

DISS BAPTIST CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1181369

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2018-12-28

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE PURPOSES OF THE CHURCH ARE: 1. THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BASIS OF FAITH PRIMARILY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY WITHIN DISS AND THE SURROUNDING NEIGHBOURHOOD; AND2. 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, 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 HANDBOOK.

Activities: We aim to introduce people to the love of God shown through Jesus Christ, to encourage those who already know God's love to keep trusting in that and to demonstrate God's love in practical acts of kindness. Activities include: regular Sunday worship services, ladies meetings, bible studies, prayer meetings, coffee morning, children's groups, youth group, toddler group, a service in a care home.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Norfolk

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£153,822	£89,563	-	-
2023-12-31	£120,260	£106,247	-	-
2022-12-31	£87,458	£98,596	-	-
2021-12-31	£92,464	£84,249	-	-
2020-12-31	£86,843	£74,265	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Jonathan Stuart Armstrong	Chair	2018-12-28
Joseph Eric Peter Bannister		2021-09-16
Trevor Hart		2021-09-16

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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1.1.2024 **Period start date To** 31.12.2024 **Period end date**

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Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Our purpose as a local church in Diss continues to be to offer relevant and impactful teaching from the Bible in a way that our congregation can not only learn from but practically apply in their daily lives. A major step forward for us as a church in 2024 was formally affiliating to the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches (FIEC) in October. Joining the FIEC gives Diss Baptist Church a secure place to locate both doctrinally and ethically in the 21st Century UK evangelical church space. We look forward to growing this link along with our continued support and affiliation with the Norfolk Gospel

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Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Diss Baptist Church
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1181369
Charity's principal address	Diss Baptist Church Denmark Street Diss IP22 4LE

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Jonathan Armstrong	Pastor/elder		Membership
2	Trevor Hart	Elder		Membership
3	Joseph Bannister	Elder		Membership
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

[illegible]

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	JONATHAN STUART ARMSTRONG	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR OF TRUSTEES	
Date	7 th OCTOBER 2015	

Pastor's/Trustees' Report 1st January – 31st December 2024

Our purpose as a local church in Diss continues to be to offer relevant and impactful teaching from the Bible in a way that our congregation can not only learn from but practically apply in their daily lives.

A major step forward for us as a church in 2024 was formally affiliating to the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches (FIEC) in October. Joining the FIEC gives Diss Baptist Church a secure place to locate both doctrinally and ethically in the 21st Century UK evangelical church space. We look forward to growing this link along with our continued support and affiliation with the Norfolk Gospel Partnership.

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space, to our coffee mornings, as well as befriending. Most significantly we provided through the first few months of 2024 EFL classes. A team of volunteers was assembled to take on this massive task.

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Diss Baptist Church
Profit and Loss
January - December 2024

	<u>Total</u>
Income	
2000 Cash/Cheques/Standing Orders	126,053.50
2010 Gift Aid	
2020 GASD Tax Reclaimed	983.08
2030 Gift Aid Tax Reclaimed	16,452.31
Total 2010 Gift Aid	£ 17,435.39
2040 Interest Rcd	9,330.46
2060 Jam Money	92.50
2070 Taylor Road Money	800.00
2100 Mission Donations For	
2195 Way-sport	0.00
Total 2100 Mission Donations For	£ 0.00
2200 Restricted for	
2230 Welfare	110.00
Total 2200 Restricted for	£ 110.00
Total Income	£ 153,821.85
Gross Profit	£ 153,821.85
Expenses	
3000 Salary & Expenses	
3010 Salary Tax NI	38,332.82
3020 Pension Cont	3,271.44
3030 Mileage & Expenses	1,125.05
3040 Conference Fees	1,005.43
3050 Guest Preachers	124.00
Total 3000 Salary & Expenses	£ 43,858.74
4000 Manse	
4030 Council Tax / Water Etc.	-407.59
Total 4000 Manse	-£ 407.59
5000 Church	
5020 Repairs & Maintenance	326.00
5040 Cleaning	557.22
5050 Gas & Electricity	11,919.25
5060 Water Rates	490.21
5080 Insurance	1,878.54
5090 Hire of Premises for Sunday Services	5,196.40
Total 5000 Church	£ 20,367.62



6000 Administration		
6005 Accountancy Fees		875.60
6010 Books & Literature		257.48
6015 Copy Right		644.65
6020 General Catering		1,058.83
6025 Health & Safety		456.75
6035 Professional Fees		957.50
6040 Publicity		19.00
6045 Stationery & Office Supplies		1,134.27
6050 Subscriptions		3,108.87
6055 Telephone & Broadband		579.44
6060 Training		-27.50
6070 Website/Internet		2,431.04
Total 6000 Administration	£	11,495.93
7000 Activity Expenses		
7100 Outreach		
7105 Christianity Explored		46.36
7135 Taylor Road		1,423.94
7140 Various Outreach		609.96
7175 180Outreach		187.04
Total 7100 Outreach	£	2,267.30
7160 Life Fest		4,648.55
7170 Refugee Fund		27.49
7200 Youth		
7210 Jam		1,001.44
7215 Jam+		15.08
7225 Sunday School		96.48
Total 7200 Youth	£	1,113.00
Total 7000 Activity Expenses	£	8,056.34
8000 Mission - Donations To		
8010 Asia Link		3,000.00
8012 Grace Baptist P/Ship		3,000.00
Total 8000 Mission - Donations To	£	6,000.00
9000 General Donations		
9010 FIEC		192.00
Total 9000 General Donations	£	192.00
Total Expenses	£	89,563.04
Net Operating Income	£	64,258.81
Net Income	£	64,258.81

