

BLOOMSBURY CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2024

CHARITY COMMISSION NUMBER 1174891

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Ministers	Rev Dr Simon Woodman – Minister Rev Dawn Savidge - Communities Minister (until 30.11.23)
Church Secretary	Nigel Redford
Church Treasurer	Tim Clifford
Elected Deacons	Howard Brown Fifi Evelyn Jean Harrison Udoka Okonkwo Matthew Streeter
Life Deacons	Brian Bowers (deceased 27.4.24) Maurice Johns
Church Operations Manager	Abigail Muleta
Church Accountant	Stephen Mortimer (from 20.3.23)
Key Management Personnel	Ministers Secretary and Treasurer Elected Deacons

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS (continued)

Principal Address	235 Shaftesbury Avenue London WC2H 8EP
Bankers	Metro Bank PLC One Southampton Row London WC1B 5HA
Auditor	Jacob Cavenagh & Skeet 5 Robin Hood Lane Sutton Surrey SM1 2SW
Solicitors	Carter Lemon Camerons 20 King Street London EC2V 8EG
Legal Status	The church is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, number 1174891, governed by a constitution.

Structure, governance, and management

The church's name is Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church. The church was first registered as a charity on 9 January 2009, and from that date until 31 March 2018 it was an unincorporated charitable association. On 1 April 2018, the church transferred all of its assets, liabilities, and activities to a new Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), which retained the name Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church and is registered with charity number 1174891. Incorporation made no substantial difference to the church's assets, liabilities, or activities, but simplified some aspects of its governance and administration, and gives the trustees the benefit of limited liability.

Under the church's constitution, its executive body comprises the Ministers (including the Communities Minister), the Church Secretary and the Church Treasurer, and the elected Deacons; and these people are the charity trustees. The Ministers, Secretary and Treasurer, and elected Deacons are considered to be the charity's key management personnel as they are in charge of directing, controlling, running, and operating the church on a day-to-day basis. Apart from the Ministers, these people give their time freely and receive no remuneration. Ministers are paid a stipend based on the standard stipend set by the Baptist Union of Great Britain (BUGB), and their pay is reviewed annually and increased in accordance with the percentage increase in that standard stipend. Details of Ministers' remuneration, expenses reimbursed to them, and all related party transactions are disclosed in note 8 to the financial statements. Deacons, and the Secretary and the Treasurer, are elected by the members of the church at the church's Annual General Meeting.

The church building's freehold is held on trust by The London Baptist Property Board Limited, under a declaration of trust dated 14th August 2008, with the church having the beneficial ownership of the premises.

The trustees present their annual report for the year ended 31 March 2024 and confirm that the financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Charities' Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102).

Risk management

The trustees have reviewed the principal risks to which the church is exposed, and have identified appropriate mitigating measures.

The greatest risk facing the church is that an inability to generate sufficient income, or a reduction in the number of people committing time to voluntary work for the church, could compromise its ability to deliver planned activities. The trustees have implemented a new strategy, which is designed to be financially sustainable and to address staff and volunteer requirements. It also takes account of the changes required of a Central London church to respond to the consequences of the Covid-19 Pandemic. This strategy will continue to develop in response to changes in behaviour and needs in Central London.

Objects and activities

The church's aims are:

- to maintain and develop the worship life of the church;
- to provide pastoral care for the members, other worshippers, and community;
- to develop the building for the use of the community; and
- to develop the ministry to the area.

The activities undertaken to achieve these objects are outlined below.

Public benefit

When planning the church's activities, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

The church's worship services are open to all and it operates an open communion table. The church building is available throughout the week for use by or hire to people of all faiths and none, and by bodies both Christian and secular. The church provides services for local communities and generally ministers to those in need, without distinction as to faith or otherwise.

The past year and the future

The year from April 2023 has been a time of challenge and encouragement – a time of review, and a time of looking forward. Following a period of reflection and review of our community ministries, it was decided at a Church Meeting in the Autumn that the post of Community Minister should be rested for the time being. Dawn Savidge ministered among us with creativity and compassion, and left with the thanks and prayers of the church.

