

SKELMERSDALE BAPTIST CHURCH

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL

STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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Skelmersdale Baptist Church.

Year ended 31st March 2023

Reference and administrative details -

Trustees	S Grace J Woulfe D Woulfe S Elliott
Principal address	43 Flimby Skelmersdale WN8 6PD
Bankers	Barclays Bank plc
Registered Charity Number	1175628
Independent Examiner	Rev'd. A. A. Clements MA. ACIB, FCIE. 15 Carleton Road, Great Knowley, Chorley PR6 8TQ.

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

The Trustees present their report for the year ended 31st March 2023.

OBJECTS OF THE CHARITY

The Objects of the charity as stated in its constitution are:

To advance the Christian faith by teaching, preaching and propagating the doctrines, principal beliefs and teaching of God and our Lord Jesus Christ in accordance with the Bible, which is the Word of God.

These objects are fulfilled by:

The objects stated are fulfilled by providing public meetings open to all in the community, so they may hear the Word of God and grow in knowledge and understanding of God. SBC offers opportunities throughout the year to not only join in the weekly services on Sunday and Wednesday, but also meetings that include community activities, support, counselling, care, youth activities, and family events.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

We have been privileged to support ministries that taught and preached the Word of God across the world, able to support a number of families with food deliveries as result of hardship and we have established a winter fuel support programme through donate fire wood. A Sunday School programme and monthly teen meetings were offered teaching the Bible to children and families in a safe, fun environment. Weekly services were held in person live streamed to reach more people online, for which God brought an increase in attendees and members. Children and adults alike learned many truths from the Bible in a safe and welcoming environment. Christmas hampers were given to struggling families in addition to benevolent gifts to others. We are planning to help the area in providing a warm space this coming winter.

TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The Charities Act 2011 requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the trust for that period. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to –

- a, select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- b, make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- c, prepared financial statements on the 'on going' concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the trust will continue in existence

They are also required to keep proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the trust. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the trust and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

It is considered that the trustees and any others who could be understood to be 'managers' in the activities and affairs of Skelmersdale Baptist Church - as defined in Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2020 – have completed declarations confirming that they are 'fit and proper' person under the terms of the Finance Act.

Where a trustee is appointed for the first time or re-appointed after a period of absence they are invited to meet with the current trustees in order that they may be thoroughly briefed as to the current situation of the trust. Trustee training is available as required.

The Trustees are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in their publication 'The Advancement of Religion for Public Benefit' and give due regard to it in their administration of the affairs of the Trust.

With regard to 'Risk Assessment' the Trustees recognise that 'risk' is defined as 'the threat of any action or effect which will adversely affect an organisation's ability to achieve its objectives and execute its strategies'. It also accepts that the term 'risk' can include any circumstances that may, or does, have an adverse effect, and is wider than financial matters. 'Risks' not only relate to the negative consequences of threat, but also to the impact of not taking advantages of opportunities.

The Trustees recognise it requires a practical Health and Safety policy covering activities for both the Church, its surrounding grounds and any other buildings associated with the Trust that are owned by the Trust. This is reviewed on a regular basis. An Accident Book is maintained.

The contents and obligation of the Equality Act 2022 and the General Protection Regulation 2018 are known to the Trustees and complied with to the best of the Trustee's ability.

The Trustees are aware of their responsibilities in respect of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) order 2005 in its requirement to carry out a fire assessment to identify and possible dangers or risks, to take action to minimise such risks and to create a plan to deal with any emergencies , and also to write up and keep a record of its findings and to review the assessment annually. The Trustees have appointed John Woulfe to be the responsible person to put these things into action. There is a Protection Policy in place in respect of children and vulnerable adults. Checks are made with the Disclosure and Barring Service in respect of persons dealing regularly with young people and vulnerable adults. The Trust's appointed office for this is Neil Higham. Whilst it is impossible to eliminate all risks and their consequences, efforts are constantly made to minimis such occurrences.

Approved by the Trustees at their meeting on 6 October 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

David Woulfe

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Woulfe', written in a cursive style.

Skelmersdale Baptist Church.
Financial Statements for the year ended 31st. March 2023.

General Fund (Unrestricted).	2023	2023	2022	2022
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Offerings	28131		33651	
Other income	5419		5006	
Interest	44		1	
Rent	150		175	
Total Receipts		33744		38833
Payments				
Administration	0		2250	
Children's Ministry/Youth Programmes	365		272	
Facilities costs	9517		10076	
Missions	9867		8375	
Outreach	4869		1954	
Office	3353		2707	
Total Payments		27972		25634
Excess Receipts over Payments		5772		13199
Bank balance as at 1st. April 2022		29644		16444
Bank balance as at 31st. March 2023		35416		29644

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st. March 2022

Monetary Assets	General Account	Total	Total
	£	2023	2022
	£	£	£
Barclays Bus 9248	21501	21501	16087
Barclays Com 1848	13867	13867	13509
Total	35368	35368	29596
Cash	48	48	48
Credit Card Balance	0	0	0
Total Monetary Assets	35416	35416	29644
Other Assets			
Equipment		6921	7690
Liabilities			
Fee Independent Examiner		50	50

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Independent Examiner's Report.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Skelmersdale Baptist Church.

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st. March 2023 which is set out on page 5 of this Report.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner.

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to :

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commissioner under section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met, or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Alan A. Clements

Date 30th. October 2023.

Fellow of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners.

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