

BRIXHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1175103

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2017-10-11

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

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Activities

Objects: THE PRINCIPAL PURPOSES OF THE CHURCH ARE:- 3.1.1 THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH ACCORDING TO THE PRINCIPLES OF THE BAPTIST DENOMINATION. 3.1.2 THE CHURCH MAY ALSO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND CARRY OUT OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND/OR OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD.

Activities: We are a Christian Church that uses our buildings, people and resources for the benefit of the local community and to extend the saving knowledge and belief of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Torbay

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£102,287	£112,731	-	-
2023-12-31	£96,556	£126,956	-	-
2022-12-31	£130,252	£170,194	-	-
2021-12-31	£155,298	£84,833	-	-
2020-12-31	£72,939	£56,319	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Bernard LEWIS		2020-12-14
Colin Opie Rev		2024-01-30
Geoffrey Andrews Rev		2026-03-31
JAMES COLLINS		2018-09-01
Jennifer Bache Mrs		2025-03-25
Julia Andrews		2024-07-01
Rev Darrell Holmes		2021-09-12

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Charitable Incorporated Organisation

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ANNUAL REPORT

AND

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 DECEMBER 2024

STATUTORY INFORMATION

Name of the Charity: BRIXHAM BAPTIST CHURCH Registered Address: Market St
Brixham Devon TQ5 8EU

Charity Registration Number: 1175103

Date of Registration: 11 October 2017

Trustees from 1st January 2024 to the date of this report

Julia Andrews (Secretary)
Barrie Chivers (until 20th April 2024)
Jim Collins
Rev Darrell Holmes
Bernard Lewis (Treasurer)
Rev Colin Opie (from 1st February 2024)

Minister: Rev. Darrell Holmes

Associate Minister: Rev Colin Opie (from 1st February 2024)

Property Trustees: The Baptist Union Corporation,
(Baptist House, PO Box 44, 129 Broadway, Didcot, Oxon, OX11 8RT).

Bankers: Lloyds TSB.

Independent Examiner: Ian Barrett FCA FCIE

BARRETT'S

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS AND CHARTERED TAX ADVISERS

22 Union Street, Newton Abbot, Devon, TQ12 2JS

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Church Members' meetings take place at regular intervals through the year with one of these meetings constituting the Annual General Meeting at which members receive the annual accounts and reports, and consider matters of relevance for the coming year. A minimum of four ordinary meetings are required annually. Ordinary Church Members' meetings took place during the year on 30th January, 23rd April (including AGM), 21st May, 23rd July, 24th September and 26th November.

The church is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, and all trustees are appointed by church members' meetings, observing the requirements of the governing document. The managing trustees are responsible for the day to day running of the church's work and witness and for the financial and legal aspects of the charity. Church members are encouraged to seek appropriate roles furthering the spiritual and practical tasks involved in the furtherance of the charitable objective. The trustees take relevant matters to the church meeting for consideration, and similarly matters may be raised by church members for trustee discussion and deliberation. A consensus of opinion is sought whenever possible; however, the governing document permits decisions to be made by voting or secret ballot.

This was the third full year of the ministry of our Pastor Rev Darrell Holmes. Rev Colin Opie was appointed as part time non-stipendiary Pastor on 1st February 2024. He was ordained on 20th April 2024. Maria Orton continued to serve as part time Children Youth and Families Pastor. Adline Lewis continued to be employed as part-time cleaner.

Our Mission continued to be "***Shining for Jesus in the darkness***" which is focussed around:

Shining for Jesus and living lives glorifying to Him.

Sharing Jesus with the next generation and removing obstacles that prevent them coming to Him.

Shaping our community with love, showing compassion to the least, the last and the lost.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The church provides, and provided in 2024, a variety of activities available to its membership and to the community at large, to achieve its stated principal objective,

as set out above. The aim throughout is to show, through word and deed, the love of Jesus Christ to the community in which the church is set and to the wider world beyond, and to bring people into closer relationship with Him as living Lord.

WORSHIP

Regular public services of Christian worship continued throughout 2024 at 10.30am followed by a time of fellowship and refreshment. We were often joined by a few visitors from around the country and world, many of whom were on holiday or made us a destination church when they were in town.

Our services have been livestreamed and have had a strong following from online viewers, averaging around fifty devices each week. Brixham Baptist Church is therefore reaching far more than just the local community.

PRAYER

We acknowledge that prayer is a vital part of our corporate and individual lives. Regular midweek prayer meetings took place, and an on-line prayer network enabled prayer requests to be shared. We participated with others in the Torbay area in the Try Praying Initiative.

FELLOWSHIP

Several groups continued to gather, and some new groups started to meet regularly for friendship, study, prayer and encouragement.

EVANGELISM

As part of our vision to share Jesus and in keeping with the Baptist Union's Declaration of Principle that it is the duty of every disciple to bear personal witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ and to take part in the evangelisation of the world, we have organised specific evangelistic events including the Easter Trail and promoting the Try Praying Initiative.

CHILDREN, YOUTH and FAMILIES WORK

In 2024, we continued to connect with around 50 families in the local community through our various church activities and community contacts. Our Children, Youth and Families Pastor worked with a team of twenty volunteers providing regular activities for children from toddlers to teenagers and their parents or carers. Several of these activities catered for children and families who did not regularly attend the church. In co-operation with local health visitors and social services we provided hampers for families in need within the local community.

OTHER CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Our café which opened two days a week and our coffee morning which opened once a week fulfilled the aim of the church to be engaged with its community and provide a space in which people felt welcomed and secure. These were used as a regular meeting place for individuals and groups in the town.

Meals were also provided several times during the year to which members of the community and congregation were invited.

We donated **Filled Backpacks** for distribution by a charity for the homeless in Torbay. We also donated **Shoebboxes** filled with items for children in need overseas distributed by Samaritan's Purse.

SAFEGUARDING

Our Safeguarding Policy and Procedures were reviewed, updated and brought to the attention of the congregation.

USE OF THE BUILDING

An increasing number of groups from the community used the premises during 2024. In addition to the four flats which are rented out, we have submitted plans for conversion of part of the building to two more flats.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The church measures its performance not simply in terms of numbers, including financial numbers, but also through the assessment of its success, or otherwise, in less tangible areas such as encouragement, discipleship and fellowship.

We welcomed eight new members in 2024. We were saddened to lose eleven church members who resigned or transferred membership and one church member who died during 2024. At the end of the year church membership stood at 67.

We are grateful to all the volunteers who gave their time and effort to the work of the church.

FINANCIAL REVIEW 2024

The church continued to raise the funds needed to carry on its activities from within its membership and wider congregation. This was supplemented by the net rental income received from the flats and manse, and income received from the 'Front Room' cafe together with income from hiring out both the church hall and the 'Front Room'.

The church played its part in the life of the wider Church through grants made to organisations, societies, and individuals, working nationally or internationally with Christian objectives compatible with the church's own objectives. Specific aid was given to the Baptist Union for its work in the UK and internationally, Brixham Girls Brigade, the Fishermen's Mission and Thimar-LSESD.

The church is heavily dependent on its fellowship working as volunteers in all aspects of the church's activities, most of which ran without significant impact on the church's expenditure, but nonetheless contributed considerably to the achievement of the church's objectives.

.The financial results for the year, together with a summary of the accounting policies adopted are set out in the accompanying financial statements.

The trustees are satisfied that they have sufficient reserves at the year-end together with the ongoing income anticipated to enable the church to function effectively in the coming year.

The trustees have assessed the major risks facing the church and are satisfied that there are policies in place to minimise these risks.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

Charity law requires the trustees (the church leadership) to prepare financial statements that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity at the end of the financial year. In doing so the trustees are required to:

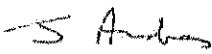
1. Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
2. Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

3. State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
4. Prepare the financial statements on the ongoing concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The leadership are responsible as managing trustees for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with charity law. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the church and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention of fraud and other irregularities.

SIGNATURE AND DECLARATION

I declare, in my capacity of charity trustee, that the trustees have approved the report on pages 2 to 7 and the accounts on pages 8-11 and have authorised me to sign on their behalf.

