

Christ Church Baptist

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ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2022

**March 2023
Annual General Meeting**

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The bare facts:

Minister: Revd Matthew Cooper (inducted September 2006 – left November 2022)

Youth Work Co-ordinator: Ben Ansell (appointed September 2017 – left September 2022)

Administrator: Glenda Turner (appointed July 2006)

Bookshop and Coffee Shop Co-Ordinator: Hannah Tse (appointed March 2016)

New members:

- Allan Humphris
- Annette James
- Nigel Richards
- Sylvia Richards
- Ann Bunn

Baptisms: None

Member deaths:

- Suzie Hinton-Taylor
- Isabel Miles

Secretary: Roy Farrant (re-appointed October 2021 for three years)

Treasurer: Paul Hutchinson (re-appointed for one year 13 March 2022)

Other Deacons:

- Neil Cooper (stood down 13 March 2022)
- Suzie Hinton-Taylor (stood down 13 March 2022)
- Cameron Varley (appointed 12 March 2020 for three years)
- Will Sime (appointed October 2021 for three years)
- Phil Carpenter (appointed 13 March 2022 for three years)
- Joy Cooper (appointed 26 May 2022 for three years)

Diaconate vacancies - two

Church Progress:

2022 was quite a year. Church life was continuing as normal for the first few months. Then our youth work co-ordinator Ben Ansell resigned in September, after five years, to take up a quite different job opportunity elsewhere. And to cap that, our minister Matthew accepted a call to the pastorate at Park Steet Baptist Church, St Albans, so he and Charlotte left us in November. Space at Matthew's induction service at Park Street was at a premium, but some of the deacons managed to squeeze in: we had the feeling Matthew and Charlotte would be well looked after.

So, after sixteen years the church was without a pastor. Not just a pastor, though: between them Matthew and Charlotte did a very great deal and they are hugely missed for all their work as well as their leadership, support and friendship.

But people started to step up to fill the holes. New rotas of helpers were formed (and continue to be formed). Visiting speakers or our own folk filled the pulpit Sunday by Sunday. The work continued, and indeed it is only the areas that were already struggling (5Alive; Revel8) that temporarily stopped.

And, of course this is right. The work carries on and the family here continue to look out for one another, encourage one another, pray for one another.

With the news that Matthew was departing, we gathered a small group of people to start production of our Church Profile. Once approved by the diaconate and then by the church, this document will be our shop window for prospective ministers to view. Only our Lord knows who he is lining up to become our new pastor, of course, and indeed only our Lord knows how long the search will take. Our job is to continue to follow Him as best we can and listen to what He says during the search.

A church secretary's life becomes busier when a minister leaves, of course. But I am enormously grateful for the hard work and support from so many. Together we continue to shine the Light in Kings Langley and together we continue to worship our Lord. My thanks to all of you.

Roy Farrant
Secretary
February 2023

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR END 2022

Again this year the Annual Accounts have been prepared in line with the Baptist Union's suggested format for churches with an income under £250k/year.

Headlines from the Accounts

In 2022 the total income increased by a significant amount compared with 2021, by £10,219 to £153.9k. This increase is due to an increase in most areas of income in 2022, plus the receipt of two legacies; one from the estate of Marilyn Tuffs amounting to £10,000 and one from Leavesden Road Baptist Church, also for £10,000. Expenditure has reduced by £1,641 to £119,683 compared with 2021. In 2022 the church ended the year with a surplus of £34,255, compared with the budgeted deficit of £7,521. Accordingly, the church's liquid assets have increased to £152,513.

More than £13,800 was received from HMRC as Gift Aid.

The offering in 2022 has increased by £14,753 compared with 2021, to £76,874. Most of this amount was received through regular giving although approximately £8,000 was received as one-off donations.

At 31 Dec 2022 the legacies balance amounted to £56,703, out of which £20,115 is reserved for specific purposes and £36,588 is not yet committed.

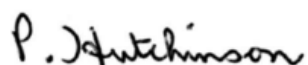
Concerning external causes, the church has given £5,640 to CBA and £4,255 to BMS World Mission. The nominated "Charity of the Year" for 2022 was Dnipro Hope Mission and a total of £2366 was collected and donated to that cause. Total giving to external causes amounted to about 8% of our total income for the year.

CCB continues to hold the majority of its reserves in the Baptist Union deposit account. Baptist Churches are encouraged to do so as this provides funds to the Baptist Union which are used to make loans to finance the purchase of new church sites and manse, fund the construction of new churches and redevelopment and improvement projects.

The Deacons have considered the financial position of the Church and believe that we will be able to pay all bills, invoices, charges and other liabilities as they fall due.