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Diss Baptist Church
Statement of Assets & Liabilities
As of December 31, 2024

	2024
Fixed Assets	
Church & Pemises	£350,000.00
Fixtures / Furniture / Equipment	<u>£12,803.33</u>
	£362,803.33
Manse restricted Fund	£400,275.98
Current Assets	
Current Account	£6,935.05
Savings Account	£39,995.98
Business Prem: Account	£86,997.24
Total Current Assets	<u>£133,928.27</u>
Total Assets	£897,007.58
Total	<u>£897,007.58</u>
Funds	
Unrestricted Fund	£130,928.27
Restricted Fund	£3,000.00
Manse restricted Fund	£400,275.98
Capital Fund	£362,803.33
Total Funds	<u>£897,007.58</u>

These accounts have been prepared under the "Receipts & Payments basis.



2nd July 2025

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Diss Baptist Church**Charity No. 1181369****Year Ended 31st December 2024**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Diss Baptist ('the charity') for the year ended 31st December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

The charity'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.

I report in respect of my examination of the 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 in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements 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 no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:**Date:** 4th August 2025**Name:** Johanne Thomas, FICB PM.Dip

Relevant profession qualifications or body (if any): Institute of Certified Bookkeepers
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		lead and preach as well as other men to explore and develop their gifts in preaching and teaching. A third service was also held each week. This service was held at the Taylor Road Community Hall. The service is an informal café style church, and included singing, praying, a talk from a video presentation using RightNow Media, and a discussion time. Numbers fluctuated throughout the year between 10 and 20 folks including children. Sadly, the contracted term of employment came to an end on the 31st May for our Pastor for Families and Community and the work on the Taylor Road inevitably struggled. Nevertheless a strong team kept this work on this neighbourhood alive during 2023. Our midweek activities continued strongly thanks to the hard work and commitment of our small army of volunteers. The work amongst senior citizens, Senior Moments continued. Numbers are small to this meeting but those who do come enjoy coffee and chat, crafts and activities and a talk from the bible. On a Tuesday our ladies meet together for bible teaching and prayer. Wednesday is a busy day for the church. Our morning 'Coffee Stop' bustles each week and during 2023 we continued to incorporate a short bible-based thought for the day which is appreciated by all who come, including those with no faith. On a Wednesday afternoon, JAM – our family and children's club has continued to serve as a vital connection point with the community. We continued our 'Warm Space' beyond the winter offering a free meal for the children and parents. What was especially wonderful about this time, as well as practically serving our community in the midst of the cost of living crisis, was to see families asking us to pray for and talk about difficulties they were experiencing. Many good connections and friendships were built with the community through this endeavour. On Tuesday and Wednesday evenings we continued to go deeper in the bible in our fortnightly Life Groups and on the opposite fortnight our prayer meetings continued to be well attended and much valued. The weekly coffee morning each Thursday called Chatterbox continued on throughout 2023. Again, this has become an established part of the church week and is especially useful as a connection point on the Taylor Road neighbourhood. In September, a monthly men's meeting and
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Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1181369
Charity's principal address	Diss Baptist Church Denmark Street Diss IP22 4LE

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Jonathan Armstrong	Pastor/elder		Membership
2	Jonathan Findlay	Pastor/elder	1/1/23 to 31/5/23	Membership
3	Trevor Hart	Elder		Membership
4	Joseph Bannister	Elder		Membership
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

[illegible]

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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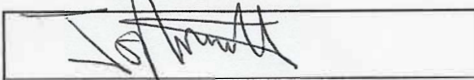
Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	JONATHAN ARMSTRONG	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	PASTOR and CHAIR OF TRUSTEES	
Date	25th OCTOBER 2024	

Pastor's/Trustees' Report 1st January – 31st December 2023

Our purpose as a local church in Diss continues to be to offer relevant and impactful teaching from the Bible in a way that our congregation can not only learn from but practically apply in their daily lives. 2023 saw us hold three services on a Sunday. Our morning services attract around 80 people, increasingly drawing in visitors and also people enquiring about the Christian faith. A Sunday school is available at this service and numbers are slowly increasing as new folks arrive. At 6pm we hold an evening service drawing a congregation of around 30 people. This service gives the wider leadership of the church an opportunity to lead and preach as well as other men to explore and develop their gifts in preaching and teaching.

A third service was also held each week. This service was held at the Taylor Road Community Hall. The service is an informal café style church, and included singing, praying, a talk from a video presentation using RightNow Media, and a discussion time. Numbers fluctuated throughout the year between 10 and 20 folks including children.