Signed: 

Julia Andrews
(trustee)

Brixham Baptist Church

Charity No 1175103

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st December 2024

	2024			2023		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	TOTAL	Unrestricted	Restricted	TOTAL
Income from:						
<i>Donations and legacies</i>						
Donations	163	0	163	42	0	42
Offerings	8210	0	8210	9242	0	9242
Standing orders	33049	0	33049	37157	0	37157
Gifts	4731	0	4731	225	0	225
Gift Aid	0	0	0	0	0	0
BMS	0	0	0	0	917	917
Home Mission	0	0	0	0	201	201
Other	8428	2351	10779	3274	296	3570
Build fund	0	380	380	0	0	0
<i>Charitable activities</i>						
Front Room	6965	0	6965	8044	0	8044
Youth events	0	0	0	0	0	0
Coffee mornings	853	0	853	91	0	91
<i>Investments</i>						
Interest	614	0	614	546	0	546
Rent	36543	0	36543	36521	0	36521
TOTAL INCOME	99556	2731	102287	95142	1414	96556
Expenditure on:						
<i>Charitable activities</i>						
Front Room	3258	0	3258	3550	0	3550
Staff costs	54902	0	54902	48694	0	48694
Travel & other expenses	1195	0	1195	1476	0	1476
Youth worker expenses	1889	0	1889	2769	0	2769
Visiting ministry	50	0	50	145	0	145
<i>Church</i>						
Insurance	4719	0	4719	4855	0	4855
Light, heat & water	4489	0	4489	6754	0	6754
Repairs & maintenance	7952	380	8332	11389	11558	22947
Professional survey	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cleaning expenses	164	0	164	219	0	219
Equipment	147	0	147	107	0	107
<i>Ministerial Housing</i>						
Council tax	2042	0	2042	1909	0	1909
Housing	9240	0	9240	8820	0	8820
<i>Manse rental property</i>						
Insurance	334	0	334	314	0	294
Service charge & fees	2489	0	2489	1555	0	1555
Council tax	363	0	363			
Repairs & maintenance	0	0	0	394	0	394

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Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st December 2024 (cont'd)

	2024					2023
	<i>Unrestricted</i>	<i>Restricted</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>Unrestricted</i>	<i>Restricted</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>
<i>Other</i>						
Worship & outreach	1413	0	1413	886	0	886
Events	175	1178	1353	0	0	0
Training	545	0	545	65	0	65
Professional costs	540	0	540	720	0	720
BMS	2250	472	2722	2250	201	2451
Home Mission	2250		2250	2250	705	2955
Donations	300	686	986	800	464	1264
Telephone & web hosting	1166	0	1166	904	0	904
Copyright & TV Licence	350	0	350	327	0	327
Stationery & photocopier	350	0	350	604	0	604
Church refreshments	211	0	211	191	0	191
Other	1789	0	1789	586	0	586
Loan repayment	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bank charges	280	0	280	219	0	219
Warm room	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 Front Theatre	0		0	1033		1033
<i>Flats expenditure</i>						
Repairs & maintenance	107	0	107	255	0	255
Development	310		310	6692		6692
Other	4746	0	4746	3296	0	3296
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	110015	2716	112731	114028	12928	126956
Transfer						
Net Receipts/payments	-10459	15	-10444	-18886	-11514	-30400
Transfers	748	-748	0	-11171	11171	
Bank & Cash Balances						
At beginning of year	70015	2292	72307	100072	2635	102707
At end of year	60304	1559	61863	70015	2292	72307

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31st December 2024

	2024			2023		
	<i>Unrestricted</i>	<i>Restricted</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>Unrestricted</i>	<i>Restricted</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>
Cash Funds						
Lloyds Current account	13547	0	13547	17595	0	17595
Lloyds Deposit account	46629	1559	48188	50283	2292	52575
Cash	128	0	128	2137	0	2137
	60304	1559	61863	70015	2292	72307

Debtors

Gift aid	7800	7800
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Note

The trustees confirm, in accordance with the Charitable Incorporated Organisations (General) Regulations 2012, that at the year end the CIO did not have any outstanding guarantees to third parties nor any debts secured on the assets of the CIO.

Approved by the Trustees on 11th March 2025

and signed on their behalf by B. Lewis

Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Brixham Baptist Church CIO
Charity no. 1175103**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Brixham Baptist Church (the Church) for the year ended 31st December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of the report

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

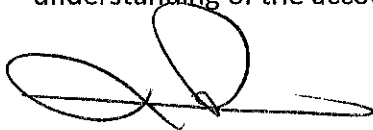
I report in respect of my examination of the church's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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 church 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.



Ian Barrett FCA FCIE
Barretts
22 Union Street
Newton Abbot TQ12 2JS

17th March 2025

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WORSHIP

Central to this work is the provision of regular public services of Christian worship. These services continued throughout 2023 with a morning service at 10.30am followed by a time of fellowship and drinks, which has proved very popular. A new initiative which proved popular was Breakfast Church when members of the adult congregation and the children and families from 'Shine' met for breakfast and a more informal service in the renovated Church Hall. At the first Breakfast Church missionaries from Africa working with BMS presented news of their work. Further Breakfast Church services are planned.

A wide range of people from within the congregation have been involved in our Sunday services, for example preaching, leading or sharing prayers, reading scripture, sharing answers to prayer and leading sung worship.

Our weekly teaching has been presented in sermon series:

Knowing Jesus the **I AM**,
Born for change (Moses),
Jesus understands,
Courageous living (Joshua) and
Ordinary people involved in the nativity.

These have been applicable to everyday life and appreciated for giving insight into parts of both Old and New Testament. They are available by YouTube from the church website: brixhambaptist.org.uk . Regular all-age services have also enabled the children and families to join with the main congregation for focused teaching. Furthermore, barely a week went by without at least a few visitors from around the country and world, many of whom were on holiday or made us a destination church when they were in town.

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PRAYER

We acknowledge that prayer is a vital part of our corporate and individual lives. Regular midweek prayer meetings (alternate Wednesdays) and pre-service Sunday prayer meetings were held. A monthly Ladies Prayer Breakfast took place. Other prayer events during the year included Prayer for Unity and Prayer for Healing. An on-line prayer network enabled prayer requests to be shared.

FELLOWSHIP

Several groups continued to meet for friendship, study, prayer and encouragement. A new men's group commenced.

EVANGELISM

As part of our vision to share Jesus and in keeping with the Baptist Union's Declaration of Principle that it is the duty of every disciple to bear personal witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ and to take part in the evangelisation of the world, we have organised specific evangelistic events including the Easter Trail and performance of the Fisherman's Tail both at Furzeham Primary School and in the Church.

CHILDREN, YOUTH and FAMILIES WORK

In 2023, we continued to connect with around 30 families in the local community through our various church activities and community contacts.

Our Children Youth and Families Worker, Maria Orton, worked with a dedicated team of 20 volunteers who were able to continue with the following activities. Our aim this year continued to be to share and show the love of Jesus and to enhance the childrens' and young people's quality of life through providing a range of weekly activities that support and engage the local community.

Shine (formerly called eXcite)

Our Sunday Morning programme for children and families continued to be a great success. Shine delivered a diverse and engaging programme that provided a relevant and accessible framework for showing and sharing God's love. It met the needs of families of all backgrounds, those that are new to church and those that have grown up in church. Families ate together, explored a series in the Bible in groups with creative craft, and then presented what they had done to the wider church family at the end of the service. It was great to see Shine continually growing and we were pleased to welcome some new families in 2023.

Girls Brigade:

The Girls Brigade continued to meet on Thursday evenings. We are grateful to the dedicated team of officers and helpers who run the Girls Brigade as part of our church. It remained well attended and a fruitful part of our Children's Work.

Parents, Carers and Toddlers:

Our Parents, Carers and Toddlers Group continued to reach a good number of families in the community and has a good reputation within the town for being a warm and welcoming group for relationship building, where the children can learn and grow in a safe environment. Each week we shared a Bible Story which was well received.

Kids Matter:

We ran this parenting course 'to equip parents and carers in the local community who are facing disadvantage with confidence and competence enabling them and their children to thrive'.

Youth Alpha:

We ran a Youth Alpha course on completion of which the group of young people continued to meet for teaching and friendship.

Parent Discipleship:

Maria spent time discipling, supporting and praying with parents.

Christmas Hamper Project

In November, we invited local Health Visitors and Social Services to work with us to provide hampers for families in need within the local community. We made 40 hampers of books, toys, Bible Stories and more and these were a great blessing to the families who received them. We also hosted a Christmas Dinner Celebration for 100 people comprised of families we are connected with through our various provisions. We thank God for the many opportunities he has given us to disciple and bless families in our local community.

OTHER CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Our café 'The Front Room' continued throughout 2023 although reduced to two days a week. It was staffed by a team of volunteers most of whom were connected with our church, but a few came from other churches and the wider Brixham community. The Front Room was open to all, fulfilling the aim of the church to be engaged with its community and providing a space in which customers felt welcomed and secure. It provided hot and cold drinks and a limited food menu and enabled people, both local residents and visitors to Brixham, to sit and chat. It was very busy at times and was a regular meeting place for individuals and groups in the town.

