

Ainon Baptist Church Trustee Annual Report  
2023/2024



**Registered Charity: 1176466**

## For the Year Ended September 2024

The trustees present their report for the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

### 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

#### Ton's Tots

Each week during school term time we host a toddler group. Numbers attending are encouraging and we average around 12 parents/grandparents/carers and 15 children each week, but we always have room for more! There is a real community spirit and friendship within the group and it is lovely to see so many benefitting from this regular gathering and the support it provides.

### Foodbank

The Foodbank Distribution Centre was open every Wednesday afternoon this year. We continue to 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 15 volunteers who take turns on a rota basis. This year we provided food for nearly 300 people in need.

### Ainon Lunch Club

After 12 years of serving the elderly in our community it was decided to close our Lunch Club. The team of volunteers who have served so faithfully and worked so hard are themselves ageing and feel unable to continue the Lunch Club in its present format. Over the years the Lunch Club has blessed many and we are so grateful to the volunteers who made such an impact in providing excellent hot meals and a warm and safe environment where the elderly could socialise and relax. It is possible that a new team of volunteers will step forward and start up a new style Lunch Club in the future. If so, we envisage this will be in a new simpler format that could include serving afternoon teas or soup and a roll, either fortnightly or monthly, it remains to be seen.

### Renew Wellbeing

The Renew Wellbeing session has been a resounding success. It is open to all and we have various activities set up that people can choose to do or not do, and 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. We average about 25-30 people each week and a number of people have commented that it is the highlight of their week.

### Cuppa with a Copper

The South Wales Police continue to use our building for their community engagement programme called 'cuppa with a copper'. The Police maintain a regular fortnightly drop in within our Wednesday Renew Wellbeing session. It is great to see the local police take part in the wellbeing activities and make themselves available to help, support and build bridges and connections with our community.



### Youth Club

During the year a decision was made to re-purpose and re-launch our Youth work. The rationale was to enable a more meaningful interaction with young people and ensure we could provide more targeted activities that would help and speak into young peoples lives. This event was moved to Sunday evenings with a focus on young people with links to the Church, with the aim of growing it gradually as they invite their friends. This new Youth event has proved successful and numbers are growing.

### Bear Valley Church

In April 2024, a team of 9 people from Bear Valley Church, again arranged by Missional Links Wales, visited Aion, led by their Pastor, Lee Johnson. The aim of the mission week was for them to support and work alongside the activities of the church and build bridges into our community. A week of taking school assemblies, practical building and maintenance works in the school and community garden as well as helping in our Renew Wellbeing outreach and a Youth event all proved so valuable. The week culminated in a Comedy & Curry Night, attended by over 110 people, largely from the local community – it was an amazing evening! It was an incredibly positive week and another mission week in 2025 was confirmed.

### Other events

During the year, a number of other events took place to develop our links with the local community and encourage participation and social engagement;

- A new monthly Clothes bank began, collecting clean, good quality clothes and supporting our partnership with Gobaith, a Christian charity working in the South Wales Valleys.
- We strengthened links with St. Michael's Church in Wales. Attending an outdoor prayer meeting for the community on Pentecost Sunday as well as

closing Aion Church on 11<sup>th</sup> August and our congregation attending the St. Michael's service to worship together.

- An assembly was held for the year 7 pupils at Radyr Comprehensive, over 200 pupils, in partnership with Message Wales. The team delivered a helpful and interactive presentation on 'self worth' which was well received. Further year group presentations are planned.
- We held an 8 week Alpha course over May to July. We had 5 people join and explore the Christian faith and 3 of those made a commitment to follow Christ. This was such an enjoyable course and three more Alpha courses are planned in 2025.
- Aion won the Message Wales 'Church of the Year' award at an all Wales Awards dinner held at the Cardiff City Stadium in October 2023. A wonderful recognition!
- A full and successful Christmas programme of events...
  - Tongwynlais Christmas Fayre – 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov 2023
  - A Christmas 'The Cube' Puzzle – 4<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> Dec 2023. Over a hundred people attended during the week to enjoy this festive puzzle!
  - Community Carol Service – 15<sup>th</sup> Dec 2023. Carols by Candlelight in a packed church
- Regular Community Litter Picks – These are on going every 6 – 8 weeks by a dedicated team of volunteers
- A 48 hour prayer event took place in Aion over the weekend 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> September 2024. Every hour was booked at this amazing outpouring of continuous prayer. It was a wonderful time and we are planning for one week of continuous prayer (168 hours) in January 2025.