While one chapter in the life of the church has closed, the church looks forward to consider how we can continue to grow and thrive in a post-COVID world, where new ways of engaging with each other and the community need to be learned. Since the autumn, the church has been working with the Centre for Theology and Community and looking at how we can strengthen the congregation for the work of provoking faith in the centre of London. We are currently looking at ways of finding space for spiritual reflection and discussion in all our services and activities, and ways of engaging with our partners and other users of the building.

Simon Woodman continues to lead us and bring thoughtful and challenging preaching to us. Our services have been enhanced by significant works on our AV system – this helps services and hirers in the building, and the online experience of those joining streaming services. Our Church Operations Manager, Abigail Muleta, and our Accountant, Stephen Mortimer, work hard to keep things running in the background, and we are always grateful to a team of volunteers who run the AV desk, lead, read, and pray at services, serve tea and coffee, and perform many other tasks to keep things running smoothly. Our organist, Philip Luke, marked 40 years at Bloomsbury, and we continue to benefit from his musicianship and leadership, and his running of Organ Concerts which bring many organ enthusiasts to the church each month.

During the year 1 member died, and 2 members resigned their membership on moving away. The current membership stands at 106.

As we look to the future, we look to find new ways of engaging with each other and those around as we proclaim the unchanging message of God's love for those in our great city.

Fundraising

In recent years, the church has limited its fund-raising activities to discussions of its finances at meetings of trustees and of church members. The church does not employ outside or commercial fund-raisers, and does not make appeals for funds beyond its members; it has therefore not subscribed to any fundraising regulator.

Financial Review 2024

The Church has now seen some of the benefits of the difficult decisions made in previous years under its new strategy. The Church produced an operating surplus on general funds for the year ended 31 March 2024 of £238k. Income from giving, renting out the building and from investments have all increased, whilst expenditure has remained stable. This is a satisfactory outcome, though there continue to be significant cost pressures for the current financial year.

The church's non-property investments increased in value by £70k in the year. Property investments also fell in value, by £10k. In addition, the church is due to receive a legacy, the value of which has yet to be confirmed but tentatively of over £180k from the estate of a former member.

A major upgrade of the Church's AV facilities and the Basement was carried out, financed from the Clive Weller Legacy and, for the Basement, from a generous donation of work carried out free of charge by the contractor Overbury PLC for which they are thanked. This has been shown as a donation in kind in the accounts.

Reserves policy

The trustees have previously determined that free reserves should not fall below one year's normal expenditure. At 31 March 2024, free reserves amounted to £654k which are considered adequate to meet running costs, and to provide a buffer against future operating deficits. They will also provide funding for future development of the Church's ministry.

Trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards including financial reporting standard FRS 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales 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 income and expenditure 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 judgments 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 Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, and the provisions of the constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees on 8 September 2024 and signed on their behalf by:


Nigel Redford
Church Secretary


Tim Clifford
Church Treasurer

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF BLOOMSBURY CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church (the "Charity") for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Charity's affairs as at 31 March 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least 12 months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, including the trustees' report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the Charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities Act 2011 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate and proper accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF BLOOMSBURY CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH (continued)

Responsibilities of the trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the Charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 145 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Based on our understanding of the charity, we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to employment and financial reporting legislation and we considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements. We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements such as the Charities Act 2011.

We assessed the susceptibility of the charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by making enquiries of management, considering the internal controls in place and discussion amongst the engagement team.

We determined that the principal risks were related to revenue recognition, management bias in accounting estimates, presentation of separately disclosed items and management override of controls.

In response to the risks identified we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to: substantive testing of income, challenging significant accounting estimates, agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation, evaluating the internal controls, reviewing trustees minutes, and identifying and testing journal entries.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Jacob Cavenagh + Skeet

Jacob Cavenagh & Skeet
Statutory Auditor
Chartered Accountants

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Dated:

4/10/2024

Jacob Cavenagh & Skeet is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (including income and expenditure account) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Note	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total £	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total £
Income from:									
Donations and legacies	2	326,412	-	21,838	348,250	140,963	-	148,901	289,864
Donations in kind	2	-	-	122,290	122,290	-	-	-	-
Other trading activities	3	175,911	-	-	175,911	130,875	-	-	130,875
Investment income	4	113,783	-	-	113,783	72,727	-	-	72,727
Other		659	-	-	659	2,150	-	-	2,150
Total income		<u>616,765</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>144,128</u>	<u>760,893</u>	<u>346,715</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>148,901</u>	<u>495,616</u>
Expenditure on:									
<i>Raising funds</i>									
- Investment property	6	9,003	-	-	9,003	12,071	-	-	12,071
<i>Charitable activities</i>									
- Regular	6	<u>369,702</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,715</u>	<u>390,417</u>	<u>368,966</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,903</u>	<u>385,869</u>
Total expenditure	10	<u>378,705</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,715</u>	<u>399,420</u>	<u>381,037</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,903</u>	<u>397,940</u>
Income less expenditure		238,060		123,413	361,473	(34,322)		131,998	97,676
Net gains/(losses) on investment assets	12	70,047	-	-	70,047	(37,413)	-	-	(37,413)
Net (losses) on investment properties	5	(10,000)	-	-	(10,000)	(52,475)	-	-	(52,475)
Net income	9	298,107	-	123,413	421,520	(124,210)	-	131,998	7,788
Transfer between funds	18	(1,994,128)	2,239,492	(245,364)	-	942,396	(942,396)	-	-
Reconciliation of funds									
Total funds brought forward		<u>2,350,349</u>	<u>1,103,000</u>	<u>158,119</u>	<u>3,611,468</u>	<u>1,532,163</u>	<u>2,045,396</u>	<u>26,121</u>	<u>3,603,680</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>654,328</u>	<u>3,342,492</u>	<u>36,168</u>	<u>4,032,988</u>	<u>2,350,349</u>	<u>1,103,000</u>	<u>158,119</u>	<u>3,611,468</u>

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

		2024		2023	
	Note	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible fixed assets	11		769,297		529,805
Fixed asset investments	12		783,003		712,956
Investment property	13		<u>900,000</u>		<u>910,000</u>
			2,452,300		2,152,761
Current assets					
Debtors	14	228,420		29,412	
Investments	15	1,315,396		959,093	
Cash at bank		<u>91,782</u>		<u>512,981</u>	
		1,635,598		1,501,486	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	16	(<u>54,910</u>)		(<u>42,779</u>)	
Net current assets			<u>1,580,688</u>		<u>1,458,707</u>
Net assets	17		<u>4,032,988</u>		<u>3,611,468</u>
Funds					
Designated	18		3,342,492		1,103,000
Restricted	18		36,168		158,119
General (unrestricted & undesignated)	18		<u>654,328</u>		<u>2,350,349</u>
Total funds			<u>4,032,988</u>		<u>3,611,468</u>

Approved by the trustees on 8 September 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



Tim Clifford **Church Treasurer**

BLOOMSBURY CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH**CASHFLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
Cash (used in)/provided by operating activities (see below)		(17,047)		82,424
Cash flows from investing activities				
Investment income	76,883		37,327	
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(124,732)		(3,051)	
Purchase of investments	(486,303)		(703,245)	
Proceeds on disposal of investments	<u>130,000</u>		<u>695,511</u>	
Cash (used in)/provided by investing activities		(404,152)		<u>26,542</u>
Net cash (outflow)/inflow		(421,199)		108,966
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April 2023		<u>512,981</u>		<u>404,015</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March 2024		<u>91,782</u>		<u>512,981</u>
Cash flows from operating activities				
Net income	421,520		7,788	
Investment income	(76,883)		(37,327)	
Depreciation	7,530		17,466	
(Gain)/loss on investments	(60,047)		89,888	
Donation in kind	(122,290)		-	
Increase in debtors	(199,008)		(1,088)	
Increase in creditors	<u>12,131</u>		<u>5,697</u>	
Cash (used in)/provided by operating activities		(17,047)		<u>82,424</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements, and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Charities' Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP (FRS 102) and Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102). The financial statements are drawn up on the historical cost basis of accounting, as modified by the revaluation of fixed asset investments and (when relevant) investment property. Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the church has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The trustees therefore continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