Sadly, the contracted term of employment came to an end on the 31st May for our Pastor for Families and Community and the work on the Taylor Road inevitably struggled. Nevertheless a strong team kept this work on this neighbourhood alive during 2023.

Our midweek activities continued strongly thanks to the hard work and commitment of our small army of volunteers. The work amongst senior citizens, Senior Moments continued. Numbers are small to this meeting but those who do come enjoy coffee and chat, crafts and activities and a talk from the bible.

On a Tuesday our ladies meet together for bible teaching and prayer.

Wednesday is a busy day for the church. Our morning 'Coffee Stop' bustles each week and during 2023 we continued to incorporate a short bible-based thought for the day which is appreciated by all who come, including those with no faith. On a Wednesday afternoon, JAM – our family and children's club has continued to serve as a vital connection point with the community.

We continued our 'Warm Space' beyond the winter offering a free meal for the children and parents. What was especially wonderful about this time, as well as practically serving our community in the midst of the cost of living crisis, was to see families asking us to pray for and talk about difficulties they were experiencing. Many good connections and friendships were built with the community through this endeavour.

On Tuesday and Wednesday evenings we continued to go deeper in the bible in our fortnightly Life Groups and on the opposite fortnight our prayer meetings continued to be well attended and much valued.

The weekly coffee morning each Thursday called Chatterbox continued on throughout 2023. Again, this has become an established part of the church week and is especially useful as a connection point on the Taylor Road neighbourhood.

In September, a monthly men's meeting and became established into the winter. A full English breakfast and a time for sharing, testimony, and prayer became valued amongst the men.

2023 was a big year for local outreach and mission. Our '180 Street Outreach Team' has gone on from strength to strength with a now established presence every 3rd Saturday morning in the town.

Following on from the previous year, Life Fest 2023 was held on Saturday 2nd September. This festival style outreach devised and hosted by DBC was an afternoon on Diss Park of music, talks, games, crafts, stalls, Way Sport Motor Sport Team and all sorts of food establishments. It was great success as an opportunity to reach out to our town with the good news of the life that is offered in Jesus Christ.

Diss Baptist Church played a prominent role in the town when refugees were placed in the Park Hotel. DBC was central to the organisation of clothing, essential items, and support amongst the community. We welcomed many international families into our Sunday services, children's work, warm space, to our coffee mornings, as well as befriending. Most significantly we provided through the autumn and winter EFL classes. A team of volunteers was assembled to take on this massive task.

We are grateful to God for our good relationship with Diss Town Council enabling us to do these town-based events as well as the use of DYCC and their allowing us to store so much of our equipment on site. However, DYCC was closed for public use following the discovery of RAAC in the roof. We moved back to the church building for all Sunday services in December 2023.

In the second half of 2023 DBC partnered formally with the Norfolk Gospel Partnership and has already begun to make good use of the many events and resources put on by NGP.

We give thanks to God for the generosity of our church members in their financial support, their prayers, and their practical help and support in so many ways (often totally unnoticed). But most of all we thank Him for the reason we do this - His Son Jesus Christ, and the reason we can do this, the divine help he gives us through God the Holy Spirit.

Diss Baptist Church
Profit and Loss
January - December 2023

Income

2000 Cash/Cheques/Standing Orders	98,703.66
2010 Gift Aid	
2020 GASD Tax Reclaimed	844.96
2030 Gift Aid Tax Reclaimed	14,113.75
Total 2010 Gift Aid	£ 14,958.71
2040 Interest Rcd	2,648.55
2060 Jam Money	204.00
2070 Taylor Road Money	1,200.00
2100 Mission Donations For	
2110 Asia Link	60.00
2116 Waveney Food Bank	125.00
2175 Slavic Gospel Association	70.00
2197 Asia Mission Trip '23	2,290.00
Total 2100 Mission Donations For	£ 2,545.00
2200 Restricted for	
Total Income	£ 120,259.92
Gross Profit	£ 120,259.92

Expenses

3000 Salary & Expenses	
3010 Salary Tax NI	52,309.14
3020 Pension Cont	3,271.44
3030 Mileage & Expenses	1,761.30
3040 Conference Fees	221.00
Total 3000 Salary & Expenses	£ 57,562.88
4000 Manse	
4020 Repairs & Maintenance	30.00
4030 Council Tax / Water Etc.	1,448.84
4040 Insurance - Building	251.53
Total 4000 Manse	£ 1,730.37
5000 Church	
5020 Repairs & Maintenance	657.88
5040 Cleaning	694.95
5050 Gas & Electricity	8,346.15
5060 Water Rates	400.69
5070 Fixtures & Fittings	150.00
5080 Insurance	1,819.69
5090 Hire of Premises for Sunday Services	3,080.70
Total 5000 Church	£ 15,150.06
6000 Administration	
6005 Accountancy Fees	763.40
6010 Books & Literature	1,233.40
6015 Copy Right	867.28
6020 General Catering	1,225.40
6025 Health & Safety	157.25