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

Aion 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. Sally George remains as our Designated Person for Safeguarding (DPS) with a designated Trustee for Safeguarding established who

acts as a local contact and liaison with the DPS.

#### 4. Financial Review

Over the year, the Charity received income of £112,796 (£105,432 in 2022/23) with expenditure of £93,125 (£105,176 in 2022/23) and finished with a surplus of £19,671 (a surplus of £256 in 2022/23). Income from tithes continued to increase by a sum of £10,399 as church membership continued to grow

#### 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 four months' unrestricted running costs.

#### Building Account

The Trustees began to transfer money into a new Building Account, set up to prepare for growth and expansion and the possibility of acquiring new premises in support of our vision and mission. The Building Account currently stands at £16,139.

#### 5. Future Plans

Going forward we are actively developing our plans to become a community hub within Tongwynlais, engaging with more people to make Aion a centre of community life for all ages.

We continued 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.

As our current building is so well used and storage space limited, we are looking at acquiring a second site close by to enable us to expand our reach and impact. A Building Fund has been re-established for this purpose.

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. Mat Phillips was re-elected as an Elder, serving a further 5 year term in November 2023.

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 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:**

Kenneth Wilson (Chair)

Graham Dubberley (Treasurer)

Matthew Phillips

Phillip Lloyd

Leon Whittle

Andrew Baker

Sarah Rees

**Independent Examiner:**

Nikki Shefferd

NS Accounts & Business Ltd

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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: Kenneth Wilson

Position: Chair

Date: 07/02/25



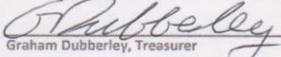
**AINON BAPTIST CHURCH  
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
1 OCTOBER 2023 - 30 SEPTEMBER 2024**

INCOME	2023	2024	EXPENDITURE	2023	2024
Covenant giving	77,831	87,155	Employer costs (including salaries)	48,328	46,186
Offerings			Sundry pastor expenses	0	265
Loose offering	0	0	Fund Raisers	0	0
Envelopes	0	0	Gas, electric and water	2,436	2,631
Gift Aid				0	0
Building Gifts			Telephone and Internet	889	1,044
On covenant giving	16,953	17,400	Insurances	2,546	2,869
On envelopes / misc. donations / cash			Church maintenance	3,788	6,514
Church weekend			Mission	10,757	9,405
Christmas offering			Youth and Children's work	828	975
True Income	94,784	104,555			
Church weekend	0	0	Food Bank	460	150
Limitless	1,700	0	Pastoral	0	0
Food Bank	460	150	Worship	980	2,138
Hall Hire	272	175	Visiting preachers	150	150
Bank interest	319	553	Limitless	4,847	0
Other donations	2,840	1,525	Messy Church	0	0
Christmas Offering	1,072	410	Barbeque	0	0
Building Gift Day	0	0	Christmas Offering	1,500	1,500
Miscellaneous Income	736	1,282	Building works	10,188	2,500
Out Reach Evening	666	1,322	Outreach Evening	849	2,042
	0	0	Equipment	8,955	6,864
Grants	1,989	1,692	Administration	4,982	4,095
Fund Raisers	594	0	Sundry and miscellaneous costs	170	0
			Refreshments/Cleaning Materials	2,523	3,462
			Excess of income over expenditure	256	18,874
	<u>105,432</u>	<u>111,664</u>		<u>105,432</u>	<u>111,664</u>

**Bank Accounts and Other Cash Balances**

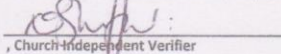
	Current account	Reserve account	Building account	Loans	Other Cash balances	TOTAL
Balances as 1 October 2023	1,518	29,073	654	0	0	31,245
Income	111,111				0	111,111
Expenditure	(92,790)				0	(92,790)
Interest		421	132		0	553
Net account transfers	(15,833)	500	15,333		0	0
Balances as at 30 September 2024	<u>4,006</u>	<u>29,994</u>	<u>16,119</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>50,119</u>

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

  
Graham Dubberley, Treasurer

4/11/24  
Date

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

  
Church Independent Verifier

4.11.24  
Date



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Ainon Baptist Church

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

30 September 2024

**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 30/09/2020.

**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").

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

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.

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:**

*Nikki Shefferd*

**Date:**

04/11/2024

**Name:**

Nikki Shefferd

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):**

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**