

Registered CIO Number: 1177702



**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENT ACCOUNT
AND STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND
LIABILITIES**

For year ended 31st December 2022



REGISTERED CIO NUMBER: 1177702

TRUSTEES: Ricardo Hipolito (Pastor; Chairman)
Jeff Bryan (Secretary)
Loveday Cole (Treasurer)

GOVERNING DOCUMENT: Constitution of Downham Baptist Church dated 2018

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Structure, Governance, and Management

Downham Baptist Church is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) that is governed by an approved Constitution and Bylaws which states that: 'Under the authority of Jesus Christ and the Word of God, the Membership of the Church is the final authority within this local Church'.

Membership of the church is open to anyone who professes the Christian faith in accordance with the church's Basis of Faith, has been baptised by immersion after salvation and satisfies such other requirements as have been specified by the Church Constitution and Bylaws.

The authority of the membership is normally exercised through the election of officers to govern the church. The Officers of the church are the Pastor, any Assistant Pastor(s) and Deacon(s) as well as the Secretary and the Treasurer (in the event that the Secretary and Treasurer are not Deacons). The charity trustees of the church are the persons appointed to the offices of Pastor, Deacons, Secretary and Treasurer.

The members of the church must meet at least every 15 months for an annual general meeting (AGM) but normally meet every quarter. The charity trustees must meet every quarter to manage the administration of the church.

Further explanation of the church's structure and governance can be found in the Church Constitution and Bylaws.

Objectives and Activities

The objects of the church are the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith primarily but not exclusively within Downham, London and the surrounding neighbourhood; and such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the charity trustees, put into practice the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith provided that the advancement of such purposes must be undertaken in a manner that is consistent with the Ethical Statements as may be adopted and amended by the church from time to time in accordance with the provisions of the Church Bylaws.

The main activities of the church are providing a place of worship, advancing the Christian faith, educating people about the Christian faith, providing pastoral care and outreach, as well as supporting evangelical missionaries.

The church provides a place of worship at 60 Churchdown, Bromley, BR1 5PQ. Worship services are advertised to the general public through signage, leaflets, websites, social media and word of mouth.

The church advances the Christian faith by preaching the Gospel, through public worship services, small group and individual Bible studies, personal discipleship, and various outreach



events and efforts in the community. Every week, the church also educates people about the Christian faith at Sunday services, and in small group Bible studies.

The church provides pastoral care and outreach by teaching God's Word appropriate to the needs of the members and attendees and equipping the members to be actively involved in pastoral care and outreach as a demonstration of their Christian faith.

The church endeavours to train and support missionaries to carry the gospel to other parts of the United Kingdom and overseas. Those trained as missionaries will then go out to other parts of the world with the gospel message. Financial support for missionaries is given by the church members to a missionary fund and then paid directly to the individual or the charity the individual works with.

The church benefits the general public by providing worship services that are open to the general public, providing information about the Christian faith through various outreach events and efforts and by providing training and mentoring for those who desire to serve as Christian workers.

The worship services, small group Bible studies, and other events and clubs are open to anyone who wishes to attend. Personal discipleship and further training and mentoring are more selective, giving priority to those who have become members, have attended faithfully, and who have the potential to go and teach and train others. This is always done with the long-term aim of trying to benefit people from all backgrounds. Such decisions are made in accordance with the procedures set out in the constitution, taking into account the principles set out in the Bible and the context in which those principles are applied today.

Achievements and Performance

The recent years have been challenging due to the ongoing effects of the global coronavirus pandemic, and 2022 continued to be challenging in many ways for the church. Despite the challenges, the church experienced some changes, as well as progress in the following areas:

First, the church was able to accommodate and work with a Missionary from North Carolina, USA. In March 2022, an American Missionary moved to the UK with the prospect of working alongside a church for a year in order to both gain experience in missions work as well as benefiting a local church. Downham Baptist Church had the pleasure of working alongside the missionary.

Second, with the help of the American Missionary, the church was able to provide a Homework Club for local school children. It was an opportunity to provide a safe space for doing homework as well as learning to socialise with other children in the area - this endeavor lasted a full School Term. Another blessing of having the Missionary work alongside us is that the church was able to hold Seasonal Outreach Events.



Third, the church needed to replace the Founding Pastor (who moved back to the USA), and so the church voted for the Assistant Pastor to take on the role of [Lead] Pastor, who began occupying the role in July 2022.

Fourth, within the first two months of the change in Pastors, two regular attenders of the church were added to the Membership, one was through water baptism.

Finally, a number of people were further equipped for ministry in the church including a Missionary Family who left Downham Baptist Church in November 2022 in order to plant a church and labour in another part of the country.

Throughout 2022, the church maintained its ministry of advancing the Christian Faith through regular outreach, Bible studies, and worship services, and the church continues to support two Evangelical Missionaries: one in Honduras, and another one in Northern Ireland.