Community coffee mornings were recommenced in the Church Hall on Thursday mornings following the closure during covid. They provided a drink and biscuits to those from the community or the congregation free of charge with the opportunity of donations. This provided a meeting place for friendship particularly to those who may be lonely without such provisions.

Craft and Chat group met weekly for friendship while participants could join in a range of craft activities in the "Front Room". **Bible Journaling group** also met regularly and enjoyed craft activities focusing on the bible. Both of these groups were open to all and were not restricted to members of the congregation.

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We donated **Filled Backpacks** for distribution by a charity for the homeless in Torbay. We also donated **Shoebboxes** filled with items for children in need distributed by Samaritan's Purse.

A new **Church Website** was developed to provide access to the general public and more detailed access to church members or leaders.

Our **Safeguarding Policy and Procedures** were reviewed, updated and brought to the attention of the congregation.

We discussed and responded to the **Baptist Union Consultation** on Ministerial Recognition Rules related to same sex marriage.

USE OF THE BUILDING

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We had 6 new members in 2023. We were saddened to lose 2 church members who resigned or transferred membership and 3 church members who died during 2023. At the end of the year church membership stood at 68.

We are grateful to all the volunteers who gave their time and effort to the work of the church.

FINANCIAL REVIEW 2023

The church continued to raise the funds needed to carry on its activities from within its membership and wider congregation. This was supplemented by the net rental income received from the flats and manse, and income received from the Front Room cafe together with income from hiring out both the church hall and The Front Room.

The church played its part in the life of the wider Church through grants made to organisations, societies, and individuals, working nationally or internationally with Christian objectives compatible with the church's own objectives. Specific aid was given to Compassion UK and the Syria/Turkey earthquake appeal.

The church is heavily dependent on its fellowship working as volunteers in all aspects of the church's activities, most of which ran without significant impact on the church's expenditure, but nonetheless contributed considerably to the achievement of the church's objectives.

The trustees were grateful to the church's congregation for their generous financial support that enabled the church hall to be upgraded.

The financial results for the year, together with a summary of the accounting policies adopted are set out in the accompanying financial statements.

The trustees are satisfied that they have sufficient reserves at the year end together with the ongoing income anticipated, to enable the church to function effectively in the coming year.

The trustees have made an assessment of the major risks facing the church and are satisfied that there are policies in place to minimise these risks.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

Charity law requires the trustees (the church leadership) to prepare financial statements that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity at the end of the financial year. In doing so the trustees are required to:

1. Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
2. Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
3. State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
4. Prepare the financial statements on the ongoing concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The leadership are responsible as managing trustees for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with charity law. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the church and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention of fraud and other irregularities.

SIGNATURE AND DECLARATION

I declare, in my capacity of charity trustee, that the trustees have approved the report on pages 2 to 8 and the accounts on pages 9 to 11 and have authorised me to sign on their behalf.

Signed:

J. Andrews (trustee)
25th June 2024

Brixham Baptist Church

Charity No 1175103

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st December 2023

	2023			2022		
	<i>Unrestricted</i>	<i>Restricted</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>Unrestricted</i>	<i>Restricted</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>
Income from:						
<i>Donations and legacies</i>						
Donations	42	0	42	2243	0	2243
Offerings	9242	0	9242	5837	0	5837
Standing orders	37157	0	37157	39559	0	39559
Gifts	225	0	225	57	0	57
Gift Aid	0	0	0	18315	10283	28598
BMS	0	917	917	0	216	216
Home Mission	0	201	201	0	0	0
Other	3274	296	3570	2942	5199	8141
Build fund	0	0	0		490	490
<i>Charitable activities</i>						
Front Room	8044	0	8044	9345	0	9345
Youth events	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bookshop	0	0	0	113	0	113
Coffee mornings	91	0	91	0	0	0
<i>Investments</i>						
Interest	546	0	546	32	0	32
Rent	36521	0	36521	35621	0	35621
TOTAL INCOME	95142	1414	96556	114064	16188	130252
Expenditure on:						
<i>Charitable activities</i>						
Front Room	3550	0	3550	5828	0	5828
Staff costs	48694	0	48694	42995	0	42995
Travel & other expenses	1476	0	1476	502	0	502
Youth worker expenses	2769	0	2769	1619	0	1619
Visiting ministry	145	0	145	100	0	100
<i>Church</i>						
Insurance	4855	0	4855	4283	0	4283
Light, heat & water	6754	0	6754	3472	0	3472
Repairs & maintenance	11389	11558	22947	1779	54251	56030
Professional survey	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cleaning expenses	219	0	219	281	0	281
Equipment	107	0	107	2650	0	2650

Brixham Baptist Church

Charity No 1175103

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st December 2023(cont'd)

	2023			2022		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	TOTAL	Unrestricted	Restricted	TOTAL
<i>Ministerial Housing</i>						
Council tax	1909	0	1909	1854	0	1854
Housing	8820	0	8820	8400	0	8400
<i>Manse rental property</i>						
Insurance	314	0	314	294	0	294
Service charge & fees	1555	0	1555	1518	0	1518
Repairs & maintenance	394	0	394	450	0	450
<i>Other</i>						
Worship & outreach	886	0	886	1019	0	1019
Events	0	0	0	0	0	0
Training	65	0	65	855	0	855
Professional costs	720	0	720	2160	0	2160
BMS	2250	201	2451	2100	0	2100
Home Mission	2250	705	2955	2423	0	2423
Donations	800	464	1264	1530	1705	3235
Telephone & web hosting	904	0	904	573	0	573
Copyright & TV Licence	327	0	327	365	0	365
Stationery & photocopier	604	0	604	814	0	814
Church refreshments	191	0	191	0	0	0
Other	586	0	586	362	0	362
Loan repayment	0	0	0	0	15000	15000
Bank charges	219	0	219	218	0	218
Warm room	0	0	0	0	1075	1075
Calendars	0	0	0	179	0	179
4 Front Theatre	1033		1033			
<i>Flats expenditure</i>						
Repairs & maintenance	255	0	255	4687	0	4687
Development	6692		6692			
Other	3296	0	3296	4853	0	4853
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	114028	12928	126956	98163	72031	170194
Transfer						
Net Receipts/payments	-18886	-11514	-30400	15901	-55843	-39942
Transfers	-11171	11171	0			
Bank & Cash Balances						
At beginning of year	100072	2635	102707	84171	58478	142649
At end of year	70015	2292	72307	100072	2635	102707

Brixham Baptist Church

Charity No 1175103

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31st December 2023

	2023			2022		
	<i>Unrestricted</i>	<i>Restricted</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>Unrestricted</i>	<i>Restricted</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>
Cash Funds						
Lloyds Current account	17595	0	17595	40249	0	40249
Lloyds Deposit account	50283	2292	52575	59394	2635	62029
Cash	2137	0	2137	429	0	429
	70015	2292	72307	100072	2635	102707

Note

The trustees confirm, in accordance with the Charitable Incorporated Organisations (General) Regulations 2012, that at the year end the CIO did not have any outstanding guarantees to third parties nor any debts secured on the assets of the CIO.

Approved by the Trustees on 25th June 2024

and signed on their behalf by B. Lewis

Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Brixham Baptist Church CIO
Charity no. 1175103

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Brixham Baptist Church (the Church) for the year ended 31st December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of the report

As the charity trustees of the church 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 church'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 church 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.



Ian Barrett FCA FCIE
Barretts
22 Union Street
Newton Abbot TQ12 2JS

1st July 2024

BRIXHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1175103

Accounts

BRIXHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Registered Charity Number: 1175103

ANNUAL REPORT

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 DECEMBER 2022

STATUTORY INFORMATION

Name of the Charity: BRIXHAM BAPTIST CHURCH Registered Address: Market St
Brixham Devon TQ5 8EU

Charity Registration Number: 1175103

Date of Registration: 11 October 2017

Trustees as at 1st January 2022

Barrie Chivers
Jim Collins
Chris Forster
Jonathan Cox
Bernard Lewis
Joy May (resigned April 2022)
Edwin Pocock (resigned June 2022)

Minister: Rev. Darrell Holmes

Property Trustees: The Baptist Union Corporation,
(Baptist House, PO Box 44, 129 Broadway, Didcot, Oxon, OX11 8RT).

Bankers: Lloyds TSB.