Tangible fixed assets

- (i) Assets with a purchase price in excess of £500 are capitalised.
- (ii) The church purchased the manse in 2013 at a cost of £502,109.
The trustees believe that the residual value of the property renders any depreciation immaterial; accordingly, no depreciation has been charged in these accounts.
- (iii) Depreciation on capitalised fixed assets other than residential properties is charged at the rate of 10% for furniture and equipment, 33% for computer equipment and 20% for expenditure deemed appropriate on a case-by-case basis, of the purchase price per year.
- (iv) The church building (valued for insurance purposes at £18,814,922) and the church site are under the custodian trusteeship of the London Baptist Property Board, and the church is the beneficial owner. The original costs of these assets, and the costs of subsequent improvements thereto, are not available. The trustees do not believe the costs of obtaining professional valuations would be justified by their limited utility to the church's members, who are the principal users of these accounts. Furthermore, the trustees do not believe that any accumulated depreciation on the cost of the building would be material.

Fixed asset investments

When any of the church's property is classified as investment property, this is shown at fair value at the balance sheet date and any accumulated surpluses / (deficiencies) arising from revaluation are treated as unrealised surpluses / (losses) and credited / (debited) directly to the General Reserve. Other investments are shown at fair value.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024 (continued)

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

General funds

The church's general funds comprise the original capital plus the accumulated net surplus of income over expenditure, and are available to be used for the church's general purposes.

Designated funds

The balances retained in the designated funds represent:

- (i) The Development Fund – an amount set aside for future redevelopment, i.e. for substantial work on the church's building.
- (ii) The Fixed Asset Reserve – equal to the book value of the church's tangible fixed assets at 31 March 2024.
- (iii) The Manses Fund – an amount set aside for potential future property needs.

Restricted funds

The restricted funds are made up of a number of funds received for specific purposes.

Income

Voluntary income and donations – including legacies – are accounted for once the church has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount of income receivable can be reliably determined.

Lettings income is recognised when the church is entitled to the income.

Donations in kind are recognised at an estimated value of the benefit received.

Voluntary help

The church is heavily dependent on activity carried out by volunteers. No value is attributed to this in the financial statements.

Expenditure

Expenditure is accrued as soon as a liability is considered probable. Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include governance costs, which represent expenditure incurred in ensuring the church complies with its legal and regulatory requirements.

Grants

Grants are included when the payment has been agreed by the trustees.

Debtors

Tax recoverable and other debtors are included at the settlement amount due. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024 (continued)

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Cash and current asset investments

Cash and current asset investments include cash and short term highly liquid investments with a maturity of one year or less from the date of opening of the deposit.

Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised when the church has a present obligation arising from a past event which will probably result in the transfer of funds to another party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at their settlement amount.

Financial instruments

The church has financial assets and liabilities only of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Pension costs

The Church contributes to a defined contribution scheme for Ministers under the Baptist Pension Scheme, and to a separate scheme for other staff. Contributions are recognised when due.

2 VOLUNTARY INCOME

	2024			2023
	General Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Standing orders, cash collections, and other voluntary offerings and donations	120,844	18,083	138,927	133,019
Tax recoverable (Gift Aid)	25,568	3,755	29,323	24,771
Legacies	<u>180,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>180,000</u>	<u>132,074</u>
	<u>326,412</u>	<u>21,838</u>	<u>348,250</u>	<u>289,864</u>

	2024			2023
	General Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Donations in Kind	<u>-</u>	<u>122,290</u>	<u>122,290</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>122,290</u>	<u>122,290</u>	<u>-</u>

Restricted funds donations includes £122,290 which represents work free of charge carried out by the basement refurbishment contractor, Overbuy PLC, being a donation to the project.

The legacy represents an estimate of funds receivable under the will of a former member, Barbara Collett.

BLOOMSBURY CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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3 OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Room hire	48,365	39,875
Other lettings	<u>127,546</u>	<u>91,000</u>
	<u>175,911</u>	<u>130,875</u>

4 INVESTMENT INCOME

	2024	2023
	£	£
Rent from investment property	36,900	35,400
Interest	<u>76,883</u>	<u>37,327</u>
	<u>113,783</u>	<u>72,727</u>

5 NET LOSSES ON INVESTMENT PROPERTIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Loss on sale of former manse	-	(34,495)
Deficit on revaluation of investment property (note 13)	(10,000)	(17,980)
Total Loss	(10,000)	(52,475)