Diss Baptist Church
Profit and Loss
January - December 2023

6035 Professional Fees	3,944.61
6040 Publicity	240.00
6045 Stationery & Office Supplies	779.89
6050 Subscriptions	1,047.88
6055 Telephone & Broadband	531.68
6070 Website/Internet	487.87
Total 6000 Administration	£ 11,278.66
7000 Activity Expenses	
7100 Outreach	
7105 Christianity Explored	63.52
7135 Taylor Road	2,509.18
7140 Various Outreach	301.86
Total 7100 Outreach	£ 2,874.56
7160 Life Fest	4,371.91
7170 Refugee Fund	552.52
7200 Youth	
7210 Jam	1,241.28
7215 Jam+	93.22
7230 Various Youth Outreach	180.00
Total 7200 Youth	£ 1,514.50
Total 7000 Activity Expenses	£ 9,313.49
8000 Mission - Donations To	
8010 Asia Link	2,246.00
8012 Grace Baptist P/Ship	2,186.00
8016 Waveney Food Bank	125.00
8030 London City Mission	200.00
8075 Slavic Gospel Association	100.00
8096 Way-sport	3,934.70
8097 Asia Mission Trip '23	2,420.00
Total 8000 Mission - Donations To	£ 11,211.70
Total Expenses	£ 106,247.16
Net Operating Income	£ 14,012.76
Net Income	£ 14,012.76

Diss Baptist Church
Statement of Assets & Liabilities
As of December 31, 2023

Fixed Assets

Church & Pemises	350,000.00
Manse	0.00
Fixtures / Furniture / Equipment	10,146.00
	360,146.00

Monetary Assets

Current Account	8,006.70
Savings Account	30,212.29
Savings Account	393,662.40
Savings Account	38,064.05
	469,945.44

Total	830,091.44
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Funds

Unrestricted Fund	76,283.04
Proceeds from Sale of Manse inc. Interest	393,662.40
Capital Fund	360,146.00
Total Funds	830,091.44

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Diss Baptist Church

Charity No. 1181369

Year Ended 31st December 2023

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Diss Baptist ('the charity') for the year ended 31st December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

The charity'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.

I report in respect of my examination of the 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 in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements 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 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: 25th September 2024

Name: Johanne Thomas, FICB PM.Dip

Relevant profession qualifications or body (if any): Institute of Certified Bookkeepers
122-126 Tooley Street
London, SE1 2TU

DISS BAPTIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1181369

Accounts



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1.1.2022 Period start date To 31.12.2022 Period end date

Charity name: Diss Baptist Church CIO

Charity registration number: 1181369

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The purposes of the church are: 1. The advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the basis of faith primarily but not exclusively within diss 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 basis 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 handbook.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Our purpose as a local church in Diss continues to be to offer relevant and impactful teaching from the Bible in a way that our congregation can not only learn from but practically apply in their daily lives. 2022 saw us hold three services on a Sunday. Our morning services attract around 80 people, increasingly drawing in visitors and also people enquiring about Christian faith. A Sunday school is available at this service and numbers are slowly increasing as new folks arrive. At 6pm we hold an evening service drawing a congregation of around 30 people. This service gives the wider leadership of the

		church an opportunity to lead and preach as well as other men to explore and develop their gifts in preaching and teaching. From the 6th March 2022 we began a third service each week. This service was held at the Taylor Road Community Hall and was led by our Pastor for Families and Community. The service was an informal café style church, and included singing, praying, a talk from a video presentation using RightNow Media, and a discussion time. Numbers fluctuated throughout the year between 10 and 20 folks including children. Our midweek activities continued strongly thanks to the hard work and commitment of our small army of volunteers. During 2022 a monthly work amongst senior citizens began called Senior Moments. Numbers are small to this meeting but those who do come enjoy coffee and chat, crafts and activities and a talk from the bible. On a Tuesday our ladies meet together for bible teaching and prayer. Wednesday is a busy day for the church. Our morning 'Coffee Stop' bustles each week and during 2022 we began to incorporate a short bible based thought for the day which is appreciated by all who come, including those with no faith. On a Wednesday afternoon, JAM – our family and children's club has continued to serve as a vital connection point with the community. In November we extended the JAM hours to include teatime as part of the 'warm space' initiative. We offered a free meal for the children and parents. What was especially wonderful about this time, as well as practically serving our community in the midst of the cost of living crisis, was to see families asking us to pray for and talk about difficulties they were experiencing. Many good connections and friendships were built with the community through this endeavour. On Tuesday and Wednesday evenings we continued to go deeper in the bible in our fortnightly Life Groups and on the opposite fortnight our prayer meetings continued to be well attended and much valued. In early February our Pastor for Families and Community was finally able to use the Taylor Road Hall following its being shut throughout covid and he began work on site by offering a weekly coffee morning each Thursday called Chatterbox. Again, this has become an established part of the church week and is especially useful as a connection point on the Taylor Road neighbourhood. 2022 was a big year for local outreach and mission. In March, DBC joined with the
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		national 'A Passion for Life' outreach initiative. We worked with other evangelical churches in Norwich and around Norfolk to put on various large events of a 'come and hear' nature. The highlight was an evening with UK evangelist Rico Tice at Trinity Church, Norwich. About 40 people from DBC hired a coach to join with this. It was from these 'come and see' events that a desire to 'go and tell' was rekindled at DBC. On Saturday 5th March 2022 a team from church set up a stall of literature and other materials with the aim of getting conversations going in our town centre about the Christian faith. This was a great success and became an established Saturday activity. A major achievement in local mission was the first 'LifeFest' held on 3rd September. This festival style outreach devised and hosted by DBC was an afternoon on Diss Park of music, talks, games, crafts, stalls, Way Sport Motor Sport Team and all sorts of food establishments. It was great success as an opportunity to reach out to our town with the good news of the life that is offered in Jesus Christ. We are grateful to God for our good relationship with Diss Town Council enabling us to do these town based events as well as the use of DYCC and their allowing us to store so much of our equipment on site. We give thanks to God for the generosity of our church members in their financial support, their prayers, and their practical help and support in so many ways (often totally unnoticed). But most of all we Thank Him for the reason we do this - His Son Jesus Christ, and the reason we can do this, the divine help he gives us through God the Holy Spirit.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The charity trustees of Diss Baptist Church have had regard to the guidance on public benefit in the activities of the charity.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment	Para 1.38	