Independent Examiner: Ian Barrett FCA FCIE
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CHARITABLE OBJECT

The Charity is governed by an Approved Governing Document since 11th October 2017 when the Charitable Incorporated Organisation was formed. The Approved Governing Document, the Constitution, affirms the principal purpose of the Charity as being 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. The Church occupies premises which are held in trust for the Church by the Baptist Union Corporation Ltd. as Holding Trustee. The premises continue to be held on Trusts which are entirely compatible with the above objectives. Included in the premises are four small flats let to tenants at a low rent. A Manse is provided for the Minister's use, however is currently rented out.

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE AND DECISION MAKING PROCESSES

Membership of the church is obtained in accordance with the procedures outlined in the Governing Document of the church. Whilst highly valuing and encouraging baptism by total immersion, the church practises open membership in that those who seek membership but have not been baptised according to the Baptist Union's Declaration of Principle may, at the discretion of the church members' meeting, be accepted for full membership based on their profession of faith. Church members are expected to adhere to the beliefs of the church, to commit themselves to serving Christ within the church and beyond, and to abide by the decisions of the church meeting.

Church Members' meetings take place at regular intervals through the year with one of these meetings constituting the Annual General Meeting at which members receive the annual accounts and reports, and consider matters of relevance to the coming year. A minimum of four ordinary meetings are required annually. Ordinary Church Members' meetings took place during the year on 22nd February, 17th May, 19th July, the AGM on the 20th of September. In addition, a Special Church meeting was held on 22nd February to confirm the replacement of the School Hall Roof.

The church is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, and all trustees are appointed by church members' meetings, observing the requirements of the governing document. Trustees are encouraged to attend relevant training courses organised by the South West Baptist Association. The managing trustees, guided by the minister, are responsible for the day to day running of the church's work and witness and for the financial and legal aspects of the charity. Church members are encouraged to seek appropriate roles furthering the spiritual and practical tasks involved in the furtherance of the charitable objective. The trustees take relevant matters to the church meeting for consideration, and similarly matters may be raised by church members for trustee discussion and deliberation. A consensus of opinion is sought whenever possible; however, the governing document permits decisions to be made by polls or votes.

This was the first full year of the ministry of our new Pastor Darrell Holmes.

The church members agreed on a new Mission, Vision and Values statement which has already begun to focus our hearts, minds and energies. We now all seek to be "*Shining for Jesus in the darkness*" which takes place in a number of ways and places.

The Bible Verse for the year was from Isaiah ch55 v6 "*Seek the Lord while he may be found, call on him while he is near*". Arising from that, the church members agreed that we would make 2022 a "Year of Prayer".

So we prayed to the Lord who is near, and found that he answered abundantly more than all we could have asked or imagined! We saw more people attending on Sundays and throughout the week, five more friends being baptised, many choosing to belong in membership for the first time, numerous people getting involved in the

life and ministries of the church in a 'hands – on' way, and some new initiatives commencing. These included a Bible Journaling Group, a Craft and Chatter Group, a midweek prayer group meeting in the Front Room and a Sunday Evening series of studies in Revelation. We began upgrading the building, starting with the Church Hall. The roof was finally replaced after years of planning. We then turned our attention to the inside of the hall. This work included removing the old stage and noticeboards and commencing decoration of the whole downstairs area.

Though one of our leaders stepped down from the leadership team to focus on her ministry as a full-time teacher in a local school, we were delighted to welcome Colin Opie as our Pastor-in-Training in 2022. Already known to the congregation as a visiting preacher and coming to us from nearby Upton Vale Baptist Church, Colin now serves for two days a week in the life of the church and is seeking to gain different experiences of ministry under the supervision of Darrell Holmes.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The church provides, and provided in 2022, a variety of activities available to its membership and to the community at large in order to achieve its stated principal objective – as set out above. The aim throughout is to show, through word and deed, the love of Jesus Christ to the community in which the church is set and to the wider world beyond, and to bring people into closer relationship with Him as living Lord.

WORSHIP

Central to this work is the provision of regular public services of Christian worship. These services continued throughout 2022 with a morning service at 10.30am. It was agreed that we would not be recommencing our regular evening services at this time, but concentrating our efforts on the morning gathering. However, some Prayer and Praise evenings were run which were widely appreciated. In March 2022 we reinstated the after-service time of fellowship and drinks, which has proved very popular.

A wide range of people from within the congregation have been involved in our Sunday services, as well as some visitors from other churches. Our weekly teaching has been presented in sermon series based upon a whole bible book or portion. These have been applicable to everyday life and appreciated for giving insight into parts of both Old and New Testament. Regular all-age services have also 'enabled eXcite join with the main congregation' for focussed teaching: these highlight the fantastic spread of ages that our congregation incorporates. Furthermore, barely a week goes by when we don't have at least a few visitors from around the country and world, many of whom are either on holiday or have made us a destination church when they are in town.

Our services have been livestreamed and have had a strong following from online viewers, averaging around fifty devices each week. Brixham Baptist Church is, therefore, reaching far more than just the local community.

Over the year we have continued to build our relationships with membership, congregation, and our community through prayer, hospitality and love as we seek to SHINE for Jesus, SHARE our faith and SHAPE our community.

CHILDREN and FAMILIES WORK

In 2022, we continued to connect with around 100 families in the local community through our various church activities and community contacts.

Our Youth and Children's Worker, Maria Orton, was on Maternity leave following the arrival of her second Daughter for the most part of 2022 and consequently, our Children's and families provision reduced. However, we have a dedicated team of 20 volunteers who were able to continue with the following activities. Our aim this year continued to be to share and show the love of Jesus and to enhance the children's and young people's quality of life through providing a range of weekly activities that support and engage the local community.

eXcite:

Following the pandemic, we were pleased to relaunch eXcite, our Sunday Morning programme for children and families, which continued to be a great success. eXcite delivers a diverse and engaging programme that provides a relevant and accessible framework for showing and sharing God's love. It meets the needs of families of all backgrounds, those that are new to church and those that have grown up in church. Families eat together, explore a series in the Bible in groups with creative craft, and then present what they have done to the wider church family at the end of the service. It is great to see eXcite continually growing and we were pleased to welcome some new families in 2022.

Girls Brigade:

The Girls Brigade continued to meet on Thursday evenings. We are grateful to the dedicated team of officers and helpers who run the Girls Brigade as part of our church. It remains well attended and a fruitful part of our Children's Work.

Carers and Toddlers:

Our Carers and Toddlers Group continued to reach a good number of families in the community and has a good reputation within the town for being a warm and welcoming group for relationship building, where the children can learn and grow in a safe environment. Each week we share a Bible Story which is well received.

Maria returned to work part time in September.

In October, we ran a family activity day for 70 people with the theme of 'Let Your Light Shine'. This was a great success and resulted in new families attending excite.

In December, we invited local Health Visitors and Social Services to work with us on a Christmas Hamper Project for families in need within the local community. We made 40 hampers of books, toys, Bible Stories and more and these were a great blessing to families in need. We also hosted a Roast Christmas Dinner Celebration for 100 people. We put plans in place for Youth Alpha and 'Kids Matter' to run in 2023. We thank God for the many opportunities he has given us to disciple and bless families in our local community.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

The Front Room

The work of our café "The Front Room" continued throughout 2022. It was staffed by a team of volunteers. Most of these were connected with our church, but a few came from other churches and the wider Brixham community. The Front Room was open to all, fulfilling the aim of the church to be engaged with its community and providing a space in which customers felt welcomed and secure. It provided hot and cold drinks and a limited food menu and enabled people, both local residents and visitors to Brixham, to sit and chat. It was very busy at times and was a regular meeting place for individuals and groups in the town.

The Lounge Christian Bookshop

The bookshop re-opened on Monday mornings from April 2022. When its operation was reviewed, the level of customer use and the fact that we no longer had regular weekly deliveries of stock led to a decision to cease operation and the bookshop closed on 27th June 2022. The Church Trustees agreed that the 12 years during which the bookshop had operated had been a good and positive season, but that it was no longer feasible to operate the facility on church premises. Customers were signposted to Choice Words bookshop which continues to operate in Newton Abbot and can supply Christian resources by post.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Church membership increased during the year. We welcomed 10 new members. Two church members died during the year, so at the end of the year church membership stood at 75. Numbers regularly attending church on Sundays grew to around 110.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW 2022

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The financial results for the year, together with a summary of the accounting policies adopted are set out in the accompanying financial statements.

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SIGNATURE AND DECLARATION

I declare, in my capacity of charity trustee, that the trustees have approved the report on pages 2 to 9 and the accounts on pages 10 to 12 and have authorised me to sign on their behalf.

