

# ALDWICK BAPTIST CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1174871

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2017-09-27

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

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## Activities

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**Objects:** 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/OR OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD.

**Activities:** Regular public worship, prayer, Bible study, preaching and teaching; Baptism, as defined in the Baptist Union's Declaration of Principle; Evangelism and mission, locally, regionally, nationally and internationally; The teaching, encouragement, for all ages; Nurture and growth of Christian disciples; Education and training for Christian and community service; Pastoral care

## 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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- West Sussex

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£95,906	£110,409	-	-
2024-03-31	£78,166	£74,945	-	-
2023-03-31	£82,577	£83,111	-	-
2022-03-31	£108,263	£82,487	-	-
2021-03-31	£74,765	£65,914	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
BRENDA NANSON		2017-07-27
Barbara Eileen Farrington		2017-10-10
CLIVE BENNETT		2017-07-27
DEREK ROBINSON		2017-07-27
John Smith		2019-04-25
Joy Pauline Smith		2022-07-28
Rev Simon John Downing		2018-09-03

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## **ALDWICK BAPTIST CHURCH**

### **General Information**

**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER:** 1174871

**CUSTODIAN TRUSTEE:** The Baptist Union Corporation Ltd  
PO Box 44  
129 Broadway  
Didcot  
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**TRUSTEES:** Mr C Bennett  
Rev S Downing  
Mrs B Nanson  
Mr D Robinson  
Mr J Smith  
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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER:** Jason Foxwell FCCA FCIE  
12 Hillbourne Road  
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**BANKERS:** Santander Bank plc  
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## **ALDWICK BAPTIST CHURCH**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT**

The church trustees present their report for the year ended 31 March 2025.

### **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

The trustees (elders and deacons) are required to prepare accounts for each financial year. As the income is below £250,000, the trustees have prepared receipts and payments accounts as permitted by the Regulations.

The trustees are responsible for:

- the financial position of the charity; and
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### **LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE**

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### **OBJECTS**

The Church exists to proclaim the Christian faith and to serve the local community through its work and witness. Its purpose is to turn people into fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ. The church's mandate is to LOVE GOD, LOVE EACH OTHER and LOVE LOST PEOPLE.

### **REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES**

During 2024/25 the church has continued with its regular worship services and Love Aldwick outreach events which have seen a number of new and established community attendees in attendance during each month at Toddler Time, Craft Group, Community Café, Table Tennis club, Luncheon Club, and Peace Together Puzzlers. The Sunday church services also attract a good number of church members as well as regular attenders, some of whom have first, encouragingly, attended the outreach events. Sadly, Messy Church was discontinued during the year.

The Bognor Christians Against Poverty (CAP) initiative, is still financially supported by ABC for Debt clients, but the life Skills courses sadly had to be discontinued. The other sadness for the church was a loss of six of its members who went home to be with The Lord.

On a brighter note however, eight new members joined the church and there were 8 baptisms. This means the church now has 83 members with an increased number of Sunday attendees taking the congregational list to 149, somewhat higher than 2023/2024.

The Rev Simon Downing continues to preach, teach, lead worship and offer first line pastoral care, to those immediately facing life crises, backed up by twenty pastoral groups to ensure no one is left without support within the church. In addition, there are six home groups which meet bi-weekly for Bible study and prayer based largely on the Sunday teaching.

## **ALDWICK BAPTIST CHURCH**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)**

#### **REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)**

The church leadership has a strong emphasis on following the Word and Spirit of God and are finding that there is increasing interest in the Christian Faith. With a reduced Leadership Team since 2023/24 and it is becoming still more important that during 2025/26 the team is strengthened with additional trustees and a greater engagement by church members in the regular activities to ensure that this interest is not lost. ABC are also commencing a new Alpha course in September 2025

The Leadership Team members each continue to take responsibility for specific ministries in the church and now compose:

- Rev Simon Downing (Part time Pastor – on temporary basis)
- Derek Robinson (Elder/Treasurer)
- Clive Bennett (Church Secretary) due for re-election in 2025
- Brenda Nanson (Deacon)
- John Smith (Deacon)
- Joy Smith (Deacon) due for re-election in 2025

The children and youth work continue to be a challenge, within an area of older citizens, but a number of church volunteers are nurturing the existing group members and seeking ways to grow the group effectiveness.

There are a number of new houses being built within the Aldwick and Pagham areas, and ABC have made contact with the developers to provide new owners with an introduction and invitation to the church activities and services available. ABC has continued with a Family Service on the first Sunday of each month preceded by a Breakfast to encourage and improve accessibility for new attendees and greater fellowship between members. This has so far been very helpful.