including program related investment		
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	See information and comments included in the main activities identified above.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	

Other		
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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Total income for the year from collections was £62,385.38. After adding gift aid (from HMRC) specific mission giving and a grant of £9,000 towards the employment of a Pastor for Communities and Family, total income was £87,457.52 Total expenses for the year were £98,595.67, of which £60,325.63 was spent on employees' salaries and expenses. Total mission giving was £6,634.05 for the year. As a consequence, the deficit with spending greater than income was £11,138.15
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserves policy – general reserves (not including funds already designated for specific spending) should normally be between 3 and 6 months spending
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Total unrestricted funds held were equal to £63,109.88, although taking into account funds already designated for specific spending this figure reduces by around £20,000 – funds set aside for costs of sale of buildings, salary for pastor for Community & Families and a small contingency fund. Reserves are approximately £43,000 and within the reserve policy stipulation.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust deeds: Church Building, Church Manse; Handbook and Constitution.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	The Constitution covers the election of trustees – elders of the church (voted on by church members) become trustees. If there are fewer than 3 elders then their number is supplemented by members of the diaconate.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Diss Baptist Church
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1181369
Charity's principal address	Diss Baptist Church Denmark Street Diss IP22 4LE

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Jonathan Armstrong	Pastor/elder		Membership
2	Jonathan Findlay	Pastor/elder		Membership
3	Trevor Hart	Elder		Membership
4	Joseph Bannister	Elder		Membership
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/A		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/A		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A

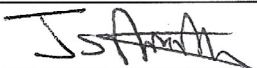
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Declarations

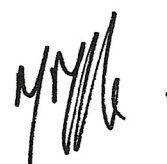
The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	JONATHAN SWART ARMSTRONG	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	
Date	11th October 2023	

Diss Baptist Church
Profit and Loss
January - December 2022

	<u>Total</u>
Income	
2000 Cash/Cheques/Standing Orders	62,385.38
2010 Gift Aid	
2030 Gift Aid Tax Reclaimed	13,285.00
Total 2010 Gift Aid	£ 13,285.00
2040 Interest Rcd	436.68
2060 Jam Money	264.71
2070 Taylor Road Money	20.00
2100 Mission Donations For	
2110 Asia Link	600.00
2175 Slavic Gospel Association	385.75
2195 Way-sport	80.00
2196 Passion For Life	1,000.00
Total 2100 Mission Donations For	£ 2,065.75
2200 Restricted for	
2270 JF	9,000.00
Total 2200 Restricted for	£ 9,000.00
Total Income	£ 87,457.52
Gross Profit	£ 87,457.52
Expenses	
3000 Salary & Expenses	
3010 Salary Tax NI	54,949.79
3020 Pension Cont	3,271.44
3030 Mileage & Expenses	1,454.40
3040 Conference Fees	650.00
Total 3000 Salary & Expenses	£ 60,325.63
4000 Manse	
4020 Repairs & Maintenance	99.60
4030 Council Tax / Water Etc.	2,815.17
4040 Insurance - Building	610.48
Total 4000 Manse	£ 3,525.25
5000 Church	
5020 Repairs & Maintenance	720.00
5040 Cleaning	400.48
5050 Gas & Electricity	5,256.08
5060 Water Rates	591.92
5080 Insurance	1,598.75
5090 Hire of Premises for Sunday Services	4,410.69
Total 5000 Church	£ 12,977.92