Signed:

Chris Forster (trustee)

Brixham Baptist Church

Charity No 1175103

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st December 2022

	2022					2021
	Unrestricted	Restricted	TOTAL	Unrestricted	Restricted	TOTAL
Income from:						
<i>Donations and legacies</i>						
Donations	2243	0	2243	877	0	877
Offerings	5837	0	5837	4853	0	4853
Standing orders	39559	0	39559	34393	0	34393
Gifts	57	0	57	495	0	495
Gift Aid	18315	10283	28598	14494	0	14494
BMS	0	216	216	0	487	487
Home Mission	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	2942	5199	8141	0	0	0
Build fund	0	490	490		61896	61896
<i>Charitable activities</i>						
Front Room	9345	0	9345	2946	0	2946
Youth events	0	0	0	10	0	10
Bookshop	113	0	113	63	0	63
Coffee mornings	0	0	0	0	0	0
Flowers	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Investments</i>						
Interest	32	0	32	0	0	0
Rent	35621	0	35621	34784	0	34784
TOTAL INCOME	114064	16188	130252	92915	62383	155298
Expenditure on:						
<i>Charitable activities</i>						
Front Room	5828	0	5828	921	0	921
Staff costs	42995	0	42995	28442	0	28442
Travel & other expenses	502	0	502	2668	0	2668
Youth worker expenses	1619	0	1619	1144	0	1144
Visiting ministry	100	0	100	510	0	510
<i>Church</i>						
Insurance	4283	0	4283	4671	0	4671
Light, heat & water	3472	0	3472	4729	0	4729
Repairs & maintenance	1779	54251	56030	3641	3418	7059
Professional survey	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cleaning expenses	281	0	281	2775	0	2775
Equipment	2650	0	2650	2529	0	2529

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st December 2022(cont'd)

	2022			2021		
	<i>Unrestricted</i>	<i>Restricted</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>Unrestricted</i>	<i>Restricted</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>
<i>Manse</i>						
Council tax & water rates	1854	0	1854	567	0	567
Insurance	294	0	294	270	0	270
Service charge & fees	1518	0	1518	161	0	161
Repairs & maintenance	450	0	450	435	0	435
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
Housing	8400	0	8400	2800	0	2800
<i>Other</i>						
Worship & outreach	1019	0	1019	5805	0	5805
Events	0	0	0	311	0	311
Intentional health	0	0	0	175	0	175
Training	855	0	855	335	0	335
Professional costs	2160	0	2160	779	0	779
BMS	2100	0	2100	1513	487	2000
Home Mission	2423	0	2423	2000	0	2000
Donations	1530	1705	3235	816	0	816
Telephone & web hosting	573	0	573	410	0	410
Copyright & TV Licence	365	0	365	303	0	303
Stationery & photocopier	814	0	814	1377	0	1377
Church refreshments	0	0	0	0	0	0
Flowers	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	362	0	362	129	0	129
Loan repayment	0	15000	15000	0	0	0
Bank charges	218	0	218	0	0	0
Warm room	0	1075	1075	0	0	0
Calendars	179	0	179	0	0	0
<i>Flats expenditure</i>						
Repairs & maintenance	4687	0	4687	1107	0	1107
Other	4853	0	4853	9605	0	9605
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	98163	72031	170194	80928	3905	84833
Net Receipts/payments	15901	-55843	-39942	11987	58478	70465
Bank & Cash Balances						
<i>At beginning of year</i>	84171	58478	142649	72184	0	72184
<i>At end of year</i>	100072	2635	102707	84171	58478	142649

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31st December 2022

	2022			2021		
	<i>Unrestricted</i>	<i>Restricted</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>Unrestricted</i>	<i>Restricted</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>
Cash Funds						
Barclays Current account	0	0	0	11962	0	11962
Lloyds Current account	40249	0	40249	68591	0	68591
Lloyds Deposit account	59394	2635	62029	3618	58478	62096
Cash	429	0	429			
	100072	2635	102707	84171	58478	142649

Note

The trustees confirm, in accordance with the Charitable Incorporated Organisations (General) Regulations 2012, that at the year end the CIO did not have any outstanding guarantees to third parties nor any debts secured on the assets of the CIO.

Approved by the Trustees on2023

and signed on their behalf by

Trustee

BRIXHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1175103

Accounts

BRIXHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Registered Charity Number: 1175103

ANNUAL REPORT

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 DECEMBER 2021

STATUTORY INFORMATION

Name of the Charity: BRIXHAM BAPTIST CHURCH Registered Address: Market St
Brixham Devon TQ5 8EU

Charity Registration Number: 1175103

Date of Registration: 11 October 2017

Trustees as at 1st January 2021

Barrie Chivers

Jim Collins

Chris Forster

Jonathan Cox

Bernard Lewis

Joy May (resigned April 2022)

Edwin Pocock (resigned June 2022)

Geoff Andrews (resigned 31/08/2021)

Minister: Rev. Darrell Holmes (Appointed September 2021)

Property Trustees: The Baptist Union Corporation,
(Baptist House, PO Box 44, 129 Broadway, Didcot, Oxon, OX11 8RT).

Bankers: Barclays Bank.
Lloyds TSB.

Independent Examiner: Ian Barrett FCA FCIE

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Calling and appointing Darrell Holmes as our Pastor

At the start of the year, following a break from our search for a new pastor, the leadership decided to restart the process. We engaged with the South West Baptist Association "SWBA" and identified that there were two individuals within the SWBA region who had indicated that they would be interested in the Brixham vacancy. In February the Search & Leadership team reviewed the profiles of both candidates. Following this review, it was decided to invite Darrell Holmes from Kilmington to meet with the leadership team; this was done firstly on Zoom and then in person during

March. Darrell was invited to preach at the church on the 18th April. We held two services and this enabled many within the congregation to attend, as well as 'live streaming' the morning service. After prayer and receiving feedback from the church members, youth and congregation it was decided that we would invite Darrell to 'preach with a view' at the church on 9th May and that a special church meeting would take place on Sunday 16th May to decide whether we as a church wanted to call Darrell to become our new Pastor. Over the weekend of the 8th - 9th May members and congregation had the opportunity to meet with Darrell on the Saturday, and a number took this up within group discussion sessions. On the Sunday Darrell preached in the morning and then this was followed by a question-and-answer session. Darrell was accompanied by his wife Lucy and Jed and Juliana, two of their children.

The following week on Sunday 16th May a Special Church Meeting was held when, following discussion, a private ballot was held and it confirmed that it was the church's will to invite Darrell to become the next minister at Brixham Baptist Church. This was relayed to Darrell and he graciously accepted our invitation.

During the summer conversations took place and it was clear that Darrell and Lucy wished to purchase their own house; this delayed their move until very late in August. Darrell formally became our pastor on 8th September 2021 and we held his induction on Saturday 25th September.

We give God the glory for bringing both Pastor and Church together.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The church provides, and provided in 2021, a variety of activities available to its membership and to the community at large in order to achieve its stated principal objective – as set out above. The aim throughout is to show, through word and deed, the love of Jesus Christ to the community in which the church is set and to the wider world beyond, and to bring people into closer relationship with Him as living Lord. These activities were severely curtailed during the year because of the on-going restrictions caused by the Covid 19 pandemic.

WORSHIP

Central to this work is the provision of regular public services of Christian worship. These services continued throughout 2021 with a morning service at 10.30. A restricted range of children's and young people's programmes operated, starting in June with Sunday afternoons, not at the same time as the morning service. It returned to its morning slot in September 2021. Members of the church were encouraged to exercise gifts of preaching, speaking, teaching and leading worship within the services. In 2021 we continued to have different people leading worship and a growing team of musicians. Darrell has led our worship and has used themes within his preaching, which has blessed the congregation. He has also encouraged different members of the church to take part with reading and sharing our prayers. He has introduced an opportunity to celebrate birthdays and other special family occasions and to share how God has blessed us.

During the restrictions around worship the church had to explore other ways of enabling the congregation to engage in worship. This has continued with all our

services being live streamed and we are pleased with the way we are able to engage with those of our fellowship who are unable to be present in church, but are very much part of our church.

Prayer meetings continued on Wednesday evenings on Zoom and those held before the Sunday morning service recommenced at the end of May

The church aims to be a welcoming community where those attending can feel confident that they are valued.

YOUTH, CHILDREN'S and FAMILIES WORK 2021

Throughout the year we had contact with around 100 families every week through our children's, families and youth work. Our aim this year continued to be to share and show the love of Jesus and to enhance children's and young people's quality of life through providing a range of weekly activities that support and engage the local community. Our Children's and Families Worker together with a team of 20 committed volunteers, carried out this work with good support from the wider church community.