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

Over this financial year, we have continued to receive cash collections through a locked box at the back of the church which has generated a comparatively small amount of money as most of our giving is now done through direct debit and by cheque. Our offertory giving continues to decrease to £56,302 (compared to £60,617 last year). This is again due to a number of our regular givers going to glory. We received £12,801 in gift aid which was slightly up on the previous claim of £11,829 and £6,000 in grants towards the costs of creating a new fire escape route and the regeneration of the rear waste area. We also received an anonymous donation of £10,000 and several smaller donations from internal groups as a contribution to the running costs of the church. In addition, we have received £3,080 in rental income which is up from £1,870 last year as well as £2,501 interest from our Baptist Together deposit account. Consequently, our overall income totalled £91,406 which was an increase of 20.7% on last year's figure of £75,690.

During the course of the year, in addition to the normal maintenance costs the church incurs, the fire escape route and rear waste areas were regenerated with the help of grants (£6,000) and reserves (£26,000) to bring the external areas of the church to a consistently high standard. There is now a rear garden which can be used by the Church for additional community and church activities with a safer environment.

During the year we continued our regular support for BMS, Home Mission, Barnabas Fund, MAF, Bible Society, SAT 7, African Adventures and OneLife. We also made other gifts of approximately £4,000 which includes our monthly contributions to CAP. In total our missionary/charity was £11,818 which represented 12.9% of our income.

**ALDWICK BAPTIST CHURCH**

**TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)**

**FINANCIAL REVIEW (CONTINUED)**

Although our net assets fell to £87,330 (compared to £101,833) due to the regeneration project, the financial health of the church has been maintained with sufficient funds available to complete the activities of the church.

Approved by the trustees on  
and signed on their behalf by



Clive Bennett  
**Church Secretary**

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF ALDWICK BAPTIST CHURCH**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Aldwick Baptist Church ("the charity") for the year ending 31 March 2025.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the trustees of the charity, 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's 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act;  
or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

**Jason Foxwell FCCA FCIE**  
independent-examiner.net  
12 Hillbourne Road, Poole, BH17 7JB

Date:

# ALDWICK BAPTIST CHURCH

## Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025 Unrestricted Funds £	2024 Unrestricted Funds £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>			
Gifts received		88,905	75,690
Legacies received		-	-
Other income		4,500	2,476
Bank interest		2,501	
<b>Total receipts</b>		<u>£95,906</u>	<u>£78,166</u>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>			
Pastor's stipend, NI and expenses		27,948	26,743
Pension costs		6,743	6,336
Pension deficit payment		7	11
Gas, electricity and water		7,154	6,156
Insurance		3,989	3,422
Repairs, furniture and equipment		37,492	2,910
Manse repairs and renewals		473	358
Manse council tax		3,175	3,024
Cleaning		2,498	1,471
Visiting speakers		252	169
Office expenditure and supplies		2,467	2,984
Independent examiner's fee		705	690
Subscriptions and licences		2,171	2,109
Catering		-	28
Outreach and Children's work		584	302
Coffee time		1,352	1,391
Grants/donations paid	2	11,818	12,939
Other costs		1,581	3,902
<b>Total payments</b>		<u>£110,409</u>	<u>£74,945</u>
<b>Surplus/(deficit) of receipts over payments</b>		<b>(14,503)</b>	<b>3,221</b>
Balance brought forward at 1 April 2024		<u>101,833</u>	<u>98,612</u>
<b>Bank balance at 31 March 2025</b>		<u><b>£87,330</b></u>	<u><b>£101,833</b></u>

## ALDWICK BAPTIST CHURCH

### Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 March 2025

#### Assets

The church building and the church manse are owned by the Baptist Union Corporation Limited who are the custodian trustee and are effectively assets held in an endowment fund as the sale proceeds can only be used for the purchase of other church buildings and have an insured value of £2,170,731. The church holds various assets such as PA equipment and furniture. An estimated value of this is £5,000.

The charity has the following bank and cash balances:

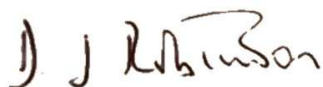
	2025	2024
	£	£
Baptist Union deposit	52,501	50,000
Current account	34,739	51,823
Petty cash	90	10
	<u>£87,330</u>	<u>£101,833</u>

#### Liabilities

Agency collections of £2,329 (2024 – £1,534).

The Baptist Union Employer Hub has provided an estimate of the charity's share of the overall pension deficit at £120,000. Full details of the pension liability are available on request.