The work of the Treasurer is dependent on other supporting people. Particular thanks go to,

- all those who have given to the work of the church in 2022, either by way of regular monthly donations or in other ways. The weekly/monthly offering amounted to £76,874 for the full year.
- the offering counting team,
- Roy Farrant who has managed the payroll. The church currently has 3 individuals on payroll.
- The people who have looked after First Steps, 5Alive and 7Up funds.
- Glenda Turner for managing the hiring of our premises. The church has received an income of £14,029 through hall-hire in the year.



Paul Hutchinson, Treasurer

Date 28th February 2023

PASTORAL CARE & PRAYER MINISTRY

As someone new to pastoral care, I looked to our much-missed friend Suzie for inspiration as she performed this role so wonderfully and with such a pastoral heart over many years. I knew I would indeed have huge shoes to fill, and I wanted here to first pay tribute to Suzie and say how grateful we are for all that she did and all she meant to us.

I was passed Suzie's previous Annual Report reviews recently and was very moved by them as they were very sensitively written. I wanted though to pick up one key theme of Suzie's previous reports that gave me much comfort, that is her continued emphasis on Pastoral Care being something that all of us can be part of.

We have often said of ourselves (and others said it too!) that we are a friendly church who care for others and each other, this has been true of my experience here and just as true today even amongst all our challenges and our busy lives.

As some may know I personally have not been able to offer as much time as I'd like to this role, due mainly to my full-time work commitments in the week and also my taking on additional duties following Matthew's departure. However, my fellow deacons have supported and assisted so kindly during this busy time for all of us. So, a huge thanks goes to Glenda for circulating prayer information, for Will in agreeing to make his phone number available as prayer contact and for Cameron and all the Bookshop Team for the wonderful pastoral care and support that goes on there. And for everyone else too!

I mentioned already about this being a challenging time at CCB, however despite this (or because of this) I have been encouraged recently to see how we have drawn closer together as a church in order to support each other, to encourage each other and to grow. I am sure that we all pray that this might continue.

Blessings
Phil

CHRISTIAN AID REPORT

We give thanks for raising £9,802 in 2022.

We are very grateful to all who have shared with us in fund raising and campaigning for Christian Aid in 2022. In a challenging environment we are so pleased to have raised £9,802 (plus Gift Aid) towards the work in developing countries and amongst the poorest in our world. Our annual report (available online at KLCaid.uk and hard copies are available in the church) gives more details of the activities that supported this as well as the other work we are engaged with.

Working together

What we achieve is done through partnership. People collect, pray and work together to organise events. And we share with others to make all of this possible. Throughout the year this has involved a concert at All Saints with Omnia, a charity meal at Abotts Tandori and carol singing with Nash Mills and Divine Saviour Schools in the Marlowes. Thank you to all.

Christian Aid Week

A key part of the week is the 'House to House' collection and many volunteers from the churches and wider community helped and we are very grateful for this.

Phil Evans, the Area representative, spoke at the United Service about the impact of climate change in Zimbabwe and how Jessica, farmer and mother, was affected by this. However, through the support she received she said: "We were given chicks to rear, and food. Life is much better; we have been helped. We are very thankful in a big way. We thank Christian Aid who brings us these things."

We also held a Coffee Morning at Christ Church on 14 May where we were able to share together and enjoy some lovely home-made cakes. Thank you to all who provided for this and came on the day and helped us raise a total of £199.

Special Appeals

Unfortunately, throughout the year emergencies arose and we launched special appeals for Ukraine and East Africa. We collected in churches and the Village Garden and highlighted the areas of special concern. Christian Aid works through partners on the ground and in Ukraine reached over 770,000 people in 6 months, providing food and shelter and assisting their healthcare and hygiene needs. Help was also given to assist those who had to flee their communities to find a place of safety.

Campaigning: 'Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute'. (Proverbs 31v8)

Throughout the year we lobbied our local MP, Sir Mike Penning. We wrote letters about the situation in Afghanistan where children were having to work rather than go to school to help feed their families. On climate change, the focus was on COP 27, and we urged the Government to compensate poorer countries for the loss and damage done to their environment. Progress was made, but more needs to be done to reduce carbon emissions in the longer term.

But we go forward in the knowledge that this is God's work, his creation and he calls us to work with him in partnership to redeem it all.

Paul Tucker

HOUSE GROUPS

NOMADS HOUSE GROUP

Remember those dark days when we were isolated from each other due to COVID restrictions? In last year's report I mentioned that we hoped to resume meeting in person again in 2022. I'm pleased to say that life did get back to some normality during the year, and lately we have been able to meet up in each other's homes.

