



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Carlisle Baptist Church

On accounts for the year
ended

31/12/2022

Charity no
(if any)

1178089

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 December 2022**.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 all 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 in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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..

Signed:

Date:

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Name:

JOANNE THOMLINSON

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

FCA, Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales

Address:

Dodd & Co Limited, FIFTEEN Rosehill, Montgomery Way, Rosehill Estate
Carlisle, CA1 2RW

Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.



CARLISLE BAPTIST CHURCH

Charity Number: 1178089

Trustees' Annual Report & Financial Statements for the Period 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

January 2023

Carlisle Baptist Church

Trustees' Annual Report & Financial Statements

for the Financial Period from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

Reference & Administration Details

Charity Details:

Name: Carlisle Baptist Church
Number: 1178089
Address: Aglionby Street, Carlisle, CA1 1JN

Trustees

The trustees who served during the year were:

- Peter Walkingshaw (Chairperson)
- Peter Simpson (until 10/10/2022)
- Gregg Paterson
- Andrew Heron (from 26/09/2022)

The Baptist Union Corporation Limited (Registered Charity Number 249635; Company Number 32743) is the custodian trustee in respect of the property.

Bankers

Virgin Money, 82 English Street, CA3 8HP Carlisle

Independent Examiner

Dodd and Co, 15 Montgomery Way, Rosehill Industrial Estate, Carlisle CA1 2RW

Structure, Governance & Management

Description of the Charity's Trusts

The church is governed by a Conveyance document dated 30 July 1890 and registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation on 24 April 2018 with assets transferred from the former Unincorporated Association on 1 January 2019.

The Charitable Incorporated Organisation is governed by two documents, a Church Constitution and Church Rules.

Appointment of Trustees:

The charity trustees of the Church are the persons appointed to the eldership of the church by the members of the church in line with the Church Rules. All new Trustees are provided with a copy of the Governing Document (Constitution and Rules) and the most recent Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements.

Objects

The purposes of the Church are:

1. the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Faith primarily but not exclusively within Carlisle and the surrounding neighbourhood; and
2. such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the charity trustees, put into practice the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Faith, including but not limited to: the prevention and relief of need, hardship and sickness; the advancement of education; and the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age infirmity or disability, financial hardship or social circumstances with the object of improving their conditions of life;

provided that the advancement of such purposes must be undertaken in a manner that is consistent with the Doctrinal Distinctives and Ethical Statements as may be adopted and amended by the Church from time to time in accordance with the provisions of the Church Rules.

Statutory Declaration on Public Benefit

The trustees declare that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers or duties. The trustees are satisfied that the activities we undertake, as outlined in this Report or otherwise, meet our charitable objects for the public benefit.

Activities, Achievements & Performance

The church's formal objects and purposes, as set out above, are summarised by the single sentence "A Family on Mission". This idea is centred around being a group of followers of Jesus Christ who are committed to loving and serving one another, the community around them, and beyond. It places a strong emphasis on "the church" being its people, not a building, an organisational structure, or its leadership.

As Covid-19 restrictions were lifted and guidance updated, 2022 saw a return to in-person events without limitations as to numbers or special arrangements such as social distancing. This enabled the welcome resumption of a single Sunday morning gathering where the whole Church could meet together, after nearly two years of online services and, throughout 2021 and early 2022, the option to attend one of two separate meetings.

Some key highlights from the year are as follows:

Regular meetings:

- *Sunday mornings:* The church organises weekly Sunday meetings at our Warwick Square building which are free of charge and open to all. These provide an opportunity for members and non-members to hear and respond to the teachings of the Bible and to build friendships with one another. It has been encouraging to be able to welcome a number of new individuals and families to these throughout 2022, including several who are new to the UK.
- *Growth groups:* The Church runs weekly Growth Groups for mutual encouragement, with much of the support and care offered by the church being organised from within these groups. A daytime group aimed at women began in late 2022 which, among other benefits, provides a time when those with childcare or evening responsibilities can meet with others from the church.
- *Youth and children's work:* Our children's and youth work continues to develop with a variety of mid-week and Sunday morning groups running for children aged 0-16, including a weekly baby and toddler group, Little Sparks. Many of the children attending our mid-week groups are from the local

community. It was pleasing to once more offer the annual weekend away for the Ignite (11-18 year old) group in 2022 and to see many young people attend this.

- *Prayer meetings:* Our two Sunday prayer gatherings continued to be focused on praying for local and world events and crises, causes the church supports, and the needs and activities of our church family. One of these prayer events is our Mission Prayer Supper which is for all ages and includes soup and cake.