Approved by the trustees on  
and signed on their behalf by



Derek Robinson  
Treasurer

# ALDWICK BAPTIST CHURCH

## Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025

### 1. Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

### 2. Grants/donations paid

	2025	2024
	£	£
BMS	2,200	2,400
Baptist Home Mission	2,600	2,400
African Adventures	500	500
MAF	500	500
Bible Society	500	500
Barnabas	500	500
SAT-7	500	500
One Life	500	500
Mission work donations	500	300
Other projects	3,518	4,839
	<u>£11,818</u>	<u>£12,939</u>

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## **REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES**

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The Bognor Christians Against Poverty (CAP) initiative, which began two years ago, continued during the year with some of the ABC members providing support to CAP Debt clients. In addition, ABC ran two CAP Life Skills courses during the year with encouraging feedback from the attendees. Due to changed local circumstances, cross-church decision will need to be made about the resourcing of these initiatives into the future.

During the year the church has sadly (for ABC not for the individuals concerned) lost six of its older members who have gone to glory as well as some changes in its congregation which have left the church membership slightly lower than previously at 96 but with regular attendees increasing to 70.

Rev Simon Downing continues to offer first line pastoral care, to those immediately facing life crises, backed up by the five pastoral groups to ensure no one is left without support within the church. In addition, there are eight home groups which meet bi-weekly for Bible study and prayer based largely on the Sunday teaching.

## **ALDWICK BAPTIST CHURCH**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)**

#### **REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)**

The Leadership Team members each continue to take responsibility for specific ministries in the church and now compose:

- Rev Simon Downing (Full time Pastor)
- Derek Robinson (Elder/Treasurer)
- Clive Bennett (Church Secretary)
- Brenda Nanson (Deacon) – due for re-election in 2024
- John Smith (Deacon) - due for re-election in 2024
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The children and youth work continue to be a challenge, within an area of older citizens, but a number of church volunteers are nurturing the existing group members and seeking ways to grow the group effectiveness.

There are a number of new houses being built within the Aldwick and Pagham areas, and ABC have made contact with the developers to provide new owners with an introduction and invitation to the church activities and services available. ABC has also recently introduced a Breakfast preceding each Family Service on the first Sunday of each month to encourage and improve accessibility for new attendees and greater fellowship between members. This has so far been very helpful.

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

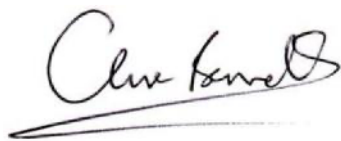
Over this financial year, we have continued to receive cash collections through a locked box at the back of the church which has generated a comparatively small amount of money as most of our giving is now done through direct debit and by cheque. Our offertory giving has decreased by around 10% from the previous year at £60,617.21 (compared to £65,129.40 last year). This is due to a number of our regular givers going to glory. In addition, we received £11,828.96 in gift aid refunds which was up by 27.5% to the previous claim of £9,273.66. We have not received any legacies or bequests during this financial year. We have received £1,870.00 in rental income which is up from £915 last year.

Consequently, the health of the church has been maintained with sufficient funds available to complete the activities of the church. In March 2024 at the request of the church membership we deposited £50,000 in the Baptists Together deposit account at an agreed interest rate of 1 year Fixed Rate Deposit Account at 5.00%.

During the year we continued our regular support for BMS, Home Mission, Barnabas Fund, MAF, Bible Society and SAT 7. In addition, we now support African Adventures and OneLife. We also made other gifts of approximately £5,000 which includes our monthly contributions to CAP. In total our missionary/charity giving represented 13.4% of our income.

During the year our contribution to the Baptist Union pension deficit continued to be collected at £1 per month. During the year there were no major maintenance items carried out but as the buildings get older we have come to expect the unexpected! Consequently we ended the year in a sound financial position with a relatively small increase in our net assets of £101,832.64 (compared to £98,612.33).

Approved by the trustees on 3 July 2024 and signed on their behalf by



Clive Bennett  
**Church Secretary**

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF ALDWICK BAPTIST CHURCH**

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**Jason Foxwell FCCA FCIE**  
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39 Enfield Road, Poole, BH15 3LJ

Date: 4 July 2024

# ALDWICK BAPTIST CHURCH

## Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	2024 Unrestricted Funds £	2023 Unrestricted Funds £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>			
Gifts received		75,690	79,189
Legacies received		-	1,500
Other income		2,476	1,888
<b>Total receipts</b>		<u>£78,166</u>	<u>£82,577</u>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>			
Pastor's stipend, NI and expenses		26,743	25,580
Pension costs		6,336	6,021
Pension deficit payment		11	1,258
Gas, electricity and water		6,156	8,602
Insurance		3,422	2,901
Repairs, furniture and equipment		2,910	17,498
Manse repairs and renewals		358	450
Manse council tax		3,024	2,881
Cleaning		1,471	1,686
Visiting speakers		169	60
Office expenditure and supplies		2,984	2,715
Independent examiner's fee		690	660
Subscriptions and licences		2,109	2,050
Catering		28	-
Outreach and Children's work		302	499
Coffee time		1,391	992
Grants/donations paid	2	12,939	10,625
Other costs		3,902	(1,367)
<b>Total payments</b>		<u>£74,945</u>	<u>£83,111</u>
<b>Surplus/(deficit) of receipts over payments</b>		<b>3,221</b>	<b>(534)</b>
Balance brought forward at 1 April 2023		<u>98,612</u>	<u>99,146</u>
<b>Bank balance at 31 March 2024</b>		<u><u>£101,833</u></u>	<u><u>£98,612</u></u>