That said COVID and Zoom did have its consequences. Denis and Isabel, who had struggled with meeting on Zoom, did not return and sadly Isabel died during the year. We did keep in touch with them and supported them as much as possible. Sadly, Isabel died during the year but we were pleased to see Denis happily relocated to Somerset where he is now permanently living with his son. We do of course miss them both so much.

During the year we stopped meeting on a Monday evening and moved to a Thursday instead. This was to accommodate Carolyn whose work commitments had changed. Unfortunately, both Mervyn and Carolyn both found it difficult to meet regularly and have since resigned. During the year we have been joined by Alan, Annette and Hedley and they have been actively involved and led many of our bible studies. This takes the total of us meeting to 9.

If anyone would like to join us you would be welcomed with open arms. We were meeting weekly on a Thursday at 8pm but are considering reverting to a Monday again. Our time together starts by sharing what has been going on in our lives over the past week over coffee and excellent home-made cake!!! We end with a time of prayer.

At the beginning of the year, we continued a Bible study on Thessalonians published by Cover to Cover and entitled Building Church in Changing Times. This we felt was very relevant to both us at Christ Church and the wider church in general. This was followed during the year by a study on various themes chosen by the group and a study entitled 'What if we knew what God knows about us.' This was both challenging and inspiring.

Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions we have not been able during the year to invite visiting speakers to share their Christian work and experiences but hope to be able to start this again in 2023.

Individual members have supported outreach events through 2022, while many are involved in visiting those who are housebound or living in care homes.

Of course, no review of Nomads would be complete without mentioning our social life. Parties and BBQs have all played their part in helping us support and encourage each other in our Christian journey. We wish we had been able to do more in 2022 but we were restricted by COVID rules. That said we had a very pleasant meal to say farewell to our much-loved minister and his wife, Matthew and Charlotte.

For all of us, meeting together every week gives us the opportunity to share our hopes and fears, and provides us with the chance to support each other as we journey through life together.

If anyone is thinking of joining a house group you would be very welcome at Nomads

Will Sime on behalf the members of Nomad.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Although we still use zoom, our bible study group have begun to meet in person, initially at my house, but now we have begun meeting in the afternoon from 2pm until 3:30pm in the lower hall in the church.

Sadly, this year, we lost Suzie, one of our loyal members and a dear friend. Sometimes it feels as though she is still with us. Our loyal membership continues to meet together and we have welcomed several new members since opening the church doors a few weeks ago. We would love others to join – why don't you give it a try!

Our material continues to nothing but the word. The only study book we have used is one that was written around 3,500 years ago over a period of around 1,500 years and still manages to top the best seller list. Quite a few human authors, but tied together by the divine. This year, among other books, we have been through James, Hebrews and we are currently working through Esther. We arrive anytime up to 2:10pm and get to have a catch up on our weeks. We then begin the study with a prayer. We then step through the evenings reading with a handful of verses at a time. There is no pressure on anyone to read but if you would like to, you will certainly have a turn. Between each reading, we have an open discussion which I always find fruitful. Finally, we always have ten or fifteen minutes in prayer finishing around 3:30pm.

There is absolutely no need to have attended any other week to get something out of the current week. We look at a different passage every time and just as it is not necessary to start reading the bible from page 1 and head all the way through to the last page, anyone is welcome to join our group at anytime. The Word is always NEW.

Although we do stick to a core raison d'être of reading the bible, we do have a close fellowship and are privileged to pray for each other and share each other's burdens and celebrate each other's successes.

If you haven't thought of joining a bible study before (or if you have) we really encourage you to give it a try. In fact, for at least one of the core group, this was the first bible study they have ever attended.

Joshua 1:8 Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.

CHILDREN'S & YOUTH MINISTRY

Wow, what a lot has changed in a year!

This time last year we were starting to trial the new Sunday morning format with families arriving at 9.30am for crafts and a message, then the rest of the congregation joining at 10.15am for a time of worship followed by a more traditional morning service. The plan was also to have fortnightly Bible studies for the teenagers during the morning service.

The outcome of this trial was that we did not get any new families attending and attendance was still fairly sporadic. Unfortunately, the youth Bible Studies were also poorly attended and families who had children in both age groups found it quite challenging. There were many comments from the older members of the congregation that they missed the children being part of the 'main' service. Hence in September we reverted to our previous style of service.

At the end of August, Ben announced that he had accepted a position to train as a mental health professional in schools. We are grateful for his service to us.

Then Matthew and Charlotte also announced they were moving on which particularly impacted on the 7up group amongst other things. It is hard to put into words how much we appreciated their commitment, enthusiasm and living faith and we miss them sorely. However, we tried to 'Keep calm and carry on' as they say, putting our trust in God, that he knows what he's doing!