Presented and approved at a committee meeting held on 31st October 2023 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ricardo Hipolito' followed by the initials 'RC'.

Ricardo Hipolito

Trustee

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

Responsibilities and basis of report.

I have Independently Examined the Financial Statements on Pages 7-10, for the financial year ending 31st December 2022.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparations of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act"). The charity's Trustees consider an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

I report on my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission and in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with these records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you and the trustees concerning 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 next statement.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act: or
- the accounts did 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 this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Brenda Peers-Ross

Brenda Peers-Ross FMAAT ACIE
Date: 4th November 2023

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

For the Period 31st December 2022

	Note	Unrestricted £	Designated £	Restricted £	2022 £	2021 £
Total Income from:						
Donations and Legacies		34,012	-	1,514	35,526	33,444
Gift Aid		3,708	-	98	3,806	8,472
Income from events		100			100	6,067
Income from lettings of facilities		24,005			24,005	16,400
Interest		-	13	-	13	-
Total Income		61,825	13	1,612	63,450	64,383
Expenditure on:						
Charitable Activities	1	41,275	-	-	41,275	45,401
Charitable Activities - grants paid	2	-	-	960	960	9,529
Total Expenditure		41,275	-	960	42,235	54,930
Net Income/(Expenditure)		20,560	13	652	21,215	9,453
Transfer between funds		(1,976)	1,976	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		18,574	1,989	652	21,215	9,453
Total funds brought forward		2,183	14,506	732	17,421	7,968
Total funds carried forward		20,757	16,495	1,384	38,636	17,421


STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

At 31st December 2022

	Unrestricted £	Designated £	Restricted £	2022 £	2021 £
Assets:					
Current Account	14,324	9,495	1,384	25,203	6,334
Business Premium Account	6,633	7,000	-	13,633	11,087
Debtors:	33	-	-	33	-
	20,990	16,495	1,384	38,869	17,421
Liabilities					
Creditors	338	-	-	338	-
	338	-	-	338	-
Net assets/(liabilities)	21,328	-	-	39,207	17,421

Charity Cash Funds		Unrestricted £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total 31.12.22 £	Total 31.12.21 £
Unrestricted fund	3	20,757	-	-	20,757	2,183
Designated funds	3	-	16,495	-	16,495	14,508
Restricted Funds	4	-	-	1,384	1,384	732
		20,757	16,495	1,384	38,636	17,421

Presented and approved by the Trustees at a committee meeting held on 31st October 2023
and signed on their behalf.


Ricardo Hipolito Trustee

For the Period 31st December 2022
Notes to the Accounts

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Note 1					
Charitable Activities					
Rent and utilities	6,000	-	-	6,000	6,000
Services and subscriptions	2,489	-	-	2,489	1,745
Pastoral stipend	27,728	-	-	27,728	19,800
Hospitality	738	-	-	738	662
Cleaning and maintenance	244	-	-	244	722
Supplies and equipment	164	-	-	164	1,234
Speakers expenses	1,910	-	-	1,910	873
Sundries	818	-	-	818	4,246
Benevolence	350	-	-	350	945
Hall hire costs	118	-	-	118	178
Events	716	-	-	716	5,451
Overseas costs	-	-	-	-	3,545
	41,275	-	-	41,275	45,401

Note 2

Charitable Activities - Grants Made

Vision Baptist Mission for UK Mission	-	-	960	5,697
Other small grants to organisation for UK mission	-	-	-	402
Grants to individuals	-	-	-	3,430
	-	-	960	9,529

Unrestricted funds

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	Opening Balance 01.01.22 £	Movement In £	Movement Out £	Transfer Between Funds £	Closing Balance 31.12.22 £
Unrestricted General Reserve	2,183	61,825	(41,275)	(1,976)	20,767
Designated Fund:					
Building fund	11,006	13	-	1,976	12,995
Reserves fund	3,500	-	-	-	3,500
	14,506	13	-	1,976	16,495

Restricted funds

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	Opening Balance 01.01.22 £	Movement In £	Movement Out £	Transfer Between Funds £	Closing Balance 31.12.22 £
Building fund	82	757	-	-	839
Mission fund	450	855	(960)	-	345
Colchester mission fund	200	-	-	-	200
	732	1,612	(960)	-	1,384

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Notes to the Accounts

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), Accounting and Reporting by Charities issued in January 2015, applicable UK Accounting Standards and the Charities Act 2011.

Ultimate Controlling Party

The Registered Charity is controlled by the Trustees individually named in the Annual Report.

Income

Income is brought into account when received.

Expenditure

Expenditure is brought into account in the year it is spent.

Risk

The trustees do not believe the charity is subject to any substantial risk beyond the liabilities disclosed in its Annual Report and Accounts.

Format

The accounts are prepared on a receipts and payment basis.

Unrestricted funds

Are funds which are available for use of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Designated funds

Comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes.

Restricted funds

Donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors: they include donations received from appeal for specific activities or projects.