6000 Administration		
6005 Accountancy Fees		998.00
6010 Books & Literature		122.79
6015 Copy Right		987.63
6020 General Catering		1,016.71
6025 Health & Safety		308.06
6030 Pastoral Care		50.00
6035 Professional Fees		1,634.88
6040 Publicity		538.64
6045 Stationery & Office Supplies		621.36
6050 Subscriptions		854.85
6055 Telephone & Broadband		476.59
6065 Transport		325.00
Total 6000 Administration	£	7,934.51
7000 Activity Expenses		
7100 Outreach		230.00
7105 Christianity Explored		288.53
7135 Taylor Road		2,981.79
7140 Various Outreach		850.83
Total 7100 Outreach	£	4,351.15
7150 Life 2022		920.49
7160 Life Fest		784.37
7165 Chelmondiston Church		200.00
7200 Youth		
7210 Jam		825.95
7215 Jam+		116.35
Total 7200 Youth	£	942.30
Total 7000 Activity Expenses	£	7,198.31
8000 Mission - Donations To		
8010 Asia Link		2,950.00
8012 Grace Baptist P/Ship		2,312.00
8020 BMS		10.00
8075 Slavic Gospel Association		680.75
8096 Way-sport		681.30
Total 8000 Mission - Donations To	£	6,634.05
Total Expenses	£	98,595.67
Net Operating Income	-£	11,138.15
Net Income	-£	11,138.15

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Diss Baptist Church
Statement of Assets & Liabilities
As of December 31, 2022

Fixed Assets

Church & Premises	£350,000.00
Manse	£375,000.00
Fixtures / Furniture / Equipment	£13,000.00
	<u>£738,000.00</u>

Current Assets

Current Account	£6,642.49
Savings Account	£36,444.97
Business Prem: Account	£20,022.42

Total Current Assets	<u>£63,109.88</u>
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Total Assets	£801,109.88
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Total	£801,109.88
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Funds

Unrestricted Fund	£63,109.88
Restricted Fund	
Capital Fund	£738,000.00

Total Funds	<u>£801,109.88</u>
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These accounts have been prepared under the "Receipts & Payments basis."

Is [Signature]

7th June 2023

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Diss Baptist Church

Charity No. 1181369

Year Ended 31st December 2022

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Diss Baptist ('the charity') for the year ended 31st December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

The charity'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.

I report in respect of my examination of the 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 in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements 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 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: 25th September 2023

Name: Johanne Thomas, FICB PM.Dip

Relevant profession qualifications or body (if any): Institute of Certified Bookkeepers
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London, SE1 2TU

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England & Wales - Charity number 1181369

Accounts



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1/1/2021

To 31/12/2021

Charity name: Diss Baptist Church

Charity registration number: 1181369

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The purposes of the church are: 1. The advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the basis of faith primarily but not exclusively within diss 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 basis 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 handbook.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	For DBC lockdown restrictions continued to be a challenge as we began 2021 and indeed throughout the year. However, in line with government guidance for places of worship we managed to deal well with the challenges of keeping the church open throughout the year. Diss Baptist Church is essential to the life and community of our town as we seek to reach out to impact and enhance lives both spiritually and practically. From the start of the year we continued to have in person morning services using our controlled booking system and following strict social distancing guidelines. From Easter Day (4th April)

		our robust risk assessment and planning meant we were able to offer an evening service as well as morning. All services were live streamed for the purposes of those preferring to isolate or stay away. A key part of our togetherness and growth throughout 2021 was a 6 week online (via Zoom) 'Gift Discovery Course'. This was attended by a significant number of members as well as wider church family. This helped us to achieve our aim of not just reopening our facility and work after covid, but resetting the work ensuring as many members as possible were engaged and enthused as covid restrictions eased. Again in line with government guidance, we were able to restart our children's and youth ministry in September. Although this was begun on a much reduced and significantly revised basis, the impact for good we have had on whole families and not just the children has been observable through feedback and a growing attendance. Indeed, from this midweek ministry, we saw one or two families begin to connect with us on Sunday mornings at church services too. Our mid-week house groups have been vital especially during lockdown periods and for those isolating in the more relaxed months. For the first half of the year these continued on Zoom and then as outdoor rules relaxed, many groups chose to meet in gardens outdoors. Whether online or in person, these groups provide essential connection through unprecedented times of separation and loneliness. Pastorally they give us valuable insight into the particular needs and concerns of our church family and how best to address these. In September we began using the local Youth and Community Centre for our Sunday morning and evening services. This has enabled us to have a safer, more spacious venue with great parking facilities. Throughout the remainder of 2021 we established an excellent relationship with Diss Town Council who manage this facility thus further achieving our charitable aims as it benefits our church and the wider community. Our Pastor for Families and Communities (PFC) became increasingly established and settled into our church life and that of the wider community also. Focussing on a part of the town with many social, practical and spiritual needs, he has reached out on a regular basis to around 200 homes in various ways. The appreciation for his work in this neighbourhood is measured by the vast number of warm and kind words on the Diss Community Facebook Page.
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		As well as working with the community, the PFC worked very hard to build a close relationship with the local housing association who own and maintain the neighbourhood Community Room. With the previous management committee of the facility (made up of local residents) having all resigned during the previous year due to ill health or old age, the Community Room was at risk of shutting down, jeopardising vital neighbourhood and community groups and activities. Through 2021, the PFC established a new neighbourhood management committee made up of members of our church living on or around that neighbourhood. Although no activities using that room began during 2021, with the establishment of the new committee plus a close relationship with the housing association in place, the opportunities for 2022 were many and real. Our church has successfully achieved a key aim which was to reach out to this neighbourhood using the community room as a base. Our weekly coffee morning and a separate work among women and also among senior citizens have brought together a wide and diverse community with many and varied needs. As part of our 'post covid reset' and in line with the teaching of the bible, the church members recognised 2 further men to join the eldership of the church. Along with this we also strengthened the role of a deacon by giving the deacons specific and task related duties. We now have a strong leadership team made up of 4 elders (including the 2 full time pastors) and 2 deacons. We give thanks to God for his kindness and goodness to us throughout a challenging and difficult year.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The charity trustees of Diss Baptist Church have had regard to the guidance on public benefit in the activities of the charity.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related	Para 1.38	