My priorities in taking over coordination of the Youth and Children's work (albeit temporarily!) have always been threefold;

- 1) Ensure there is appropriate teaching for the children available every Sunday to build consistency in both provision and, hopefully, attendance.
- 2) To build back up our bank of volunteers, they are our most important resource.
- 3) To continue to engage with children and youth in the wider community of Kings Langley.

Sunday mornings

Since the beginning of September, I have been leading the children's group using the Primary Resource series from the Vineyard Fellowship. We started with 'One World', spending a month learning about God's amazing creation. Then we looked at 'Friends' in the Bible and talked about what it's like to be a friend and how to share Jesus with them. We continued with the 'Christmas' theme in December and then in January we started the topic of 'Worship', exploring different ways of showing God we love him. Recently we have been learning a lot from the life of Elijah and it has been lovely to see the children making the link between God answering Elijah's prayers and our own prayers, in particular with regard to Naythan and Patrick.

These sessions are only possible with the help of 5 faithful volunteers who take it in turns help each week. I know this is appreciated not only by me, but also by the parents, who are very grateful for the opportunity to stay in church and hear the Word. Thank you all for your commitment and service.

Regarding the older children or 'youth', I have to say, we're in the rather unusual position of having adults who are willing to lead but not enough children to make it viable on a Sunday morning. I have been in contact with all parents of children in this age bracket who are known to us but for various reasons they are unable to attend regularly on any day/time. So, for the time being we do not have a 'youth' group on a Sunday morning but we are grateful for those who are willing to lead and continue to pray that God will draw young people to us.

Midweek groups

First Steps: This group for pre-school children and their parents/carers continues to be a major part of our outreach in the village, with 20-30 non church families attending weekly on Thursday mornings. The group continues to be faithfully run by Judith and Glenda, ably assisted by Gillian S. They have developed amazing relationships with the Mums, Grandmas and Carers and share God's love with them in a very real, practical way. With Ben and Matthew no longer able to help, the leaders were delighted that several of the Mums agreed to help with setting up the room and everyone helps put the equipment away. This arrangement was really put to the test during Judith's stay in hospital just before Christmas but it is a testament to God's faithfulness to us that people stepped up and Glenda was supported by others in the group. Refreshments for the group are provided by another team of volunteers to whom we're extremely grateful.

7up: This group for 8-11yr olds is also an important outreach in the village with 30 children on the register and a waiting list of 8. The highlight of 2022 for many of the 7up children was the 'Sleepover' at the end of the Summer Term when Charlotte, Jan and Joy realised the downside of sleeping in the church sanctuary is that there are no curtains, so it gets light very early! Despite being sleep-deprived, we still managed to send them on their way with a hearty cooked breakfast which they appreciated on Saturday morning.

As Matthew, Charlotte and Ben used to help lead 7up most weeks they have left a big hole in our team. So, for now, Jan, Neil and myself lead every week and are supported by a rota of volunteers, many of whom have been arm-twisted into helping! We are very thankful for their support at this time. Every other week we are also pleased to welcome Sita, a past member of 7up, who is helping as part of her Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Unfortunately, at the moment, we do not have enough volunteers to run 5Alive and Revel8 as well. There were only a very small number of children attending 5 Alive before it finished in the summer. However, we are very keen to restart a group like Revel8 for Secondary age children, not least, because there are 11 children who will be moving on from 7up in the Summer and it would be good to have a group for them to move up to. Please pray for God's guiding hand in this situation.

Schools

Our links with the local Kings Langley schools have continued throughout the year. Up until the Autumn Matthew and Ben went into the Primary school to lead assemblies and help with RE lessons. In the new year the church was contacted by the school who said they really value our link with them and I am now coordinating visits, involving other church members, to speak to the children about our Christian faith. In the Secondary school, 'Youth Across Hemel' are continuing to run the lunchtime group that Ben helped to set up.

Resources

Finally, if you have been upstairs, you may have noticed we have some bright, new children's chairs to replace the blue ones (which are over 30 years old!) and smaller folding tables which means the First Steps children can sit at a table properly to do crafts, playdough etc. These were purchased with surplus monies from First Steps and the Children's work budget.

Conclusion

So, there is a lot to be thankful for and a lot we need to pray for, but we are not standing still!

Thank you to everyone who supports the Children and Youth work either through prayer or action, we really couldn't do it without you! Please do contact me if you have any suggestions or are able to help in any way.

