

Ainon Baptist Church Trustees Annual Report 2021/2022



Registered Charity: 1176466

For the Year Ended September 2022

The trustees present their report for the year to September 2022.

1. Objectives and Activities

The overall objective of the charity is to promote the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination primarily through the North Cardiff area.

Ainon Baptist Church is committed to:

- Regular public worship, prayer, bible study, preaching and teaching
- Baptism, as defined in the Baptist Unions Declaration of Principle
- The communion of the Lord's Supper which shall normally be observed at least once a month
- Evangelism and mission, locally, regionally, nationally and internationally
- The teaching, encouragement, welcome and inclusion of young people
- Nurture and growth of Christian disciples
- Education and training for Christian and Community Service
- Giving and encouraging pastoral care
- Supporting and encouraging charitable social action in the UK and abroad
- Encouraging relationships with and supporting Baptist and other Christians
- Providing an environment where individuals can grow and mature in their relationship with God and respond to His 'call' on their lives.

2. Achievements and Performance

The building work and our new extension was finally completed in early 2022 and we held our first Sunday meeting in February 2022. The whole project took 8 months and the transformation was incredible. The additional rooms, space and new extended kitchen and toilet facilities have made the building fit for purpose to implement our community vision going forward. We give thanks to God for His provision and blessing.

Ton's Tots

We reopened Ton's Tots at the beginning of March which was nearly exactly two years to the day after closing our doors due to COVID. Numbers have been steadily increasing and we are now averaging around 12 parents or grandparents and 15 children each week, but we have room for more! A couple of these have been returning parents but over the two years that we were closed a lot of our tots started school in that time. We are working hard to build new relationships.

Foodbank

We opened a Foodbank Distribution Centre in April 2022, which operates every Wednesday afternoon. We now both collect and distribute food to those who need it and it is a privilege to be a part of helping individuals and families feed themselves. Each session takes a team of 5 volunteers to run from a total team of 18 volunteers who take turns on a rota basis.

Ainon Lunch Club

Our original plan to re-start Lunch Club before Christmas was delayed due to the building not being ready and so it was the beginning of April 2022 when we finally were able to invite all our regular diners to bring a friend for a complimentary Afternoon Tea, marking the re-opening of Lunch Club. The event was a resounding success - our diners loved the new premises, loved the afternoon tea and loved being together again! 20 attended and we

gained several new 'regulars', including some from the village. Since then our regular fortnightly gathering has averaged about 17 people in a very welcoming and friendly atmosphere which has obviously been much appreciated. For several of our members this Lunch Club just helps to add something uplifting into what would otherwise be a mundane existence. We have also felt very blessed in the way volunteers have come forward to join the team - their help is invaluable & are a fantastic, dedicated team.

Renew Wellbeing

Renew Wellbeing cafe was on our hearts before Covid and it's become a reality since May 2022. We have people regularly attend who aren't part of Ainon and the group has been such a blessing to many. We have various activities set up that people can choose to do or not do, but there's always a friendly welcome and a listening ear if one is needed. Half way through the session there is a time for prayer meditation which takes part in a side room and God has been so faithful and brought the right words to say each week. He has used the sessions to really speak into people and their situations.

Cuppa with a Copper

The South Wales Police began using our building in May 2022 for their community engagement programme called 'cuppa with a copper'. These are run on the last Thursday of each month and it is encouraging to see the Police use our building to help, support and be available for our community. The Police have also dropped in a number of times to engage with our Toddler group and Youth Club sessions, building bridges and connections.

Youth Club

Through lockdown youth ran on zoom which was difficult, fun and chaotic! Coming back after lockdown was quite scary and when we opened up the hall in February 2022 it was very echoey and there was no kit and just a few kids from the village and church. We now

have over 50 youth on our books. We would love to take a bigger group to Limitless next year and for them to want to come to the worship evenings when we introduce that. We are going to extend the Friday evening so younger kids are here for the first half and the second half is for older children with a crossover.