investment		
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	See information and comments included in the main activities identified above.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	

Other		
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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Total income for the year from collections was £68,169.71. After adding gift aid (from HMRC) specific mission giving and a grant of £8,500 towards the employment of a Pastor for Communities and Family, total income was £92,464.43 Total expenses for the year were £84,248.98, of which £56,189.95 was spent on employees' salaries and expenses. Total mission giving was £4,853 for the year. As a consequence the surplus of income over spending was £8,215.45
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserves policy – general reserves (not including funds already designated for specific spending) should normally be between 3 and 6 months spending
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Total unrestricted funds held were equal to £74,238.03, total restricted funds are £10.00, although taking into account funds already designated for specific spending this figure reduces by around £32,000 – funds set aside for costs of sale of buildings, salary for pastor for Community & Families and a small contingency fund. Reserves are approximately £42,000 and within the reserve policy stipulation.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	

Other		
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Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed , royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust deeds: Church Building, Church Manse; Handbook and Constitution.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association , CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	The Constitution covers the election of trustees – elders of the church (voted on by church members) become trustees. If there are fewer than 3 elders then their number is supplemented by members of the diaconate.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Diss Baptist Church
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1181369
Charity's principal address	3 Croft Lane DISS Norfolk IP22 4NA

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Jonathan Armstrong	Pastor/elder		Membership
2	Jonathan Findlay	Pastor/elder	1 July 2020 onwards	Membership
3	Iain Trench	Deacon	Until 10 Sept 2021	Membership
4	Trevor Hart	Elder	10 Sept 2021 onwards	Membership
5	Joseph Bannister	Elder	10 Sept 2021 onwards	Membership
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/A		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/A		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A

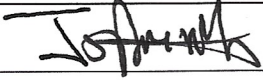
Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Jonathan Stuart Armstrong	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	16 October 2022	

Diss Baptist Church
Income and Expenses
January - December 2021

	<u>Total</u>
Income	
Cash/Cheques/Standing Orders	66,169.71
Gift Aid	
GASD Tax Reclaimed	1,250.00
Gift Aid Tax Reclaimed	15,170.00
Total Gift Aid	£ 16,420.00
Interest Rcd	6.23
Sundry Income	40.00
Jam Money	240.99
Taylor Road Money	477.50
Mission Donations For	
Waveney Food Bank	350.00
BMS	260.00
Total Mission Donations For	£ 610.00
Restricted for	
Sizewell Weekend	0.00
Pastor for C & F	8,500.00
Total Restricted for	£ 8,500.00
Total Income	£ 92,464.43

Expenses

Salary & Expenses

Salary Tax NI	50,641.26
Pension Cont	3,271.44
Mileage & Expenses	1,319.25
Conference Fees	583.00
Guest Preachers	375.00
Total Salary & Expenses	£ 56,189.95

Manse

Repairs & Maintenance	337.14
Council Tax / Water Etc.	2,713.84
Insurance - Building	374.34
Total Manse	£ 3,425.32

Church

Repairs & Maintenance	201.00
Visual/Audio	1,964.53
Cleaning	1,215.54
Gas & Electricity	4,707.19
Water Rates	129.62
Insurance	1,463.46
Hire of Premises for Sunday Services	517.76
Total Church	£ 10,199.10

Administration

Accountancy Fees	767.00
Books & Literature	345.97
Copy Right	784.25
General Catering	946.23
Health & Safety	298.75
Professional Fees	655.20
Publicity	304.45
Stationery & Office Supplies	550.91
Subscriptions	174.00



Telephone & Broadband	362.56
Website/Internet	12.00
Total Administration	£ 5,201.32
Activity Expenses	
Outreach	35.00
Ladies Bible Study	125.60
Online Outreach	2,340.46
Taylor Road	1,440.38
Residentials	0.00
Total Outreach	£ 3,941.44
Youth	13.99
Jam	424.86
Total Youth	£ 438.85
Total Activity Expenses	£ 4,380.29
Mission - Donations To	
Asia Link	1,950.00
Grace Baptist P/Ship	1,950.00
Waveney Food Bank	350.00
BMS	250.00
London City Mission	353.00
Total Mission - Donations To	£ 4,853.00
Total Expenses	£ 84,248.98
Net Income	£ 8,215.45

Diss Baptist Church
Statement of Assets & Liabilities
As of December 31, 2021

Fixed Assets	
Church & Premises	£350,000.00
Manse	£375,000.00
Fixtures / Furniture / Equipment	£17,000.00
	£742,000.00
Current Assets	
Current Account	£18,217.32
Savings Account	£36,027.63
Business Prem: Account	£20,003.08
Total Current Assets	£74,248.03
Total Assets	£816,248.03
Total	£816,248.03
Funds	
Unrestricted Fund	£74,238.03
Restricted Fund (BMS)	£10.00
Capital Fund	£742,000.00
Total Funds	£816,248.03



These accounts have been prepared under the "Receipts & Payments basis".