Joy Cooper

COFFEE SHOP AND BOOKSHOP

It's now been over a year since I took over the running of the coffee shop and bookshop and I have really enjoyed getting to know the ins and outs of this very personal service to our community. We have been open on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday mornings as well as hosting one off events such as book signings and providing for the Lent course and things seem to have returned to pre-pandemic levels. Anne and Kate, despite having technically retired long ago, continue to be supportive in practical and encouraging ways and Hannah's seemingly endless energy and dedication, often behind the scenes, has been evident and appreciated – no more so that when she went on holiday to America 😊

Of course, we could not do any of this without our faithful bank of volunteers be they servers, cashiers, bakers, visitors, administrators, preparers, cleaners, dish washers or encouragers. I would like to join the church in personally thanking everyone of you and wish you God's blessing for your sacrifice.

We are once more in strange times, without a minister and with changes for our church to come. I do not propose to make any changes to what we are doing until we have a new minister so that he or she can be involved in any forward planning. Until then we will do our best to maintain what we have developed.

Our coffee shop is not meant to be competition for the other businesses in the village but a place to come to enjoy good coffee and cake in a spiritual setting, this will continue. Unfortunately, Christian bookshops are few and far between these days and I'm so pleased that we are able to offer people the opportunity to purchase a greetings card with a Christian message or a bible or a book. We don't seek to make a profit on our coffee, cakes and books, but I know that the Kingdom of God is richer with every sale we make. 😊

Galatians 5:13 You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh ; rather, serve one another humbly in love.

WELLBEING COFFEE MORNING

It's more than a year now since we opened the doors for our first Wellbeing Coffee Morning which is specifically for people that have struggled through the restrictions of the lockdown, perhaps feeling lonely or other mental strain. It has been such a blessing to me to form such close bonds with the regular bunch of friends that gather together. We have welcomed new people and we have lost touch with some although we keep them in our prayers.

We don't profess to have any other skills or potions for people other than offering safe space to sit and chat over a lovely cup of coffee and a biscuit.

Church family are encouraged to support this in any way they can and we have had a wonderful response. We meet in the lower hall which is set up with tables in a very large circle which people can chat as a large group or on individual tables and indeed have done both over the last few weeks. Our Christian bookshop is also open at the same time.

We start with an open prayer time from 9:30-10am on Thursday morning and then serve coffee and biscuits to those that come along. Sometimes we have birthday cakes 😊. At around 11am a bible passage and a message for the day is given. I have been concentrating on the words of Jesus himself from Matthew's gospel although I have adventurously tried a verse or two from Luke this year 😊. I have been really heartened by the large group and small group conversations that have sprung up after this and it does feel like the people that come are benefiting from sharing on a deeper level than they might otherwise have opportunity to do. A number of people have commented on the feeling that they are able to share anxieties in the morning that they don't feel they can in other settings which I have taken as a real encouragement.

Recently, we had a lady from Dens that came to talk to us about their work which was appreciated very much by the group.

Although I would like this group to be more widely advertised, I am reluctant to make any significant change until we have a new minister that can perhaps share in the direction that we might want this group to move in as a church.

Matthew 11:28 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP GROUP

A number of us are continuing to meet every other Wednesday afternoon, 2.15-4.00 in the Lower Hall. It is mainly a meeting for friendship, where we do knitting, crocheting, etc, share news and discuss issues affecting us - over a cup of tea. In the Autumn we made a real effort in producing items for the Shoebox Appeal, and we regularly support the work of the Institute for Mother & Child in Kolkata by sponsoring one of their children's educations.

Occasionally we invite a visitor to share news of their Charity or Mission and recently Ivy Silk from Hemel shared pictures and news of her recent visit to India. Earlier a friend who has been teaching in Zambia shared the story of her work in a mission school.

You are welcome to invite a neighbour, or come and join us yourselves, and this invitation is not restricted to ladies only! We would value your prayers as we seek to present Christ to our friends & neighbours.

FABRIC

I took over responsibility for property and fabric maintenance in July 2022; my thanks to Neil Cooper for providing a comprehensive 'to do' list of outstanding areas of concern, ranging from the urgent to the 'nice to do'. This list was later updated and important work was prioritised for the following three years.

First task was to get all the gas equipment inspected and serviced where appropriate. Because of the nature and variety of equipment, Gas Mark One in Watford was the only local firm available to carry out this work. Their engineer advised that the two Warm Air Heaters that serve the Upper and Lower Halls were nearing the end of life and that spares were now obsolete. He subsequently gave an estimate for replacing these with a single gas boiler for the church to consider in the future. This potentially poses a problem for the church, with the Govt phasing out gas boilers by 2030 and there being no suitable environmentally friendly system available in the near future for coping with the demands of both halls. Issues of window replacement and ventilation were identified. These are likely to require architectural services if wider windows in the Upper Hall need planning permission due to a change of elevation.