There have been many highlights this year for which we praise God. We see it as important to reach and connect with our community for the benefit of families in Brixham. We have built a very strong reputation in the community for creating a loving, safe, educational environment with a real sense of belonging. We hosted the following weekly activities, which we built back up slowly and strategically following the pandemic.

Our Children's and Families Worker continued to be on the Governing Board for Brixham Church of England Primary School. She also continued in her role as Chair of Young Brixham Partnership, which is comprised of representatives working with young people and families in the community.

Alpha

Following an effective Parent Discipleship Group, several parents and young adults attended our Alpha Course in the Autumn Term 2021. This was very successful and ignited many conversations. Some of the attendees are now making the next steps towards baptism and our Children's and Families Worker will be running Baptism Classes with them.

Kids Matter

Our Children's and Families Worker met with families, including disadvantaged families, from the community offering a listening ear and support. In 2019, she completed a training course in Plymouth and became a facilitator for 'Kids Matter'. This is a well-established, evidence-based parenting programme aimed at disadvantaged families in the local community. We ran two programmes in 2021, both were fully booked, and all participants completed the six weeks. More information about Kids Matter can be found on their website <https://www.kidsmatter.org.uk>.

Ignite

Around 10-15 young people attended Ignite Discipleship Group, our weekly Bible Study for Young People. They shared a meal together, cooked by members of our church, and explored God's word through an interactive Bible Study. The young people continued their prayer journals. We looked at two main topics at the young people's request. These were 'Modern Technology and its Effects' and 'Forgiveness'.

Girls Brigade

The Girls Brigade continued to meet on Thursday evenings and were pleased to begin meeting back at Church. We are grateful to the dedicated team of officers and helpers who run the Girls Brigade on behalf the Church. Darrell took on the role of Chaplain and our Children's and Families. Worker ran one of the groups. Girls Brigade remains well attended and a fruitful part of our Children's Work.

Carer and Toddlers

We ran a Carer and Toddler Group on a Friday Morning at The Church. This provided a good opportunity to connect with families in our community, inviting them along to church.

eXcite

We have a very successful Children's and Families provision called eXcite that meets in the Hall on Sunday Mornings. The families have breakfast together followed by sessions and then gather in church at the end for a time of sharing and worship together. This ministry is connecting very effectively with our wider community and making church accessible and relevant for children and families. We are particularly reaching many disadvantaged families on a Sunday Morning. It was great to get this started back up again following the pandemic.

In November 2021, our Children's Worker went on maternity leave in the weeks leading up to the birth of her second daughter who arrived at the end of November. She put plans in place for the team to oversee some of the work whilst she was on maternity leave.

We praise God for the many opportunities He has given us to bless the families in our community.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

The work of our café "The Front Room" was halted by Covid in March 2020. It was staffed by a team of 15 volunteers. Most of these are connected with the church, but one or two come from other churches. The Front Room is open to all, fulfilling the aim of the church to be engaged with its community. It offers a place for people to sit and chat whilst providing hot and cold drinks and a limited food menu. It can be very busy at times and has become a regular meeting place for individuals and groups in the town. This has been a loss to many people and we were pleased to see the Front Room reopen in September 2021 on five days each week.

The Lounge Christian Bookshop remained closed to the public during 2021. During this time we were not getting a regular delivery of stock from Choice Words. However, we were still able to supply some Bible reading notes, Christian books, music CD's and cards directly to customers who contacted us for resources - either by post or direct delivery. Our book and resource customer numbers, were very much lower as a result of closing the Bookshop due to the covid pandemic.

The church continues to provide pastoral support to those in need who come to the church or with whom we have contact. Our new Pastor has made a great start in visiting many of the church and has started with those who are not able to attend church. During the year we were still restricted in many of the activities that the church would normally have, however we started to look at what was possible, as well as what was right to stop.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Church membership increased during the year as we welcomed 7 new members in to the fellowship, but with the death of one member and the transfer and resignation of 5 members, at the end of the year church membership stood at 66. *The fellowship, which includes those who are not church members but who attend church regularly on Sundays, our numbers were around 95 up from last year.*

We have been able to grow our contact with people of all ages during the year with online resources such as Facebook and YouTube. Communion services have recommenced in person at the church.

The church measures its performance not simply in terms of numbers, including financial numbers, but also through the assessment of its success, or otherwise, in less tangible areas such as encouragement, discipleship and fellowship.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The church continued to raise the funds it needed to carry on its activities from within its own membership and congregation, together with the net income received from the flats property and from the hiring out of the church hall and The Front Room.

The church expressed its part in the life of the wider Church through grants made to organisations, societies, and individuals, working nationally or internationally with Christian objectives compatible with the church's own objectives.

The church is heavily dependent on its fellowship working as volunteers in all aspects of the church's activities, most of which ran without significant impact on the church's expenditure, but nonetheless contributed considerably to the achievement of the church's objectives.

The financial results for the year, together with a summary of the accounting policies adopted are set out in the accompanying financial statements.

The trustees are satisfied that they have sufficient reserves at the balance sheet date, together with the ongoing income anticipated, to enable the church to function effectively in the coming year.

The trustees have made an assessment of the major risks facing the church, and are satisfied that there are policies in place to minimise these risks.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

Charity law requires the trustees (the church leadership) to prepare financial statements that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity at the end of the financial year. In doing so the trustees are required to:

1. Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
2. Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
3. State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
4. Prepare the financial statements on the ongoing concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The leadership are responsible as managing trustees for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with charity law. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the church and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention of fraud and other irregularities.

SIGNATURE AND DECLARATION

I declare, in my capacity of charity trustee, that the trustees have approved the report on pages 2 to 9 and the accounts on pages 10 to 12 and have authorised me to sign on their behalf.

Signed:

Chris Forster (trustee)

07/09/2022

Brixham Baptist Church

Charity No 1175103

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st December 2021

	2021			2020		TOTAL
	Unrestricted	Restricted	TOTAL	Unrestricted	Restricted	
Income from:						
<i>Donations and legacies</i>						
Donations	877	0	877	4596	0	4596
Offerings gift aided	4853	0	4853	2492	0	2492
Offerings non gift aid	0	0	0	7862	0	7862
Standing orders	34393	0	34393	30565	0	30565
Gifts	495	0	495	600	0	600
Gift Aid	14494	0	14494	0	0	0
BMS	0	487	487	625	0	625
Home Mission	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	150	0	150
Build fund	0	61896	61896	1079	0	1079
<i>Charitable activities</i>				0		
Front Room	2946	0	2946	2605	0	2605
Youth events	10	0	10	1976	0	1976
Bookshop	63	0	63	119	0	119
Coffee mornings	0	0	0	232	0	232
Flowers	0	0	0	105	0	105
<i>Investments</i>				0		
Interest	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rent	34784	0	34784	19933	0	19933
	92915	62383	155298	72939	0	72939
Expenditure on:						
<i>Charitable activities</i>						
Front Room	921	0	921	320	0	320
Staff costs	28442	0	28442	21045	0	21045
Travel & other expenses	2668	0	2668	0	0	0
Youth worker expenses	1144	0	1144	1838	0	1838
Visiting ministry	510	0	510	870	0	870
<i>Church</i>						
Insurance	4671	0	4671	4557	0	4557
Light, heat & water	4729	0	4729	5592	0	5592
Repairs & maintenance	3641	3418	7059	4030	0	4030
Professional survey	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cleaning expenses	2775	0	2775	2783	0	2783
Equipment	2529	0	2529	925	0	925

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	<i>Unrestricted</i>	<i>Restricted</i>		<i>Unrestricted</i>	<i>Restricted</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>
<i>Manse</i>						
Council tax & water rates	567	0	567	361	0	361
Insurance	270	0	270	244	0	244
Service charge	161	0	161	131	0	131
Repairs & maintenance	435	0	435	480	0	480
Other	0	0	0	135	0	135
Housing	2800	0	2800	0	0	0
<i>Other</i>						
Worship & outreach	5805	0	5805	2280	0	2280
Events	311	0	311	0	0	0
Intentional health	175	0	175	185	0	185
Training	335	0	335	0	0	0
Professional costs	779	0	309	1356	0	0
BMS	1513	487	2000	1500	0	1500
Home Mission	2000	0	2000	1500	0	1500
Donations	816	0	816	1150	0	1150
Telephone & web hosting	410	0	410	707	0	707
Copyright & TV Licence	303	0	303	406	0	406
Stationery & photocopier	1377	0	1377	1899	0	1899
Church refreshments	0	0	0	0	0	0
Flowers	0	0	0	135	0	135
Other	129	0	129	569	0	569
<i>Flats expenditure</i>						
Repairs & maintenance	1107	0	1107	1252	0	1252
Other	9605	0	9605	69	0	69
	80928	3905	84833	56319	0	56319
Net Receipts/payments	11987	58478	70465	16620	0	16620
Bank & Cash Balances						
<i>At beginning of year</i>	72184	0	72184	55564	0	55564
<i>At end of year</i>	84171	58478	142649	72184	0	72184

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31st December 2021

	2021			2020		
	<i>Unrestricted</i>	<i>Restricted</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>Unrestricted</i>	<i>Restricted</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>
Cash Funds						
Barclays Current account	11962	0	11962	13508	0	13508
Lloyds Current account	68591	0	68591	58676	0	58676
Lloyds Deposit account	3618	58478	62096	0	0	0
	84171	58478	142649	72184	0	72184

Note

The trustees confirm, in accordance with the Charitable Incorporated Organisations (General) Regulations 2012, that at the year end the CIO did not have any outstanding guarantees to third parties nor any debts secured on the assets of the CIO.

