

Great Missenden Baptist Church

For Period Ended 31st December 2023

Prepared by



Independent Examiner's Report

To: The Deacon's and Members of Great Missenden Baptist Church

I report on the accounting records for the year ended 31st December 2023.

I have examined the records as instructed and my examination included a review of the receipts and payments information and assets and liabilities arising thereon as presented with those records.

It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures and the necessity of seeking explanations concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with reasonable diligence.
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records

I have completed my examination, without conducting a full audit, and have no concerns in respect of the matters listed above and I have found no matters that require further attention.



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Financial Statements for year ended 31st December 2023

Receipts and Payments Account

							Previous years		
Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Difference	Cash in hand	Total 2023	Total 2022	Total 2021	Total 2020	
RECEIPTS									
Offerings & donations		9910.87			9910.87	9276.58	12831.34	11458	
Investement interest & dividen		5127.72			5127.72	2491.53	714.62	950	
Property income		38875			38875	39275	34402.6	30420	
Contributions for use of premis		7616.2			7616.2	5602.53	3979.08	2855	
Miscellaneous receipts		0			0	0	3813.36	500	
Funds raised /c 1	1	1135.97			1135.97	1344.98	1232.06	310	
Capital receipts		0			0	0	82759	0	
Transfer from BU deposit TG04		0			0	0	408.35	35	
Stipend and pension		0			0	0	0	0	
Other income 2	2	1665.11			1665.11	1628.2	0	0	
total receipts		64330.87			64330.87	59618.82	140140.41	46528	
PAYMENTS									
Stipend and pension		31249.92			31249.92	17187.51	14708.34	2724	
Ministerial expenses		0			0	0	2576.6	549	
Charitable giving		3465			3465	4683.55	4031.06	1850	
Administration costs		8772.22			8772.22	7631.69	2363.54	3061	
Church property running costs		21193.85			21193.85	25921.98	19903.55	9324	
Insurance		2904.6			2904.6	4053.22	3574.22	3470	
Other property upkeep		7915.8			7915.8	2633.29	846.22	2218	
PW manse costs		0			0	0	0	824	
Capital expenditure						494.98	2384.4	1250	
Payments outstanding earlier y		0			0	0	5117.49	318	
Transfer from TSB17545168							767.3	35	
Miscellaneous		1491.81			1491.81	2649.13	0	0	
College fees		12452.18			12452.18				
Events cost		1458.63			1458.63				
total payments		90904.01			90904.01	65255.35	56272.72	25623	
NET RECEIPTS / (PAYMENTS)		-26573.14			-26573.14	-5636.53	83867.69	20905	
Cash accounts as at start of year:									
TSB current a/c		119321.64			119321.64	126960.69	43435.92	22720	
TSB expenses a/c		600			600	248.5	111	271	
TSB old current a/c		0			0	0	0	0	
COIF deposit a/c		29407			29407	29122.73	29119	29042	
BU deposit a/c		15385			15385	15294	15291	15276	
BU trust a/c		97866			97866	96374	96174	95857	
Opening balance b/fwd 1st Jan		262579.64			262579.64	267999.92	184130.92	163166	
		0			0	217.09			
add net receipts / (payments) a		-26573.14			-26573.14	-5636.64	83867.69	20905	
Closing balance c/fwd 31 Dec		236006.5			236006.5	262580.37	267998.61	184071	

Notes:

1 Gift Aid

2 Other Income from: cemetery donations, funerals, special donations etc.

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
Monetary Assests				
TSB current account	1	89,083	0	89082.7
TSB expenses account	1	80	0	80
CCLA/COIF deposit account	1	30,696	0	30695.61
BU deposit account TG045	1	15,373	0	15372.98
BU trust account TG041	1	100,775	0	100775.22
		<u>236,007</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>236006.51</u>
Investments				
Black Rock Charinco Fund	2	67656	0	67656
Property :44 High Street,Gt M.	3a	456000	0	456000
		<u>523656</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>523656</u>
Debtors/stock				
Late receipts		0	0	0
HMRC Charities claim		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Assets for Church purposes				
Church and hall :42 High Street ,Gt M.	3b	1,050,000	0	1,050,000
Manse:91a High Street ,Prestwood	3c	590000	0	590,000
Cemetery:Trafford Road,Gt M.		10000	0	10,000
Furnishings & fittings		7572	0	7,572
Audio visual equipment		<u>1602</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,602</u>
		<u>1,659,174</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,659,174</u>
Liabilities				
Late invoices & re-imbursements		0	0	0
Sundry bills still expected	4	<u>360</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>360</u>
		<u>360</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>360</u>
Contingent Liability				
BU Pension fund deficit				<u>0</u>
Capital and Reserves				
Current Year Earnings		-26573.14		-5636.53
Retained Earnings		<u>2,445,770.10</u>		<u>2,451,406.00</u>
Total Capital and Reserves		<u>2,419,197.00</u>		<u>2,445,770.00</u>

Notes:

- 1 Balances as at 31 December 2023, reconciled to Cash Books(TSB) and statements(others)
- 2 Valuation as at c.o.b. 31 December 2023, provided by Black Rock Investment Managers
- 3 Estimated market values; 2019 insured values: 3a £525,000; 3b £2,280,760; 3c £662,034
- 4 Examination of 2023 accounts

Great Missenden Baptist Church:

Annual Report 2023

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and financial statements for the year ending 31st December 2023. The trustees believe that the financial statements comply with current statutory requirements and the Charity's governing documents.