A Fabric Team of James, Neil, Paul and myself was formed to assist me with advice, ideas and co-ordination of tasks and to report to the Deacons where necessary.

During Summer 2022, estimates were obtained to either repair or replace in uPvc all the ground floor windows in the Minnows, Lounge, general Toilets and the Kitchen. However, at a subsequent CM, it was decided that priority should be given to automating the Foyer entrance doors. Estimates were obtained and a later CM agreed a spend of up to £14K. On reflection, the Deacons and subsequent CM agreed that this money would be better spent automating one each of the existing Foyer entrance doors and the double doors to the stairwell area. This was completed in Feb 2023. Thanks to James and others who are in the process of renovating the external doors.

During the Autumn 2022, the Manse became vacant and minor work improvements, carpet laying and redecorating took place, overseen by Roy Farrant, to prepare the house for renting out. The flat roofs over the Minnows and Lounge areas were cleared of accumulated moss and debris. Thanks to James and Glenda for helping me with that.

In Dec 2022, new AV screens were fitted in the Sanctuary. Thanks to Neil C.

In Jan 2023 North and South Builders began to alter and improve the Accessible Toilet with new equipment and a repositioned entrance door. An earlier CM agreed that the toilet should now be fully tiled. Work should be completed by the end of Feb 2023.

In Jan 2023 the kitchen Counter-top Boiler failed and was replaced with a new unit. In Feb 2023, estimates are being obtained to rectify ceiling level dampness in the lounge, which may require re-felting the flat roof above.

To conclude, the premises continue to have a lot of usage. As a result there are many jobs that need to be undertaken in the coming years to maintain and hopefully improve our church premises for the continued use by our church Fellowship, the local community and to the Glory of God.

Hedley Edwards (Property Steward)

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Financial Statement for Year Ended 31st December 2022

Consolidated CCB Receipts and Payment Account

	2022	2021
Receipts		
General Fund	136,851	132,871
Kings Bookshop and Coffee Shop Fund	14,844	10,104
First Steps Fund	1,227	524
Revel8 Fund	0	10
7up Fund	1,017	170
5Alive Fund	0	42
	<u>153,939</u>	<u>143,720</u>
Payments		
General Fund	106,615	111,214
Kings Bookshop and Coffee Shop Fund	12,183	9,448
First Steps Fund	164	134
Revel8 Fund	246	194
7up Fund	383	233
5Alive Fund	92	101
	<u>119,683</u>	<u>121,324</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year	<u>34,255</u>	<u>22,397</u>

General Fund - Receipts and Payments

	Note	2022	2021
Receipts			
Weekly Offering		76,874	62,121
Donations and other income	2	27,873	47,705
Income tax received on gifts (Gift Aid)		13,832	16,181
Investment income	3	1,969	159
Rents & contributions for use of premises		14,029	6,705
Raised for other causes	4	2,274	0
		<u>136,851</u>	<u>132,871</u>
Payments			
Ministry	5	46,448	48,564
Mission	6	34,224	39,543
Upkeep of Church Premises	7	19,719	17,686
Administration	8	6,225	5,421
		<u>106,615</u>	<u>111,214</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year		<u>30,236</u>	<u>21,657</u>

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Kings Bookshop and Coffee Shop (KCBS) Fund - Receipts and Payments

	2022	2021
Receipts		
Bookshop worker furlough receipts	2 0	2,122
Sale of books, cards, gifts etc	6,112	3,770
Non profit sales		
Refreshments	8,576	4,107
Donations	156	106
	<u>14,844</u>	<u>10,104</u>
Payments		
Bookshop worker gross salary	6,171	6,452
Employer pension costs	184	193
Purchase of books, cards, etc	3,796	1,734
Purchases from charities/non profit		
Refreshments	1,606	893
Worldpay	258	144
Maintenance & Equipment	55	22
Stationery & Postage	12	10
Miscellaneous	101	
	<u>12,183</u>	<u>9,448</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year	<u>2,661</u>	<u>656</u>

First Steps Fund - Receipts and Payments

	2022	2021
Receipts		
Subscriptions	1,227	524
	<u>1,227</u>	<u>524</u>
Payments		
Refreshments	97	18
Crafts	32	0
Party Accessories	0	28
Gifts for adults & children	0	11
Equipment	34	77
	<u>164</u>	<u>134</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year	<u>1,063</u>	<u>390</u>

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Revel8 Fund - Receipts and Payments		
	2022	2021
Receipts		
Subscriptions	0	10
Tuck Shop Receipts	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>10</u>
Payments		
Outings	0	0
Games Night / Equipment	25	82
Craft Work	36	41
Tuck shop expenses & refreshments	71	36
Stationery	0	34
Donations	100	0
Miscellaneous	15	
	<u>246</u>	<u>194</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year	<u>-246</u>	<u>-184</u>