Approved by the Trustees on2022

and signed on their behalf by

Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Brixham Baptist Church CIO
Charity no. 1175103

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Brixham Baptist Church (the Church) for the year ended 31st December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of the report

As the charity trustees of the church 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 church'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 church 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.

Ian Barrett FCA FCIE
Barretts
22 Union Street
Newton Abbot TQ12 2JS

12th September 2022

BRIXHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1175103

Accounts

BRIXHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Registered Charity Number: 1175103

ANNUAL REPORT

AND

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 DECEMBER 2020

STATUTORY INFORMATION

Name of the Charity: BRIXHAM BAPTIST CHURCH Registered Address: Market St
Brixham Devon TQ5 8EU

Charity Registration Number: 1175103

Date of Registration: 11 October 2017

Trustees as at 1st January 2020

Martine Brumwell
Barrie Chivers
Jim Collins
Chris Forster
Steve Hurley

Martine Brumwell and Steve Hurley stood down in January 2020

Trustees appointed at Annual Meeting on 14th December 2020

Geoff Andrews (resigned 31/08/2021)
Jonathan Cox
Bernard Lewis
Joy May
Edwin Pocock

Minister: Pastoral Vacancy

During this year we have been in a period of Pastoral Vacancy. We have engaged with the South West Baptist Association with a view to filling this vacancy. Restrictions imposed in March 2020 because of the Covid 19 pandemic have hindered the process.

Property Trustees: The Baptist Union Corporation,
(Baptist House, PO Box 44, 129 Broadway, Didcot, Oxon, OX11 8RT).

Bankers: Barclays Bank.
Lloyds TSB.

Independent Examiner: Ian Barrett FCA FCIE
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CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS AND CHARTERED TAX ADVISERS
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WORSHIP

Central to this work is the provision of regular public services of Christian worship. These services continued at the beginning of 2020 with a morning service at 10.30 a.m. and evening service generally at 6.30 p.m. These had to stop in March 2020 when worship services were either stopped or restricted because of the Covid 19 pandemic. A full range of children's and young people's programmes operated during the morning services. Members of the church were encouraged to exercise gifts of preaching, speaking, teaching and leading worship within the services. In 2020 we had four people leading worship and a growing team of musicians before the pandemic. Government restrictions limited the amount of music in churches during the year and congregations were not permitted to sing.

Responding to restrictions around worship meant the church had to explore other ways of enabling the congregation to engage in worship. This was done initially through recorded services presented on YouTube and, when restrictions eased slightly, live streamed services from the church. At times we were able to have a restricted number in the congregation. These have been well received and have enabled the church to engage with people in ways that were not possible before.

We have a very successful Children's and Families provision called eXcite that meets in the Hall on Sunday Mornings. The families have breakfast together followed by sessions and then gather in church at the end for a time of sharing and worship together. This ministry is connecting very effectively with our wider community and making church accessible and relevant for children and families. We are particularly reaching many disadvantaged families on a Sunday Morning. In March 2020, when the pandemic began, our Youth, Children's and Families Worker provided daily online videos for these children and families which included a Bible Story, activities and challenges for the children to do. The children and families engaged and responded well to this; they sent their work in and it was shown and celebrated via our online services. This was one way in which we ensured that we maintained contact with and provision for our families.

Regular weekly prayer meetings were held at the beginning of the year on Thursday mornings and before the Sunday morning service but these had to stop because of pandemic restrictions. However, prayer meetings have been held via the Zoom Conferencing Software and this has enabled a number of people to engage with them.

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YOUTH, CHILDREN'S and FAMILIES WORK

Throughout the year we had contact with around 150 young people every week through our children's, families and youth work. Our aim this year continued to be to share and show the love of Jesus and to enhance children's and young people's quality of life through providing a range of weekly activities that support and engage the local community. Our Children's and Families Worker together with a team of 20 committed volunteers, carried out this work with good support from the wider church community. However, in March 2020 we had to provide new strategies to support our families through the pandemic.

There have been many highlights this year for which we praise God. We see it as important to reach and connect with our community for the benefit of Families in Brixham. We have built a very strong reputation in the community for creating a loving, safe, educational environment with a real sense of belonging.

Weekly Activities

Our Children's and Families Worker met with families, including disadvantaged families, from the community offering a listening ear and support. In 2019, she completed a training course in Plymouth and became a facilitator for 'Kids Matter'. 'Kids Matter' is a well-established, evidence-based parenting programme aimed at disadvantaged families in the local community. We ran three programmes in 2020, one at The Front Room in person and two via zoom. More information about Kids Matter can be found on their website <https://www.kidsmatter.org.uk/>

Every Monday, around 10-15 young people attend Ignite discipleship group, our weekly bible study for young people. They enjoy exploring God's word and having the opportunity to grow in their understanding of faith. In March 2020, we began delivering session online. We explored two main topics, 'Prayer' and 'Studying God's word'. We unpacked how both are essential to our daily walk with God. The young people began writing prayer journals and this helped them to connect with God.

On Thursdays, our Children's and Families worker ran three parent discipleship groups, 10 parents in each. These began running via zoom during the pandemic. They took an Alpha style approach, exploring topics such as 'Who is Jesus'. 'How can I have faith' and 'Why evil and suffering?'. As a response, many of these parents signed up to an Alpha Course to take place in 2021. Some of our parents gave their lives to the Lord through these groups, for which we praise God.

The Girls' Brigade continue to meet on Thursday evenings. They continued to deliver sessions on zoom and these were well attended. Our previous Minister, Geoff, has agreed to remain Chaplain of the Girls Brigade for the foreseeable future and our Children's and Families Worker continues to work with the Girls' Brigade through the year and is running the Senior Section at present. We are grateful to the dedicated team of officers and helpers who run the Girls' Brigade on behalf of the church. Several of the girls also attend church on a Sunday.

Supporting our Community through the Pandemic

We are thankful to Brixham Youth Enquiry Service (The Edge) and to Transforming Plymouth Together for assisting us in providing food parcels to the disadvantaged families with whom we are in contact. This was an effective way of practically showing the love of Jesus.

As a Church, we worked together to provide over 1000 packs to teachers and staff in local Primary Schools and to many other community groups and organisations in the town. The purpose of the packs was to bless the community and to show our appreciation for them. Our Children and Families Worker began putting together a prayer document including prayer requests/updates from community groups and organisations. This is ongoing and helps to keep the church informed in what is going on in the community and, specifically, how they can pray for them or actively support them.

Our Children's and Families Worker continued to be on the Governing Board for Brixham Church of England Primary School. She also continued in her role as Chair of Young Brixham Partnership, which is comprised of representatives working with young people and families in the community.

On Wednesdays our Children and Families Worker delivered 'Sing and Sign', a national programme aimed at developing children's speech and communication. This continued via Zoom from March and has been another effective way of building relationships with our community.

Even through a pandemic, we were still able to help families to grow in their faith and sense of belonging and for this we praise and glorify God.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

The work of our café "The Front Room" continued four days a week at the beginning of the year and had to close in March 2020. It is staffed by a team of 15 volunteers. Most of these are connected with the church, but one or two come from other churches. The Front Room also gives opportunity to volunteers who, for one reason or another, are on a journey back into full time work. The Front Room is open to the community fulfilling the aim of the church to be engaged with its community. It offers a place for people to come and sit and chat as well as drink coffee and choose food from a limited menu. It can be very busy at times and has become a regular meeting place for a number of groups within the town. This has been a loss to many people and will be reopened when restrictions are eased.