Charity Objectives

- (1) The advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Baptist Union of Great Britain, primarily, but not exclusively, within Great Missenden and the surrounding neighbourhood; and
- (2) Such other charitable purposes, as decided in the Church meeting, to further the work of the Church.

It does this for the public benefit by means of its main activities, open to all, which are as follows:

- ☐ Regular Sunday morning public services of worship
- ☐ Mid-week Bible Studies
- ☐ Public prayer meetings
- ☐ Afternoon Tea and Games on first and third Friday of month
- ☐ Table Tennis on Friday afternoons
- ☐ Support (financially, practically and in prayer) of other Christian workers/organizations in the UK and overseas
- ☐ Toddler Group on Monday mornings
- ☐ Monday Meal, late afternoon every week
- ☐ Providing facilities for other charities and groups, including Age Concern and Scouts

Organisational changes:

Nicki Pitt continued full time employment as Minister-in-Training, attending one day a week studying at Regent's Park College in Oxford.

There have been no changes in our secretary, treasurer and property manager roles.

Church Activities and Outreach:

Mid-week Bible studies: The Wednesday morning group has been running for many years.

Afternoon Tea and Games: This provides opportunities to socialise over playing a variety of different games and enjoying tea, sandwiches and cakes together.

Toddler Group: This group continues to thrive. This is run by a committee comprising parents and one church member. Additional members provide practical support at each session.

Monday Meal: This is a social group for all ages and families to help combat loneliness and isolation in a safe environment, through sharing a meal together.

King Charles III coronation: We held a street party in our driveway to celebrate and invited folk passing by to join us, sharing sandwiches, quiche, cakes and much more.

Harvest: In October we supported Operation Agri, which assists small communities globally with agricultural training and aid to become self-supporting, with our monetary collection. We also supported a local food bank, One Can Trust, with donations of dry and non-perishable provisions.

In November we joined the village festivities by opening the church and inviting people to come into the church to make a Christmas table decoration, look at a variety of nativity scenes that were displayed, watch a video that was playing, or simply to provide shelter if the weather was inclement.

Christmas: In December we were able to invite people to our Christmas puppet show, and a Carol service that played various audio-visual carols as well as some that the congregation joined to sing.

Table tennis: This group, open to all ages, is well-supported with regular attendance from a number of people from the extended community.

Fund-raising: In March we held a film evening with donations collected in aid of Christian Aid.

Every three or four months we hold a breakfast and invite a Christian representative of a local organisation, or fundraiser, to speak. Funds raised are donated to the organisations.

Once each month there is a village market and on these days, after the church service, the congregation gather on the driveway offering free refreshments, a craft activity if the weather is suitable, or a game of "Buckets of Blessings" whereby ping-pong balls are drawn and a responding gift is given to anyone who wishes to participate.

We ceased running Family Fun as there was a decrease in numbers, but will be equipped to begin again when circumstances change.

Buildings & Facilities :

The flat in Great Missenden High Street became vacant in October 2023. Repairs needed to be carried out and the flat was ready for marketing in the beginning of 2024.

Mission:

We continue to support BMS, Home Mission, and a local foodbank charity One Can Trust from church funds, and BMS and other charitable projects from appeals and individual donations. We also support these and other organisations in prayer.

Membership

In June the membership voted to remove from membership some who had not been attending the church for a number of years, mainly due to moving away. It was a difficult decision but without addressing the situation it could damage the church if quorum was never met in meetings to decide important matters. In November one of our members, Peter Salmon, sadly died.

Funding

Our funds derive mainly from tithes, collections, bequests, property rental and contributions for the use of church premises. The trustees consider the financial position of the Charity to be satisfactory, and that sufficient and appropriate reserves are held to safeguard the future operations of the Charity.

Administrative information

Great Missenden Baptist Church is situated in the heart of the Chiltern village of Great Missenden, Buckinghamshire. It falls under the aegis of the Baptist Union of Great Britain, and within that the Central Baptist Association.

As of April 2018 this church became a CIO, **charity number 1176012**.

Correspondence should be addressed to The Secretary, Great Missenden Baptist Church, 42 High Street, Great Missenden, HP16 0AU, or email gmbc.secr@gmail.com

Members who have served as trustees (deacons) for 2023 are:

Elected members to Leadership team:

Mrs J Ward	Deacon, Secretary
Mr A Pitt	Deacon, Property manager
Mrs B Hughes	Deacon
Mrs N Pitt	Deacon, Minister in Training
Mr A E Barnett	Deacon, Treasurer

Approved by the diaconate on 27/6/24 and signed on their behalf by Mrs J Ward