7up Fund - Receipts and Payments		
	2022	2021
Receipts		
Subscriptions (incl. sleepover)	1,017	170
	<u>1,017</u>	<u>170</u>
Payments		
Craft Material	127	194
Party	70	33
Refreshments	0	0
Resource Material	175	0
Stationery	0	6
Donations	11	
	<u>383</u>	<u>233</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year	<u>633</u>	<u>-63</u>

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5Alive Fund - Receipts and Payments

	2022	2021
Receipts		
Subscriptions	0	42
From 7Up for Purchases		0
	<u>0</u>	<u>42</u>
Payments		
Craft Material	42	101
Party	50	0
Training	0	0
Resources	0	0
	<u>92</u>	<u>101</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year	<u>-92</u>	<u>-59</u>

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 December 2022

Assets		2022	2021
Bank and other cash balances	9	152,513	118,258
Representing balances on the following funds			
General Fund	10	146,731	113,298
KCBS Fund	11	3,000	3,036
First Steps Fund	12	1,215	652
Revel8 Fund	13	601	848
7up Fund	14	856	223
5Alive Fund	15	109	201
TOTAL		<u>152,513</u>	<u>118,258</u>
Non monetary assets held for the Church's own use	16	3,059,745	3,082,810
Total Assets		<u>3,212,258</u>	<u>3,201,068</u>
Liabilities			
Baptist Pension Scheme Liabilities	17	0	18,468
Total Debt		<u>0</u>	<u>18,468</u>

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1 Notes to the Accounts

Basis of accounts: These accounts have been prepared on a 'receipts and payments' basis and accord with Section 133 Charities Act 2011

2 Donations and other income	2022	2021
Donations / Contribution to overheads	281	1,159
Legacies	20,000	33,150
Memorial gifts / Funerals / Weddings	0	450
Other items - Furlough receipts from HMRC	0	12,278
Grants Received (Note 1)	4,750	
Other items (Note 2)	2,842	2,791
	27,873	49,827

Note 1: £4,475 from CBA, £275 from Carnival committee, for Accessible Toilet. This work has yet to be completed and paid for.

Note 2: Includes £1,516 received as leaving gifts for Matthew & Charlotte Cooper, and £595 received as leaving gifts for Ben & Helen Ansell.

3 Investment income		
Bank interest	1,969	159
	1,969	159
4 Raised for Other Causes		
Charity of the Year:		
Dnipro Hope Mission	2,274	0
Other charities:		
	2,274	0

5 Outgoing - Ministry (Note 3)		
Minister's (gross) stipend	25,068	27,273
Employer's NI costs	521	449
Pension Contribution (Note 4)	8,287	10,971
Minister's travel & Pulpit supplies	98	1,754
Church Activities / Sunday services	1,730	328
Jubilee Celebrations	965	
Visiting Speakers	581	204
Subscriptions and Licences	1,579	1,168
Gift for Matthew & Charlotte Cooper	1,707	
Manse Costs:		
Utilities (council tax, water, light & heat)	4,794	5,061
Insurance	689	624
Repairs / upkeep	430	732
	46,448	48,564

Note 3: Until his departure in November 2022, the Minister acted as one of the church's trustees and received remuneration and other benefits in respect of his/her services as Minister, including the provision of manse accommodation owned by the church.

Note 4: The church's contribution in 2022 to reduce the Baptist Pension Scheme deficit is included here. The church pays both the employer's and the employee's pension contributions.

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6 Outgoing - Mission	2022	2021
Given to BMS / CBA	9,895	10,509
Given to charity of the year	2,366	0
Children & Youth work	692	584
Children & Family Worker gross salary	19,079	26,466
Employer's NI & Pension costs	1,105	1,222
Outreach	369	352
Gift for Ben & Helen Ansell	595	
In memory of Suzie Hinton-Taylor	90	
Given to Christian Aid Haiti Appeal		410
Other (Op Christmas Child boxes)	33	0
	34,224	39,543
7 Outgoing - Upkeep of Church Premises		
Utilities (light & heat)	5,635	3,407
Insurance	2,926	2,891
Repairs and Maintenance	6,295	6,780
Cleaner's salary	4,863	4,608
	19,719	17,686
8 Outgoing - Administration		
Printing and stationery	913	389
Administrator's salary	5,311	5,033
	6,225	5,421
9 Bank and other cash balances		
Barclays CCB CIO General Account	6,671	37,536
Baptist Union Deposit Account	137,468	77,349
Barclays KCBS CIO Account	8,324	3,348
Cash (Note 5)	50	25
	152,513	118,258
Note 5: £10 1st Steps, £40 KCBS		
10 General Fund		
Opening balance	113,298	91,641
Net income/ (expenditure) for the year	30,236	21,657
Transferred from KCBS Fund	2,697	0
Transferred from First Steps Fund	500	0
Closing balance	146,731	113,298
11 KCBS Fund	2022	2021
Opening balance	3,036	2,380
Net income/ (expenditure) for the year	2,661	656
Transferred to General Fund	-2,697	0
Closing balance	3,000	3,036