Our Christian bookshop continued to operate on three days a week during 2020. It continues to supply our local churches and wider community with Christian books, bibles, cards, music and gifts. We have been consistent in our opening days and, in addition to offering quality Christian resources, the bookshop helps achieve the wider mission of the Church to be open and accessible. This, too, had to close in March 2020 and remained closed for the rest of the year.

Our coffee morning continued to run every Thursday up until March 2020 and was closed in line with government guidelines because of the Covid pandemic. The coffee morning provided a place for the community to meet and had a steady stream of visitors until it was closed. The aim will be to reopen when the situation allows.

The church continues to provide pastoral support to those in need who come to the church or with whom we have contact. However, the pandemic has meant that we have had to rethink how this contact is maintained. Leaders of the church shared lists of names of those with whom the church was in contact and sought to telephone these and make sure they were o.k. and respond to any particular needs that arose. A weekly newsheet was compiled and emailed or mailed to each of these people. Our normal small group meetings, a focus of much of our pastoral care, had to stop in March 2020 but contact was maintained in other ways.

Many other activities which the church would normally run have had to be paused. These include an "Intentional Health' course and our engagement with other churches in the town through Christians Together in Brixham.

The Charity Commission guidelines on public benefit have been perused, and the trustees consider that the activities indicated above clearly demonstrate that the charity is providing a benefit to the public. Things that would normally be provided for public benefit have been severely restricted during 2020 it is hoped that these will recover in the latter part of 2021.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Church membership reduced during the year through the death of one member and the transfer of membership of two church members to another Baptist church due to their move away from Brixham. At the end of the year church membership stood at 65 The fellowship, which includes those who are not church members but who attend church regularly on Sundays, numbered around 80 up to the start of the pandemic. Despite this we have been able to engage through other means with these people online.

We have been able to maintain contact with people of all ages during the year with online resources like Facebook and YouTube. Communion services have been held online on a few occasions.

The church measures its performance not simply in terms of numbers, including financial numbers, but also through the assessment of its success, or otherwise, in less tangible areas such as encouragement, discipleship and fellowship.

The church had regular contact with over 150 children and young people and their families and this has significantly enhanced the quality of life and sense of belonging for disadvantaged families.

Up until the start of the pandemic the Front Room coffee shop continued to attract people who would not otherwise have contact with the church. Volunteers welcomed locals and visitors to the Front Room and it was clear that the listening ear and social interaction offered was important to individuals who were lonely or socially

marginalized. Some Front Room 'regulars' were welcomed along to Sunday services.

It is part of the church's core vision to be engaged with the community and it is our intention that these links will grow when Covid restrictions are lifted in the future.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The church continued to raise the funds it needed to carry on its activities from within its own membership and congregation, together with the net income received from the flats property and from the hiring out of the church hall and The Front Room.

The church expressed its part in the life of the wider Church through grants made to organisations, societies, and individuals, working nationally or internationally with Christian objectives compatible with the church's own objectives.

The church is heavily dependent on its fellowship working as volunteers in all aspects of the church's activities, most of which ran without significant impact on the church's expenditure, but nonetheless contributed considerably to the achievement of the church's objectives.

The financial results for the year, together with a summary of the accounting policies adopted are set out in the accompanying financial statements.

The trustees are satisfied that they have sufficient reserves at the balance sheet date, together with the ongoing income anticipated, to enable the church to function effectively in the coming year.

The trustees have made an assessment of the major risks facing the church, and are satisfied that there are policies in place to minimise these risks.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

Charity law requires the trustees (the church leadership) to prepare financial statements that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity at the end of the financial year. In doing so the trustees are required to:

1. Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
2. Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
3. State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
4. Prepare the financial statements on the ongoing concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The leadership are responsible as managing trustees for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with charity law. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the church and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention of fraud and other irregularities.

SIGNATURE AND DECLARATION

I declare, in my capacity of charity trustee, that the trustees have approved the report on pages 2 to 9 and the accounts on pages 10 to 12 and have authorised me to sign on their behalf.

Signed:

Chris Forster (trustee)

Date: 21st September 2021

Brixham Baptist Church

Charity No 1175103

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st December 2020

	2020					2019
	Unrestricted	Restricted	TOTAL	Unrestricted	Restricted	TOTAL
Income from:						
<i>Donations and legacies</i>						
Donations	4596	0	4596	1989	0	1989
Offerings gift aided	2492	0	2492	6139	0	6139
Offerings non gift aid	7862	0	7862	12428	0	12428
Standing orders	30565	0	30565	22676	0	22676
Gifts	600	0	600	1140	0	1140
Gift Aid	0	0	0	0	0	0
BMS	625	0	625	0	1037	1037
Home Mission	0	0	0	0	53	53
Other	150	0	150	0	0	0
Build fund	1079	0	1079	0	0	0
<i>Charitable activities</i>						
Front Room	2605	0	2605	11388	0	11388
Youth events	1976	0	1976	907	0	907
Bookshop	119	0	119	279	0	279
Coffee mornings	232	0	232	1554	0	1554
Flowers	105	0	105	415	0	415
<i>Investments</i>						
Interest	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rent	19933	0	19933	21826	0	21826
	72939	0	72939	80741	1090	81831
Expenditure on:						
<i>Charitable activities</i>						
Front Room	320	0	320	641	0	641
Staff costs	21045	0	21045	30382	0	30382
Travel & other expenses	0	0	0	1435	0	1435
Youth worker expenses	1838	0	1838	3334	0	3334
Visiting ministry	870	0	870	2363	0	2363
<i>Church</i>						
Insurance	4557	0	4557	4419	0	4419
Light, heat & water	5592	0	5592	5294	0	5294
Repairs & maintenance	4030	0	4030	20203	0	20203
Professional survey	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cleaning expenses	2783	0	2783	2673	0	2673
Equipment	925	0	925	3714	0	3714

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Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st December 2020 (cont'd)

	<i>Unrestricted</i>	<i>Restricted</i>		<i>Unrestricted</i>	<i>Restricted</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>
<i>Manse</i>						
Council tax & water rates	361	0	361	2138	0	2138
Insurance	244	0	244	237	0	237
Service charge	131	0	131	131	0	131
Repairs & maintenance	480	0	480	180	0	180
Other	135	0	135	87	0	87
<i>Other</i>	0					
Worship & outreach	2280	0	2280	1051	0	1051
Events	0	0	0	862	0	862
Intentional health	185	0	185	745	0	745
Training	0	0	0	248	0	248
Professional costs	1356	0	0	0	0	0
BMS	1500	0	1500	452	2048	2500
Home Mission	1500	0	1500	947	53	1000
Donations	1150	0	1150	297	0	297
Telephone & web hosting	707	0	707	767	0	767
Copyright & TV Licence	406	0	406	729	0	729
Stationery & photocopier	1899	0	1899	1187	0	1187
Church refreshments	0	0	0	433	0	433
Flowers	135	0	135	797	0	797
Other	569	0	569	1285	0	1285
<i>Flats expenditure</i>	0					
Repairs & maintenance	1252	0	1252	0	0	0
Other	69	0	69	607	0	607
Subscriptions	0	0	0	0	0	0
B/fwd balances written off	0		0	-307		-307
	56319	0	56319	87331	2101	89432
Net Receipts/payments	16620	0	16620	-6590	-1011	-7601
Bank & Cash Balances						
<i>At beginning of year</i>	55564	0	55564	62154	1011	63165
<i>At end of year</i>	72184	0	72184	55564	0	55564

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31st December 2020

	2020			2019		
	<i>Unrestricted</i>	<i>Restricted</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>Unrestricted</i>	<i>Restricted</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>
Cash Funds						
Barclays Current Account	13508	0	13508	15994	0	15994
Barclays Business Saver Account	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lloyds Current account	58676	0	58676	39570	0	39570
Cash	0	0	0	0	0	0
	72184	0	72184	55564	0	55564

Note

The trustees confirm, in accordance with the Charitable Incorporated Organisations (General) Regulations 2012, that at the year end the CIO did not have any outstanding guarantees to third parties nor any debts secured on the assets of the CIO.

Approved by the Trustees on 21st September 2021

and signed in their behalf by Chris Forster

Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Brixham Baptist Church CIO
Charity no. 1175103**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Brixham Baptist Church (the Church) for the year ended 31st December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of the report

As the charity trustees of the church 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 church'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 church 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.

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22nd September 2021