Community Worker

In October 2021, Marianne Smith came from Bear Valley Church, Colleyville, Texas to volunteer as our Aion community worker. Her visit was arranged by Missional Links Wales. Marianne was hosted by the Church and provided with accommodation and a living allowance. She was an amazing blessing to many and used her gifts, talents and abilities to serve both Aion and the wider community. God used her to impact the lives of many and she became such an integral part of church and community life. She returned to Texas in June 2022 with a promise to return and visit us again.

Bear Valley Church

In March 2022, a small team of 6 people from Bear Valley Church, again arranged by Missional Links Wales, visited Aion, led by their Pastor, Lee Johnson. The aim of the trip was for them to visit Marianne as well as develop a relationship with Aion with a view to arranging future visits where they could partner us and help us in our community engagement and outreach. The Bear Valley team were incredible people, so warm, gracious and encouraging. It was a very positive week and an agreement to plan a mission week in 2023 was happily confirmed.

All of these outreach activities wouldn't be possible without the support from our church members and volunteers who dedicate their time to serving others to impact our community for the good.

3. Safeguarding

Ainon Baptist Church has continued to subscribe to *Thirtyone:eight* and to use them as the umbrella organisation for the processing of Disclosure and Barring Service applications for volunteers and staff. Joanne Dinsmore stepped down as our Safeguarding Officer in December 2021 and Gina Baynham and Rebecca Whittle replaced her shortly afterwards.

4. Financial Review

Over the year, the Charity received income of £219,186 (£243,923 in 2021) with expenditure of £465,471 (£155,634 in 2021) and finished with a deficit of £246,285 (surplus £88,476 in 2021). Grants and special gifts for the building project covered this deficit and continued to prop up the income. The completion of the building project accounted for the deficit in expenditure and increased expense.

Reopening of the church after the pandemic and completion of the building has seen regular expenditure return to more normal levels. Income from tithes saw a modest increase as the Church re-opened for normal activities and new members joined.

Reserves Policy

The trustees have examined the charity's requirements for reserves in the light of the main risks to the organisation. It has been decided to continue holding reserves to a maximum of five months' unrestricted running costs.

Trust Account

The Trust Account held with the Baptist Union has been fully utilised to help complete the building project and the account is now closed.

Building Account

Proceeds to the Building Account have largely been expended to complete the building project. A sum of £6,835 remains in order to pay the retention monies owed to the Building contractors.

5. Future Plans

Going forward we are keen to develop our plans to become a community hub within Tongwynlais. We are actively doing events and planning more to engage people and make Ainon the centre of community life for all ages.

We want to take the church into the community and to develop and open up our building for the community. We want our building to be a welcoming and safe place, the first-place people look for help and community. A place for all in the village and villages around us to meet, gather and where support is available throughout the week.

We are planning to engage with key partners to help provide essential services to the community and discussions with Cardiff County Council and a number of Christian charities are ongoing.

We are doing all this for the deliberate and intentional purpose of making Jesus known, showing His love and declaring the gospel of grace in both word and action.

6. Structure, Governance and Management

Ainon Baptist Church is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and was registered as a Charity in January 2018.

Trustees are nominated to Elders and by Elders of Ainon Baptist Church which is done in an open and transparent process. Ainon Baptist Church members have the opportunity to vote to elect a Trustee for a 3 or 5 year term, with a potential to renew their term after this time. New trustees are sought to reflect the needs of the Church. In order to join as a trustee DBS clearance is checked and new trustees must sign up to all elements of the Confirmation of Trustee Appointment form. Andy Baker and Kenny Wilson were elected as Trustees in April 2022. Tony Franks resigned as Trustee in November 2021 and Joanne Dinsmore resigned as a Trustee in December 2021.

Each Trustee is given a copy of the Charity Commissions CC3 document which includes comprehensive details on the roles and responsibilities of trustees.

