

Great Missenden Baptist Church

For Period Ended 31st December 2024

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 2024.

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.



Rupert St Clair-Burton CPA
(Certified Professional Accountant)

Great Missenden Baptist Church

Financial Statements for year ended 31st December 2024

Receipts and Payments Account

							Previous years		
Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Difference	Cash in hand	Total 2024	Total 2023	Total 2022	Total 2021	
RECEIPTS									
Offerings & donations		12445.83			12445.83	9910.87	9276.58	12831.34	
Investement interest & dividends		4689.93			4689.93	5127.72	2491.53	714.62	
Property income		45195			45195	38875	39275	34402.6	
Contributions for use of premises		10733.72			10733.72	7616.2	5602.53	3979.08	
Miscellaneous receipts		0			0	0	0	3813.36	
Funds raised /c	1	880.07			880.07	1135.97	1344.98	1232.06	
Capital receipts		0			0	0	0	82759	
Transfer from BU deposit TG045		0			0	0	0	408.35	
Stipend and pension		0			0	0	0	0	
Other income	2	2325.2			2325.2	1665.11	1628.2	0	
total receipts		76269.75			76269.75	64330.87	59618.82	140140.41	
PAYMENTS									
Stipend and pension		31249.92			31249.92	31249.92	17187.51	14708.34	
Ministerial expenses		0			0	0	0	2576.6	
Charitable giving		3485			3485	3465	4683.55	4031.06	
Administration costs		9391.32			9391.32	8772.22	7631.69	2363.54	
Church property running costs		41617.61			41617.61	21193.85	25921.98	19903.55	
Insurance		3965.34			3965.34	2904.6	4053.22	3574.22	
Other property upkeep		8340.15			8340.15	7915.8	2633.29	846.22	
PW manse costs		0			0	0	0	0	
Capital expenditure							494.98	2384.4	
Payments outstanding earlier yrs		0			0	0	0	5117.49	
Transfer from TSB17545168								767.3	
Miscellaneous		1224.68			1224.68	1491.81	2649.13	0	
College fees		309.6			309.6	12452.18			
Events cost		1630.62			1630.62	1458.63			
total payments		101214.24			101214.24	90904.01	65255.35	56272.72	
NET RECEIPTS / (PAYMENTS)		-24944.49			-24944.49	-26573.14	-5636.53	83867.69	
Cash accounts as at start of year:									
TSB current a/c		89083			89083	119321.64	126960.69	43435.92	
TSB expenses a/c		80			80	600	248.5	111	
TSB old current a/c		0			0	0	0	0	
COIF deposit a/c		30696			30696	29407	29122.73	29119	
BU deposit a/c		15373			15373	15385	15294	15291	
BU trust a/c		100775			100775	97866	96374	96174	
Opening balance b/fwd 1st Jan		236007			236007	262579.64	267999.92	184130.92	
		0			0	0	217.09		
add net receipts / (payments) above		-24944.49			-24944.49	-26573.14	-5636.64	83867.69	
Closing balance c/fwd 31 Dec		211062.51			211062.51	236006.5	262580.37	267998.61	

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	60,606	0	60605.97
TSB expenses account	1	60	0	60
CCLA/COIF deposit account	1	32,268	0	32268.31
BU deposit account TG045	1	15,056	0	15056.14
BU trust account TG041	1	103,072	0	103071.6
		<u>211,062</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>211062.02</u>
Investments				
Black Rock Charinco Fund	2	67656		67656
Property :44 High Street,Gt M.	3a	456000		456000
		<u>523656</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>523656</u>
Debtors/stock				
Late receipts		0	0	0
HMRC Charities claim		0	0	0
		<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		1602	0	1,602
		<u>1,659,174</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,659,174</u>
Liabilities				
Late invoices & re-imbursements			0	0
Sundry bills still expected	4	360	0	360
		<u>360</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>360</u>
Contingent Liability				
BU Pension fund deficit				<u>0</u>
Capital and Reserves				
Current Year Earnings		-24944.49		-24944.49
Retained Earnings		<u>2,419,196.51</u>		<u>2,419,196.51</u>
Total Capital and Reserves		<u>2,394,252.02</u>		<u>2,394,252.02</u>

Notes:

- 1 Balances as at 31 December 2024,reconciled to Cash Books(TSB) and statements{others}
- 2 Valuation as at c.o.b. 31 December 2024,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 2024 accounts

Great Missenden Baptist Church:

Annual Report 2024

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and financial statements for the year ending 31st December 2024. 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 and worship 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
- ☐ Ad hoc films
- ☐ 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.

Ad-hoc films: Evening films and all age afternoon films, during school holidays, are open for all people to attend. No charge is made but donations are welcomed.

Harvest: In October we joined with another local church and 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 part of an ecumenical carol service, joining with several local churches, where a local charity, The Thomas Ball Children's Cancer Fund, was supported with monetary donations. We were also able to invite people to our own 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.

Buildings & Facilities :

The flat in Great Missenden High Street has been occupied since March 2024.

Some major repairs had to be carried out in the church due to damage caused by masonry bees.

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 May the church were delighted when Nicki was able to perform her first baptism and the candidate, Laura, was welcomed into membership in September 2024.

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**.

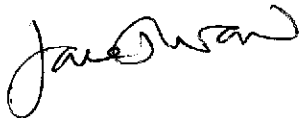
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Members who have served as trustees (deacons) for 2024 are:

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 E A Barnett	Deacon, Treasurer

Approved by the diaconate on 17th July 2025 and signed on their behalf by Mrs J Ward, Secretary

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