## ALDWICK BAPTIST CHURCH

### Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 March 2024

#### Assets

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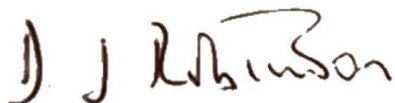
	2024	2023
	£	£
Baptist Union deposit	50,000	-
Current account	51,823	97,764
Petty cash	10	848
	<u>£101,833</u>	<u>£98,612</u>

#### Liabilities

Agency collections of £1,534 (2023 – £3,272).

The Baptist Union Employer Hub has provided an estimate of the charity's share of the overall pension deficit at £120,000. Full details of the pension liability are available on request.

Approved by the trustees on 3 July 2024  
and signed on their behalf by



Derek Robinson  
Treasurer

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### 2. Grants/donations paid

	2024	2023
	£	£
BMS	2,400	2,630
Baptist Home Mission	2,400	2,400
African Adventures	500	-
MAF	500	600
Bible Society	500	600
Barnabas	500	772
SAT-7	500	600
One Life	500	-
Mission work donations	300	761
Other projects	4,839	2,262
	<u>£12,939</u>	<u>£10,625</u>

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### **OBJECTS**

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### **REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES**

During 2022/23 the church has continued with its regular worship services and Love Aldwick outreach events which have seen a number of new community attendees in attendance during the week as well as seeing a steady return of members and regular attendees on Sundays. As well as Toddler Time, Craft Group, Community Café, Luncheon Club, Messy Church and Peace Together Puzzlers, a new Table Tennis club commenced attracting new clientele.

In addition, the church began supporting (with five other churches) a new initiative of a Bognor Christians Against Poverty (CAP) Debt scheme as well as itself beginning a Bognor CAP Life Skills Course.

During the year the church has sadly (for ABC not for the individuals concerned) lost some of its older members who have gone to glory but also seen a number of new members and held a baptismal celebration.

There were five pastoral care groups started during the year (with four sub-groups in each to make sure that no one is missed out within the fellowship and in addition the eight home groups continue to meet bi-weekly for Bible study and prayer (one more group added during the year).

There is a strong focus on The Word of God as well as the Spirit of God and this has been further strengthened by additional deacons being elected to the group of Trustees.

The Leadership Team members each continue to take responsibility for specific ministries in the church and during the course of the year two additional trustees/deacons were added to the team.

## **ALDWICK BAPTIST CHURCH**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)**

#### **REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)**

Rev Simon Downing continued to pastor the church as part of the leadership Team with the following changes being made during the year as follows:

- Rev Simon Downing (Pastor)
- Derek Robinson (Elder/Treasurer)
- Clive Bennett (Church Secretary): re-elected from July 2022
- Barbara Farrington (Deacon)
- Brenda Nanson (Deacon)
- John Smith (Deacon)
- Hazel Lodge (Deacon) - elected from July 2022
- Joy Smith (Deacon) – elected from July 2022

There have been a number of changes within the Membership during the year with the number in membership now at 100 (with a further 42 regular attenders). Six new members joined the church and three went to glory during the year but there is still a sense of excitement as ABC moves into 2024.

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**


Over this financial year, we have continued to receive cash collections through a locked box at the back of the church which has generated a comparatively small amount of money as most of our giving is now done through direct debit and by cheque. Our offertory giving remained fairly constant at £65,129.40 (compared to £66,121.61 last year). In addition, we also received a legacy from one member of £1,500, £1,700 in donations following funerals and £915 from hiring the hall to outside users. Consequently, the health of the church has been maintained with sufficient funds available to complete the activities of the church.

During the year we continued our regular support for BMS, Home Mission, Barnabas Fund, MAF, Bible Society. We also made other gifts of approximately £3,000 which includes our contributions to CAP. In total our missionary/charity giving represented 13.2% of our income.

During the year the Baptist Union recalculated the pension deficit and reduced our monthly contribution to £1 per month.

