

	2022
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

	2022	2021
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>
Balance C/fwd	<u>6,015</u>	<u>4,235</u>

7. Audrey Wild Fund

	2022	2021
Expenditure	1,000	2,000
Balance B/fwd	<u>5,401</u>	<u>7,401</u>
Balance C/fwd	<u>4,401</u>	<u>5,401</u>

8. Gift Days

Gifts made inclusive of gift aid subsequently claimed.

	2022	2021
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
Beacon Centre	500	300
Polly Preedy	400	300
	<u>9,070</u>	<u>5,350</u>

Payments for Green Pastures and The Beacon Centre were made in early January 2023

Morrisons vouchers were bought for Polly Preedy.

9. Charity Funds

	2022	2021
Brought Forward	1,055,191	1,069,923
Deficit for the year	- 27,623	- 14,732
Property Revaluation	50,000	-
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