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6 EXPENDITURE	2024				2023
	Activities undertaken directly	Grant funding	Support costs	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds					
Payroll & expenses	122,873	-	21,768	144,641	115,680
Manses	13,083	-	-	13,083	14,297
Church building:					
Maintenance & repairs	53,624	-	-	53,624	59,506
Cleaning & waste disposal	36,837	-	-	36,837	30,132
Electricity, gas, & water	14,697	-	-	14,697	16,384
Insurance	19,756	-	-	19,756	16,709
Internet & telephone	1,003	-	1,003	2,006	1,810
Major building works & repairs	-	-	-	-	28,180
Depreciation	3,765	-	3,765	7,530	17,466
Grants to Baptist organisations (Note 7)	-	14,500	-	14,500	14,000
Legal & other professional costs	4,519	-	-	4,519	4,140
IT costs and licences	5,312	-	5,312	10,624	22,446
Websites & publicity	3,511	-	-	3,511	3,784
Investment property	9,003	-	-	9,003	12,071
Costs of former manse, now sold	(790)	-	-	(790)	2,419
Subscriptions & donations	17,512	-	-	17,512	6,915
Printing, postage, & stationary	1,296	-	-	1,296	580
Music-related costs	3,162	-	-	3,162	2,004
Conferences and training	11,808	-	-	11,808	2,391
Bank charges	-	-	941	941	583
Other	<u>3,685</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,685</u>	<u>3,140</u>
	<u>324,656</u>	<u>14,500</u>	<u>32,789</u>	<u>371,945</u>	<u>374,637</u>
Restricted funds – Hardship and organ	<u>20,715</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,715</u>	<u>16,903</u>
Governance costs					
Audit fee	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,760</u>	<u>6,760</u>	<u>6,400</u>
Total expenditure	<u>345,371</u>	<u>14,500</u>	<u>39,549</u>	<u>399,420</u>	<u>397,940</u>

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7 GRANTS PAYABLE

During the year grants for the amounts listed below were payable in furtherance of the church's objects:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Baptist Union of Great Britain Home Mission Fund	7,300	7,300
Baptist Missionary Society	1,700	1,700
Bristol Baptist College	1,100	1,000
Northern Baptist College	1,100	1,000
Regent's Park College	1,100	1,000
Spurgeon's College	1,100	1,000
South Wales Baptist College	<u>1,100</u>	<u>1,000</u>
	<u>14,500</u>	<u>14,000</u>

8 STAFF AND TRUSTEES

	2024				2023
	Stipends / Salaries / Wages etc	Employer's National Insurance	Employer's pension	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Ministers	74,894	2,465	6,814	84,173	78,205
Employees	<u>55,688</u>	<u>3,844</u>	<u>936</u>	<u>60,468</u>	<u>37,475</u>
	<u>130,582</u>	<u>6,309</u>	<u>7,750</u>	<u>144,641</u>	<u>115,680</u>
2023:	<u>104,064</u>	<u>3,832</u>	<u>7,784</u>	<u>115,680</u>	

The Church contributes to a defined contribution scheme for Ministers under the Baptist Pension Scheme. Other employees are auto-enrolled with NEST Pensions, a defined contribution scheme, with contributions payable by the church and the employee.

No employee received benefits of more than £60,000.

The average number of employees and full-time equivalent employees during the year was:

	2024 No	2024 FTE	2023 No	2023 FTE
Ministers	2	2	2	2
Employees	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>
	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>

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8 STAFF AND TRUSTEES (continued)

The ministers are trustees of the church and received remuneration as follows, which is permitted under the terms of the church's constitution:

	Stipend	Employer's NI	Employer's Pension
	£	£	£
Simon Woodman	41,094	4,434	4,965
Dawn Savidge (part-time)	28,783	3,031	1,849

The above figures include a Payment in Lieu of Notice of £10,759 made to Dawn Savidge when her employment with the Church was terminated on 30th November 2023. She also received an additional ex-gratia payment of £5,000 in recognition of the contribution she had made during her period in office. This figure is not included within the above.

In addition, the Minister, Simon Woodman, is provided with living accommodation. The Ministers were reimbursed expenses of £5,017 (2023: £3,890).