During the year there were several large items of expenditure as we indicated might be the case in last year's accounts. The repairs to the roof were £7,140 which was less than we had anticipated, electrical testing and subsequent remedial work totalled £4,822, repairs to the heating system (£1,230), upgrading the back gate structure and laying a concrete base for a new shed (£1,930), car park relining (£1,140), new signage (£1,430) and a new baptistry heater (£768). There are no major maintenance items planned for 2023-24 but as the buildings get older we have come to expect the unexpected! Nevertheless, we ended the year in a sound financial position with a relatively small decrease in our net assets of £95,339.94 (compared to £98,722.37).

Approved by the trustees on 22 June 2023  
and signed on their behalf by



Clive Bennett  
**Church Secretary**

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF ALDWICK BAPTIST CHURCH**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Aldwick Baptist Church ("the charity") for the year ending 31 March 2023.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the trustees of the charity, 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's 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.



**Jason Foxwell FCCA FCIE**  
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39 Enfield Road, Poole, BH15 3LJ

Date: 22 June 2023

## ALDWICK BAPTIST CHURCH

### Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 March 2023

	Notes	2023 Unrestricted Funds £	2022 Unrestricted Funds £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>			
Gifts received		79,189	81,638
Legacies received		1,500	25,750
Other income		1,888	875
<b>Total receipts</b>		<u>£82,577</u>	<u>£108,263</u>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>			
Pastor's stipend, NI and expenses		25,580	24,768
Pension costs		6,021	5,791
Pension deficit payment		1,258	3,709
Gas, electricity and water		8,602	9,157
Insurance		2,901	2,651
Repairs, furniture and equipment		17,498	13,362
Manse repairs and renewals		450	92
Manse council tax		2,881	2,795
Cleaning		1,686	739
Visiting speakers		60	270
Office expenditure and supplies		2,715	3,008
Independent examiner's fee		660	655
Subscriptions and licences		2,050	1,811
Catering		-	386
Outreach and Children's work		499	1,137
Coffee time		992	752
Grants/donations paid	2	10,625	11,139
Other costs		(1,367)	265
<b>Total payments</b>		<u>£83,111</u>	<u>£82,487</u>
<b>Surplus/(deficit) of receipts over payments</b>		<b>(534)</b>	<b>25,776</b>
Balance brought forward at 1 April 2022		<u>99,146</u>	<u>73,370</u>
<b>Bank balance at 31 March 2023</b>		<u><u>£98,612</u></u>	<u><u>£99,146</u></u>

## ALDWICK BAPTIST CHURCH

### Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 March 2023

#### Assets

The church building and the church manse are owned by the Baptist Union Corporation Limited who are the custodian trustee and are effectively assets held in an endowment fund as the sale proceeds can only be used for the purchase of other church buildings and have an insured value of £2,170,731. The church holds various assets such as PA equipment and furniture. An estimated value of this is £5,000.

The charity has the following bank and cash balances:

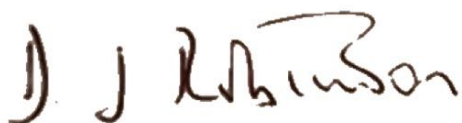
	2023	2022
	£	£
Current account	97,764	99,136
Activities and ministries accounts	-	-
Petty cash	848	10
	<u>£98,612</u>	<u>£99,146</u>

#### Liabilities

Agency collections of £3,272 (2022 – £1,573).

The Baptist Union Employer Hub has provided an estimate of the charity's share of the overall pension deficit at £120,000. Full details of the pension liability are available on request.

Approved by the trustees on 22 June 2023  
and signed on their behalf by



Derek Robinson  
Treasurer

# ALDWICK BAPTIST CHURCH

## Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023

### 1. Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

### 2. Grants/donations paid

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
BMS	2,630	2,700
Baptist Home Mission	2,400	2,400
MAF	600	600
Bible Society	600	600
Barnabas	772	2,164
SAT-7	600	600
Mission work donations	761	525
Other projects	2,262	1,550
	<u>£10,625</u>	<u>£11,139</u>

**ALDWICK BAPTIST CHURCH**

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# **ALDWICK BAPTIST CHURCH**

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**ALDWICK BAPTIST CHURCH**

**General Information**

**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER:** 1174871

**CUSTODIAN TRUSTEE:** The Baptist Union Corporation Ltd  
PO Box 44  
129 Broadway  
Didcot  
Oxfordshire  
OX11 8RT

**TRUSTEES:** Mr C Bennett  
Mrs B Farrington  
Rev S Downing  
Mrs B Nanson  
Mr D Robinson  
Mr J Smith (appointed 25 April 2019)

**ADDRESS:** 43 Gossamer Lane  
Aldwick  
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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER:** Jason Foxwell FCCA FCIE  
39 Enfield Road  
Poole  
BH15 3LJ

**BANKERS:** Santander Bank plc  
Bridal Road  
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## **ALDWICK BAPTIST CHURCH**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT**

The church trustees present their report for the year ended 31 March 2022.