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12 First Steps Fund		
Opening balance	652	762
Net income/ (expenditure) for the year	1,063	390
Transferred to 7Up Fund	0	-300
Transferred to 5Alive Fund	0	-200
Transferred to General Fund	-500	0
Closing balance	<u>1,215</u>	<u>652</u>
13 Revel8 Fund		
Opening balance	848	1,031
Net income/ (expenditure) for the year	-246	-184
Transferred to General Fund	0	0
Closing balance	<u>601</u>	<u>848</u>
14 7up Fund		
Opening balance	223	-14
Net income/ (expenditure) for the year	633	-63
Transferred from First Steps Fund	0	300
Transferred to General Fund	0	0
Closing balance	<u>856</u>	<u>223</u>
15 5Alive Fund		
Opening balance	201	61
Net income/ (expenditure) for the year	-92	-59
Transferred from First Steps Fund	0	200
Transferred to General Fund	0	0
Closing balance	<u>109</u>	<u>201</u>

16 Non monetary assets held for the Church's own use

The church is the beneficial owner (subject to the relevant trusts) of the following assets, the legal title to which is held by the church's custodian trustee the Baptist Union Corporation Ltd:

	2022	2021
Church premises, insured value (The Nap, Kings Langley, Herts, WD4 8ES)	2,425,000	2,503,597
Church manse, insured value (2 Belham Road, Kings Langley, Herts, WD4 8BY)	499,745	453,075
Church organ insured value (Note 6)		
The church also owns fixtures, furniture and equipment with an insured value of	<u>135,000</u>	<u>126,138</u>
	<u>3,059,745</u>	<u>3,082,810</u>

Note 6: Baptist Insurance have clarified that the organ insured value is included in the total figure for Church premises insured value. The total for 2021 has also been corrected in these accounts.

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17 Baptist Pension Scheme Liabilities

The Church is a participating employer the Baptist Pension Scheme ("the Scheme"), which is a separate legal entity administered by the Pension Trustee (Baptist Pension Trust Limited). The assets of the Scheme are held separately from those of the Employer and the other participating employers.

The Scheme, previously known as the Baptist Ministers' Pension Fund, started in 1925, but was closed to future accrual of defined benefits on 31 December 2011. Prior to this date the main benefit provided through the Defined Benefit (DB) Plan was a pension of one eightieth of final minimum pensionable income for each year of pensionable service together with additional pension in respect of premiums paid on Pensionable Income in excess of Minimum Pensionable Income. Since 1 January 2012, benefits have been provided through a Defined Contribution (DC) Plan.

A formal valuation of the DB Plan as at 31 December 2019 by a professionally qualified Actuary using the Projected Unit Method. At the valuation date the market value of the DB Plan assets was £298 million, whilst the level of assets needed to pay benefits was £316m, giving a deficit of £18m (equivalent to a past service funding level of 94%). The Church and the other participating employers in the DB Plan are collectively responsible for funding this deficit. The next actuarial valuation of the DB Plan within the Scheme is due to take place not later than as at 31 December 2022.

On 30th June 2022 the Baptist Pension Scheme signed an agreement with the insurance company Just Group ("Just") to secure DB Plan members' pension benefits. Just are now providing financial backing for all pensions provided through the Scheme's DB Plan and following this transaction, the Scheme no longer has a shortfall. An updated Recovery plan was then signed in August 2022 under which recovery contributions from each participating employer in the DB Plan reduced to £1 per month from August 2022.

The accounts and statement of assets and liabilities set out on pages 3 – 10 relating to the year ending 31 December 2022 are as approved by the deacons.

Signed: 

Paul Hutchinson, Treasurer Christ Church Baptist Kings Langley

Date: 28th February 2023

Independent Examiners Report

Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees of Christ Church Baptist, Kings Langley on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2022

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Church's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The church's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the church and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any 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 statement below.

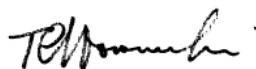
Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

Signed by or on behalf of the Examiner



Date ____15th March 2023____

Name Tadeusz Woroniecki

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