

BRIXHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Registered Charity Number: 1175103

ANNUAL REPORT

AND

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
BARRETT'S
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS AND CHARTERED TAX ADVISERS
22 Union Street, Newton Abbot, Devon, TQ12 2JS

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.

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 2022

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 together with income from hiring out 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. The Baptist Union Ukraine appeal was well supported.

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 roof to be replaced.

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 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)

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

| | 2022 | | | 2021 | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| | <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 | 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

| | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| At beginning of year | 84171 | 58478 | 142649 | 72184 | 0 | 72184 |
| At end of year | 100072 | 2635 | 102707 | 84171 | 58478 | 142649 |

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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