### **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

The trustees (elders and deacons) are required to prepare accounts for each financial year. As the income is below £250,000, the trustees have prepared receipts and payments accounts as permitted by the Regulations.

The trustees are responsible for:

- the financial position of the charity; and
- safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

### **LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE**

The Church is governed by its own church constitution (last revised and approved at the church members' meeting in July 2017) in order to become a CIO in September 2017 (Charity Number 1174871).

### **OBJECTS**

The Church exists to proclaim the Christian faith and to serve the local community through its work and witness. Its purpose is to turn people into fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ. The church's mandate is to LOVE GOD, LOVE EACH OTHER and LOVE LOST PEOPLE.

### **REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES**

2021 provided the church with an opportunity to reopen following the COVID and take stock of how to proceed. The Leadership maintained the regular Sunday services backed up by on-line video (and subsequently live-streamed) services for those still cautious about a return to corporate worship. The church maintained the necessary safety protocol for its services until all restrictions were removed. The church did not continue with its midweek service during the year after COVID but began a new initiative called "Love Aldwick" with many regular and special activities being run to enhance the unavoidably neglected community interaction during the pandemic.

The church kick started this initiative with a Special Summer Cream Tea and Treasure Hunt held in the car park in July and then from September 2021 began some new and rejuvenated activities: Mothers and Toddlers Group, Craft Group, Community Café, Luncheon Club, Messy Church and Peace Together Puzzlers. The church has continued to enjoy consistent membership levels and income (post-COVID) though a number of older members passed away during the year. The Special events have also continued with a Harvest celebration at the end of October and a World Cuisine evening held in March 2022.

Rev Simon Downing continued to pastor the church as part of the leadership Team with the following changes being made during the year as follows:

- Rev Simon Downing (Pastor)
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- Clive Bennett (Church Secretary)
- Barbara Farrington (Deacon) – re-elected from April 2021
- Brenda Nanson (Deacon)
- John Smith (Deacon) – re-elected from April 2021

## **ALDWICK BAPTIST CHURCH**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)**

#### **REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)**

There have been a number of changes within the Membership during the year with the number in membership now at 101 members (with a further 51 regular attenders). 10 new members joined the church and seven went to glory during the year but in the goodness of God there is a real sense of fresh enthusiasm as ABC moves into 2022.

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

Over this financial year, as the government's restrictions on numbers allowed into church has gradually eased, our financial giving has remained fairly constant. Initially there was no offering taken in church but as the year progressed, we began cash collections again through a locked box at the back of the church. This has generated a comparatively small amount of money as most of our giving is now done through direct debit and by cheque. We also received a substantial legacy from one member who died in 2021. Consequently, the health of the church has been maintained with sufficient funds available to complete the activities of the church.

During the year we continued our regular support for BMS, Home Mission, Barnabas Fund, MAF, Bible Society and SAT7. We also responded to the crisis in Ukraine and made a donation of over £2000. In total our missionary giving represented 10.4% of our income.

During the year we have continued to contribute monthly to the Baptist Union's pension deficit through their family solution. The overall deficit has been reduced and it is now anticipated it will be cleared by 2026 which is 2 years earlier than originally expected.

During the year there were three unusual large items of expenditure, We finally completed the essential upgrade to the fire alarm system (£5785); the upgrading of the vestibule at the front of the church (£3500) to accommodate the community café and a new sound desk (£1159). Nevertheless, we ended the year in a sound financial position with an increase in our funds held by the bank of just under £27000. There are, however, major expenses expected in 2022 including extensive roof repairs and work outside the church.

Approved by the trustees on 22 June 2022  
and signed on their behalf by

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Clive Bennett', written over a horizontal line.

Clive Bennett  
**Church Secretary**

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF ALDWICK BAPTIST CHURCH**

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**Jason Foxwell FCCA FCIE**  
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Date: 22 June 2022