The ministers represent the key management personnel of the church. No remuneration was paid to any other trustee during the year nor any person connected to them except as follows. Following the illness and subsequent retirement of the Church's bookkeeper, the responsibilities for accounting were temporarily assumed by Howard Brown, a Trustee and former Treasurer. He was assisted by his daughter, a qualified accountant, with the day-to day accounting from 1 November 2022 until 31 May 2023, during the current year her firm was paid a total of £216 by the church (2023: £1,260).

From June 2020, a flat within the church building was let to one of the Deacons, Nigel Redford, at a current monthly rental of £1,100.

Donations totalling £51,900 (2023: £42,453) were received from trustees (and their spouses and other related parties) during the year. These were split: Unrestricted £40,680 (2023:£41,433) and restricted £11,220 (2023:£1,020).

9 NET INCOME

This is stated after charging:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Depreciation	7,530	17,466
Auditor's remuneration for:		
Audit services	6,760	6,400
Other services	2,198	2,076

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10 ANALYSIS OF TOTAL EXPENDITURE BY FUND TYPE

	General Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Activities undertaken directly	324,656	—	20,715	345,371	280,594
Grant funding	14,500	—	-	14,500	14,000
Support costs	32,789	—	-	32,789	96,946
Governance costs	<u>6,760</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>6,760</u>	<u>6,400</u>
	<u>378,705</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>20,715</u>	<u>399,420</u>	<u>397,940</u>

11 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Residential Properties	Church Equipment	Church Renovations	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost or valuation				
At 1 April 2023	502,109	218,445	-	720,554
Additions	-	53,001	194,021	247,022
Disposals	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>502,109</u>	<u>271,446</u>	<u>194,021</u>	<u>967,576</u>
Accumulated depreciation				
At 1 April 2023	-	190,749	-	190,749
Disposals	-	-	-	-
Charge for year	<u>-</u>	<u>7,530</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,530</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>198,279</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>198,279</u>
Net book value				
At 31 March 2024	<u>502,109</u>	<u>73,167</u>	<u>194,021</u>	<u>769,297</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>502,109</u>	<u>27,696</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>529,805</u>

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	2024	2023
	£	£
Fair value at 1 April 2023	712,956	750,369
Net unrealised gain/(loss) on revaluation	70,047	(37,413)
Disposal	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Fair value at 31 March 2024	<u>783,003</u>	<u>712,956</u>
 COIF Ethical Fund	 <u>783,003</u>	 <u>712,956</u>
 Historical cost at 31 March 2024	 <u>450,000</u>	 <u>450,000</u>

13 INVESTMENT PROPERTY

	2024	2023
	£	£
Fair value at 1 April 2023	910,000	730,000
Disposal	-	(730,000)
Transfer from fixed assets	-	927,980
Revaluation in the year	(10,000)	(17,980)
Fair value at 31 March 2024	<u>900,000</u>	<u>910,000</u>
 Historical cost	 <u>516,482</u>	 <u>516,482</u>

The residential property was valued at 31 March 2024 by Rapleys, Qualified Surveyors, on a market value basis of £900,000.

14 DEBTORS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Tax recoverable (Gift Aid)	8,567	5,500
Interest receivable	11,199	8,400
Room hire income receivable	7,304	1,685
Other debtors and prepayments	<u>201,350</u>	<u>13,827</u>
	<u>228,420</u>	<u>29,412</u>

Other debtors include an estimate of funds receivable under the will of a former member, Barbara Collett.

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15 CURRENT ASSET INVESTMENTS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Carrying value at 1 April 2023	959,093	255,853
Additions at cost	486,303	703,245
Carrying value of disposals	(130,000)	(5)
Carrying value at 31 March 2024	<u>1,315,396</u>	<u>959,093</u>
COIF Charities Deposit Fund	450,000	-
London Baptist Property Board (LBPB) deposit	<u>865,396</u>	<u>959,093</u>
	<u>1,315,396</u>	<u>959,093</u>

16 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Baptist Union of Great Britain Home Mission Fund	7,634	7,300
Baptist Missionary Society	1,778	1,700
Ministerial training colleges	5,229	5,000
Taxation and social security	3,471	2,517
Other creditors and accruals	<u>36,798</u>	<u>26,262</u>
	<u>54,910</u>	<u>42,779</u>