Community events:

We enjoy organising events to help us connect with others and to show and explain the love and care that comes from knowing Jesus. In 2022, this included a quiz night at a local rugby club, a “not very Olympic Games” fun and sport day for the community in June and “Bethlehem Live” in December. This event offered children and their families, as well as school groups, the chance to hear and experience the Christmas story as they walked round the church’s building which was transformed into first century Bethlehem, complete with characters to meet from the story.

The year also saw planning for a new group for older and retired people, both those who attend the church and those who do not, called “Connections”. This began in January 2023 offering fellowship, friendship, fun and an introduction to the hope that Jesus brings.

Care:

In a range of formal and informal ways, the church and its members seek to support those in need in and around Carlisle and beyond. This continues to be actively encouraged and supported by Growth Group leaders, the elders, our Care Team and by many across the church.

Church planting and mission:

The church supports via prayer and financial giving various outreach and mission initiatives in other parts of the UK and overseas. This involves links with several mission partners, organisations and church plants that have similar aims and purposes to our own regarding public benefit. The church has close links with these partners and receives regular updates on the work they are doing.

Financial Review

The majority of the church’s income continues to come from the giving of members and attendees, shown as “offerings” in the financial statements. It was pleasing to see these offerings increase by 14% (just over £8,000) compared to 2021. This reflects both the sacrificial giving of a large number of individuals at a time of rising costs and a broad commitment from the church to meet the increases in costs due to inflation and decisions during the year. The church members agreed to appoint an Assistant Pastor from September 2022 to develop our work in many areas. The increases in costs arising from this will be met both from this higher level of giving and, initially, cash reserves.

Alongside giving from people who attend the church, we are also extremely grateful to individuals, churches and organisations from outside the church who have kindly provided funding to us. These gifts are shown as “external funding” in the financial statements.

The majority of our expenditure was used to pay for the church’s staff members, with the balance used to directly fund activities, maintain our premises and equipment, meet day to day expenditure, including rising utility costs, and in donations to several charitable organisations.

The financial figures for 2022 are summarised as follows:

- Total income: £102,013 (2021: £88,105)
- Total expenditure: £92,638 (2021: £85,663)
- Surplus: £9,375 (2021: £2,442)
- Closing cash balance: £68,340 (2021: £58,965)

Statement of Charity's Policy on Reserves

It is our Charity's policy to hold at least three months' expenditure in its unrestricted funds. This policy was adhered to throughout 2022 with the unrestricted fund balance at 31 December 2022 being £68,340 (2021: £58,965).

Details of Any Funds Materially in Deficit

The Trustees declare that the charity had no funds which were materially in deficit at 31 December 2022.

Particulars of Any Outstanding Guarantee Given by the Charity

The Trustees declare that the charity has given no guarantee where potential liability is outstanding at 31 December 2022.

Particulars of Any Outstanding Debt

The Trustees declare that the charity has no outstanding debts which are secured by an express charge on any of the assets of the charity at 31 December 2022.

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the above report and authorised that it be signed on their behalf.

 ANDREW HERON Trustee: 05/03/23 Date:
 GREGG PATERSON Trustee: 5/3/23 Date:



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Carlisle Baptist Church

1178089

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/01/2022

To

31/12/2022

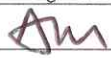
Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Offerings	68,673		-	68,673	60,050
Gift aid reclaimed on offerings	13,107		-	13,107	10,926
Trainee funding	1,250		-	1,250	-
Gift aid reclaimed on trainee funding	313		-	313	
External funding churches & charities	5,972		-	5,972	7,500
External funding individuals	5,615	3,240	-	8,855	7,242
Gift aid reclaimed on external funding	630	75	-	705	793
Other	3,138		-	3,138	1,594
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	98,698	3,315	-	102,013	88,105
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	98,698	3,315	-	102,013	88,105
A3 Payments					
Employee costs	45,170	3,315	-	48,485	43,330
Other Staff costs	14,013		-	14,013	13,598
Ministry costs	10,811		-	10,811	13,308
Property costs	5,956		-	5,956	4,134
Sundries	3,426		-	3,426	2,283
External giving	9,947		-	9,947	9,010
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	89,323	3,315	-	92,638	85,663
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	89,323	3,315	-	92,638	85,663
Net of receipts/(payments)	9,375	-	-	9,375	2,442
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	58,965	-	-	58,965	56,523
Cash funds this year end	68,340	-	-	68,340	58,965

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted to nearest £	Restricted to nearest £	Endowment to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	General Fund	68,340	-	-
	Pastor In Training Fund	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	68,340	-	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))		OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	-	
		-	-	
		-	-	
		-	-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of
	ANDREW HERON	05/03/23