The charity employs one full time member and one part-time member of staff. None of the Trustees receive fees or reimbursed expenses in respect of their trusteeship.

7. Reference and Administrative Details

Name and Charity Number:

Ainon Baptist Church

Registered Charity Number: 1176466

Registered Office:

Market Street

Tongwynlais

Cardiff

CF15 7NS

Trustees:

Matthew Phillips (Chair)

Graham Dubberley (Treasurer)

Gina Baynham (Secretary)

Tony Franks (until November 2021)

Phillip Lloyd

Joanne Dinsmore (until December 2021)

Leon Whittle

Andrew Baker (from April 2022)

Kenneth Wilson (from April 2022)

Independent Examiner:

Nikki Shefferd

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8. Trustees' Responsibilities in Relation to the Financial Statements

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature:

Full Name: Matthew Phillips

Position: Chair

Date:

AINON BAPTIST CHURCH
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
1 OCTOBER 2021 - 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

INCOME	2021	2022	EXPENDITURE	2021	2022
Covenant giving	72,802	75,279	Employer costs (including salaries)	45,346	46,875
Offerings			Sundry pastor expenses	0	267
Loose offering	582	920	Curry Night	0	2,528
Envelopes	0	0	Gas, electric and water	1,471	2,479
Gift Aid				0	0
Building Gifts	11,312		Telephone	696	1,314
On covenant giving	21,353	18,969	Insurances	2,126	2,557
On envelopes / misc. donations / cash	186	266	Church maintenance	285	6,803
Church weekend			Mission	4,921	4,925
Christmas offering	290	321	Youth and Children's work	820	1,944
True Income	106,525				
				95,755	
Church weekend	0	0	Food Bank	340	20,922
Limitless	0	1,459	Pastoral	0	203
Food Bank	370	340	Worship	773	1,282
Hall Hire	0	98	Visiting preachers	0	400
Bank interest	217	74	Tons Tots	0	190
Tons Tots	0	186	Renew Wellbeing	0	121
Renew Wellbeing	0	0	Lunch Club	0	861
Lunch Club	0	619	Friday Youth	0	446
Friday Youth	0	643	Church Weekend	0	0
Other donations	227	244	Limitless	0	1,149
Christmas Offering	1,329	1,432	Messy Church	0	0
Building Gift Day	68,070	5,150	Barbeque	0	68
Miscellaneous Income	852	1,581	Christmas Offering	1,619	1,800
Twmpath	0	0	Building works	93,019	359,128
	0	0	Twmpath	0	0
Grants	66,550	109,677	Equipment	750	4,130
Curry Night	0	1,928	Administration	3,392	3,388
			Sundry and miscellaneous costs	50	612
			Refreshments/Cleaning Materials	26	1,079
Excess of expenditure over income		246,285	Excess of income over expenditure	88,506	
	<u>244,140</u>	<u>465,471</u>		<u>244,140</u>	<u>465,471</u>

Bank Accounts and Other Cash Balances

	Current account	Reserve account	Building account	Manse Trust	Loans	Activities	Other Cash	TOTAL
Balances as 1 October 2021	2,712	33,016	190,770	50,587	0	785	20	277,890
Income	217,664					1,448	0	219,112
Expenditure	(463,853)			0		(1,619)	0	(465,472)
Interest		16	9	49		0	0	74
Net account transfers	245,708	(11,128)	(183,944)	(50,636)		0	0	0
Balances as at 30 September 2022	<u>2,231</u>	<u>21,904</u>	<u>6,835</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>614</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>31,604</u>

Confirmed to be a true and accurate reflection of the church accounts

Graham Dubberley, Treasurer

Date

I confirm that I have undertaken a sample check and the accounts appear to be a true reflection as produced

Nikki Shefferd, Church Independent Verifier

Date



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Ainon Baptist Church

On accounts for the year
ended

30th September 2022

Charity no
(if any)

1176466

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30/09/2022.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

14/03/2023

Name:

Nikki Shefferd

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