## ALDWICK BAPTIST CHURCH

### Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 March 2022

	Notes	2022 Unrestricted Funds £	2021 Unrestricted Funds £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>			
Gifts received		81,638	74,685
Legacies received		25,750	-
Other income		875	80
<b>Total receipts</b>		<u>£108,263</u>	<u>£74,765</u>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>			
Pastor's stipend, NI and expenses		24,768	23,722
Pension costs		5,791	5,117
Pension deficit payment		3,709	2,432
Gas, electricity and water		9,157	5,701
Insurance		2,651	2,770
Repairs, furniture and equipment		13,362	5,755
Manse repairs and renewals		92	3,166
Manse council tax		2,795	2,662
Cleaning		739	1,080
Visiting speakers		270	120
Office expenditure and supplies		3,008	2,939
Independent examiner's fee		655	580
Subscriptions and licences		1,811	1,957
Catering		386	-
Outreach and Children's work		1,137	51
Coffee time		752	52
Grants/donations paid	2	11,139	7,810
Other costs		265	-
<b>Total payments</b>		<u>£82,487</u>	<u>£65,914</u>
<b>Surplus of receipts over payments</b>		<b>25,776</b>	<b>8,851</b>
Balance brought forward at 1 April 2021		<u>73,370</u>	<u>64,519</u>
<b>Bank balance at 31 March 2022</b>		<u><u>£99,146</u></u>	<u><u>£73,370</u></u>

## ALDWICK BAPTIST CHURCH

### Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 March 2022

#### Assets

The church building and the church manse are owned by the Baptist Union Corporation Limited who are the custodian trustee and are effectively assets held in an endowment fund as the sale proceeds can only be used for the purchase of other church buildings and have an insured value of £2,170,731. The church holds various assets such as PA equipment and furniture. An estimated value of this is £5,000.

The charity has the following bank and cash balances:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Current account	99,136	72,825
Activities and ministries accounts	-	545
Petty cash	10	-
	<u>£99,146</u>	<u>£73,370</u>

#### Liabilities

Agency collections of £1,573 (2021 – £832).

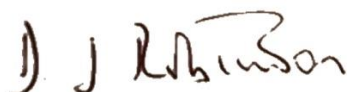
The Baptist Union Employer Hub has provided an estimate of the charity's share of the overall pension deficit at £120,000. Full details of the pension liability are available on request.

#### Funds

The charity has a number of designated funds which are included in the receipts and payments accounts and asset balances. The respective balances at 31 March 2022 were:

Designated funds	2022	2021
	£	£
Craft Club	-	28
Coffee Time	-	280
Coffee Pot	-	(66)
Café Connect	-	373
Lunch Club	-	494
Well of Hope	-	762
<b>Total designated funds</b>	<u><u>£Nil</u></u>	<u><u>£1,871</u></u>

Approved by the trustees on 22 June 2022  
and signed on their behalf by



Derek Robinson  
Treasurer

# ALDWICK BAPTIST CHURCH

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### 2. Grants/donations paid

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
BMS	2,700	2,610
Baptist Home Mission	2,400	2,400
MAF	600	-
Bible Society	600	600
Barnabas	2,164	600
SAT-7	600	600
Mission work donations	525	200
St Wilfrid's Hospice (from coffee pot)	-	600
Other projects	1,550	200
	<u>£11,139</u>	<u>£7,810</u>

**ALDWICK BAPTIST CHURCH**

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# **ALDWICK BAPTIST CHURCH**

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Rev S Downing  
Mrs B Nanson  
Mr D Robinson  
Mr J Smith (appointed 25 April 2019)

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**BANKERS:** Santander Bank plc  
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### **REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES**

As mentioned at the end of last year's review, the church has just completed a difficult year during the COVID 19 Pandemic and the consequential legal requirements for lock downs and restricted operations. This has meant that the church has been closed for most of the year and was only able to open between lock downs with suitable precautions taken to maintain H&S through social distancing and the use of PPE etc. It has none-the-less been an encouraging year where the number in the congregation has been maintained and the income largely unaffected.

The closure of the church gave opportunity to redecorate the areas of the church that were in need of attention and the installation of Video equipment was introduced to facilitate broadcasting of services. The church maintained on-line services on Wednesdays and Sundays throughout the pandemic (even when the church was able to physically meet in restricted numbers on Sundays). Pastoral phone calls to all members were introduced and opportunities were taken to support the local community needs through donations to Food banks etc. on a number of occasions.

Rev Simon Downing continued to pastor the church as part of the leadership Team with the following changes being made during the year as follows:

- Rev Simon Downing (Pastor)
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- Clive Bennett (Church Secretary)
- Barbara Farrington (Deacon)
- Brenda Nanson (Deacon) – re-elected from 1st May 2020
- John Smith (Deacon)

## **ALDWICK BAPTIST CHURCH**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)**

#### **REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)**

There have been a number of changes within the Membership during the year with the number in membership now at 106 members (with a further 56 regular attenders). 1 new member joined the church and four went to glory during the year but in the goodness of God a number of new individuals began to attend the church.

2021 starts with the prospect of moving out of lockdown during May and June with a challenge to review just how the church should respond to a post-COVID situation but avoiding simply returning to what was done before. We continue to depend on The Lord for His provision to see us through this transitional period as we seek to establish how best to respond to our Church mandate which remains the same.