17 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

31 March 2024	Tangible fixed assets	Investment & net current assets	Total
	£	£	£
Restricted funds	-	36,168	36,168
Designated funds	769,297	2,573,195	3,342,492
General funds	<u>-</u>	<u>654,328</u>	<u>654,328</u>
	<u>769,297</u>	<u>3,263,691</u>	<u>4,032,988</u>
31 March 2023	Tangible fixed assets	Investment & net current assets	Total
	£	£	£
Restricted funds	-	158,119	158,119
Designated funds	529,805	573,195	1,103,000
General funds	<u>-</u>	<u>2,350,349</u>	<u>2,350,349</u>
	<u>529,805</u>	<u>3,081,663</u>	<u>3,611,468</u>

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18 FUNDS

	Balance at 1 April 2023	Income	Expenditure	Gains/ (losses)	Transfers between funds	Balance at 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds						
Clive Weller Legacy	132,074	-	-	-	(123,074)	9,000
Overbury Gift in kind	-	122,290	-	-	(122,290)	-
Hardship Fund	10,666	15,211	(10,778)	-	-	15,099
Organ Fund	12,257	6,627	(9,937)	-	-	8,947
Friends of Bloomsbury	<u>3,122</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,122</u>
	158,119	144,128	(20,715)	-	(245,364)	36,168
Designated Funds						
Development Fund	573,195	-	-	-	-	573,195
Manses Fund	-	-	-	-	2,000,000	2,000,000
Fixed Asset Reserve	529,805	-	-	-	239,492	769,297
General Funds	<u>2,350,349</u>	<u>616,765</u>	<u>(378,705)</u>	<u>60,047</u>	<u>(1,994,128)</u>	<u>654,328</u>
Total Funds	<u>3,611,468</u>	<u>760,893</u>	<u>(399,420)</u>	<u>60,047</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,032,988</u>
	Balance at 1 April 2022	Income	Expenditure	Gains/(losses)	Transfers between funds	Balance at 31 March 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds						
Clive Weller Legacy	-	132,074	-	-	-	132,074
Hardship Fund	13,411	2,808	(5,553)	-	-	10,666
Organ Fund	9,588	14,019	(11,350)	-	-	12,257
Friends of Bloomsbury	<u>3,122</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,122</u>
	26,121	148,901	(16,903)	-	-	158,119
Designated Funds						
Development Fund	573,195	-	-	-	-	573,195
Fixed Asset Reserve	1,472,201	-	-	-	(942,396)	529,805
General Funds	<u>1,532,163</u>	<u>346,715</u>	<u>(381,037)</u>	<u>(89,888)</u>	<u>942,396</u>	<u>2,350,349</u>
Total Funds	<u>3,603,680</u>	<u>495,616</u>	<u>(397,940)</u>	<u>(89,888)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,611,468</u>

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18 FUNDS (continued)

Restricted funds

The Clive Weller Legacy represents fund received under the will of a former member, which are to be used for the improvement of the Church building.

The Overbury gift in kind represents works carried out free of charge by the contractor Overbury PLC on the basement as part of a refurbishment project.

The Hardship Fund holds money given to be spent at the discretion of the church's Ministers to alleviate hardship.

The Organ Fund holds the accumulated surplus of donations received over costs in connection with the church's organ concerts since 1 January 2013, and is to be used to meet the costs of future organ concerts and to contribute to some other organ-related costs.

The Friends of Bloomsbury represents monies donated by people connected with the Church to be used to fund events for maintaining these connections.

Designated funds

The Fixed Asset Reserve represents the book value of the church's tangible fixed assets at 31 March 2024 (See note 11).

The transfers into this fund in 2023/24 from the Clive Weller Fund and Overbury Fund represent equipment, furniture and building renovations now held within Balance Sheet Tangible Fixed Assets and subject to depreciation.

The Development Fund represents an amount set aside for future redevelopment – i.e. for substantial work on the church's building.

The Manses Fund represents retaining value from the sale of a Manse in previous years so as to recognise that this former asset type may be purchased again to facilitate additions to the Ministerial team as a future aspiration when circumstances allow.