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

Despite being closed or partially closed for the whole of this financial year due to the restrictions placed upon us because of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, the financial health of the church has been maintained with sufficient funds available to complete the activities of the church.

As noted in last year's accounts, we appealed at the start of this financial year for regular worshippers to continue their giving either through online banking or by sending cheques to the church. I am pleased to report that the membership responded positively to this appeal with the level of giving being slightly up from the previous year demonstrating how well the membership responded to the church's needs and voiding the concerns expressed in last year's accounts about a possible loss in income.

During the year we have continued to contribute monthly to the Baptist Union's pension deficit through their family solution. The overall deficit has been reduced and it is now anticipated it will be cleared by 2026 which is 2 years earlier than originally expected.

During the year there has been no unexpected major expenses which meant we ended the year in a sound financial position with an increase in our funds held by the bank of just under £9000.

As we begin a new financial year, we are still uncertain as to when the Covid19 restrictions will be fully lifted and so drawing up an accurate budget for 2021/22 is difficult but we remain cautiously optimistic.

Approved by the trustees on 25 June 2021  
and signed on their behalf by



Clive Bennett  
**Church Secretary**

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF ALDWICK BAPTIST CHURCH**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Aldwick Baptist Church ("the charity") for the year ending 31 March 2021.

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### **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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
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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.



**Jason Foxwell FCCA FCIE**  
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39 Enfield Road, Poole, BH15 3LJ

Date: 25 June 2021

## ALDWICK BAPTIST CHURCH

### Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 March 2021

	Notes	2021 Unrestricted Funds £	2020 Unrestricted Funds £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>			
Gifts received		74,685	64,819
Rental income		-	2,928
Activities and ministries income			5,133
Other income		80	886
Church weekend		-	690
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>£74,765</b>	<b>£74,456</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>			
Pastor's stipend, NI and expenses		23,722	24,085
Pension costs		5,117	6,191
Pension deficit payment		2,432	3,573
Gas, electricity and water		5,701	5,600
Insurance		2,770	2,720
Repairs, furniture and equipment		5,755	24,817
Manse repairs and renewals		3,166	1,347
Manse council tax		2,662	2,560
Cleaning		1,080	2,855
Visiting speakers		120	180
Office expenditure and supplies		2,939	2,954
Independent examiner's fee		580	735
Subscriptions and licences		1,957	1,904
Outreach and Children's work		51	1,283
Coffee time		52	1,030
Activities and ministries expenditure			5,570
Grants/donations paid	2	7,810	10,420
Other costs			3,730
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>£65,914</b>	<b>£101,554</b>
<b>Surplus of receipts over payments</b>		<b>8,851</b>	<b>(27,098)</b>
Balance brought forward at 1 April 2020		64,519	91,617
<b>Bank balance at 31 March 2021</b>		<b>£73,370</b>	<b>£64,519</b>

## ALDWICK BAPTIST CHURCH

### Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 March 2021

#### Assets

The church building and the church manse are owned by the Baptist Union Corporation Limited who are the custodian trustee and are effectively assets held in an endowment fund as the sale proceeds can only be used for the purchase of other church buildings and have an insured value of £2,170,731. The church holds various assets such as PA equipment and furniture. An estimated value of this is £5,000.

The charity has the following bank and cash balances:

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Current account	72,825	63,749
Activities and ministries accounts	545	760
Petty cash	-	10
	<u>£73,370</u>	<u>£64,519</u>

#### Liabilities

Agency collections of £832 (2020 – £617).

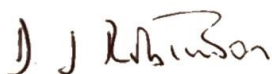
The Baptist Union Employer Hub has provided an estimate of the charity's share of the overall pension deficit at £120,000. Full details of the pension liability are available on request.

#### Funds

The charity has a number of designated funds which are included in the receipts and payments accounts and asset balances. The respective balances at 31 March 2021 were:

<b>Designated funds</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Craft Club	28	28
Coffee Time	280	280
Coffee Pot	(66)	559
Café Connect	373	373
Lunch Club	494	494
Well of Hope	762	-
	<u>£1,871</u>	<u>£1,734</u>

Approved by the trustees on 25 June 2021  
and signed on their behalf by



Derek Robinson  
Treasurer

# ALDWICK BAPTIST CHURCH

## Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021

### 1. Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

### 2. Grants/donations paid

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
BMS	2,610	2,400
Baptist Home Mission	2,400	2,400
MAF	-	1,200
Bible Society	600	1,260
Barnabas	600	1,329
SAT-7	600	1,200
Mission work donations	200	631
St Wilfrid's Hospice (from coffee pot)	600	-
Other projects	200	-
	<u>£7,810</u>	<u>£10,420</u>