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Diss Baptist Church

Charity No. 1181369

Year Ended 31st December 2021

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Diss Baptist ('the charity') for the year ended 31st December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

The charity'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.

I report in respect of my examination of the 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 in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements 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 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: 19th October 2022

Name: Johanne Thomas, FICB PM.Dip

Relevant profession qualifications or body (if any): Institute of Certified Bookkeepers
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Accounts

Diss Baptist Church Trustees Report 2020

*The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.
Lamentations 3:22-23 (ESV Bible)*

As 2019 drew to a close, there were not many who might have anticipated what God would have in store for Diss Baptist Church (DBC), and indeed the world as a whole, for 2020. But we knew that whatever would happen, God is in control.

We are grateful to God for all his many provisions during the year, spiritual and practical. He also taught us many lessons during this time.

In common with so many others, the Coronavirus pandemic (Covid 19) presented so many challenges and the need for significant adjustments. It also gave us the opportunity to support one another and the community at large during a time when we all felt the strain, stress and in some cases, anxiety! This was a situation that we had never faced before.

The work of the church and adjusting to a Covid 19 Environment

Lockdown meant that church had to be accessible in very different ways – worship, hearing the Word of God read and preached on, prayer, and even meeting together. Zoom meetings became the new way for us to meet and pray together – not the same, but opening up new opportunities as well as enabling us to work as a New Testament church. Live streaming of services is now the norm, with a range of new skills being developed by the tech team. There have also been new and innovative approaches being developed for provision of music for worship, including video recording by our singers and musicians in the church.

Prayer meetings shifted online and since that began numbers attending are now significantly higher than previously. House groups meeting on Zoom have also carried on throughout the year and they provided teaching, fellowship, support and encouragement during this challenging period.

A key part of the work of the church during 2020 has been the support of church members, members of the congregation and of the local community.

Following the March lockdown, the vast majority of the activities in church went on hold – including Sunday School & Bible Class, Parent & Toddler group, Jam (5–10-year-olds), Jam + (10–14), Oasis (14+), Seniors' Lunches, Coffee Stop (drop in), Friends & Neighbours. A few activities have had some online provision.

Events at the Taylor Road Community Room also had to be curtailed, but we are very hopeful that this element of the work will be able to continue soon.

In all, there are around 40 volunteers from DBC who contribute to the very varied work at the church. Alongside them are so many who support the work with their prayers and encouragement. This is very much a team effort which relies entirely upon God to work in and through us all.

Once it was possible to open up again to *in person* services, we then faced the challenge of making the church environment Covid secure – a major task that was refined as time went on. Thank you to all who were involved in enabling this to happen.

Members of the congregation responded to appeals from the Waveney Food Bank, as regular Covid secure collections took place during the year to help those in the community in great need.

A new initiative

At the end of 2019 DBC took a very significant step in extending the gospel outreach work of the church. A pastor for Community and Families was to be appointed, initially on a two-year contract. The post was to be partially funded by Grace Baptist Partnership, as the role would also involve leading on church planting development in South Norfolk. God was leading us in an exciting new way. The focus of the new pastor (who began work in June 2020) is on a particular area of Diss and work has begun in building upon existing connections, but also developing new ones. Innovative ways have been used to show the people in this area that God loves them and that we are here to support them. We are looking forward to seeing what God is going to be doing in the coming year.

Organisation and finance

Twenty-twenty saw the culmination of the work of consolidation of the charities associated with the church into the Diss Baptist Church Charitable Incorporated Organisation. Following an extensive period of preparation, the amalgamation of the three church charities has taken place and all assets have been transferred to the church CIO.

Financial provision – we have been very thankful to God for his provision during the year, as church income from collections and online giving (excluding gift aid and legacies) increased by 43%. We are very grateful for the generosity of the congregation. This has come at time when the church has taken on the additional pastoral worker – this has been assisted by grant funding from Grace Baptist Partnership. As we move forward church expenditure is budgeted to increase further as we seek to meet the needs of the communities we serve.

Challenges for the future

1. Outreach to the local communities that the church is part of with the ongoing work of the church and new initiatives in carrying out the work that God has given Diss Baptist Church.
2. Seeking a new location and facilities that provide a base for assisting the church in serving God and our communities in the 21st century.
3. Resetting the work after the end of lockdown.

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 3:20-21 (ESV Bible)

The Trustees, Diss Baptist Church, October 2021

Diss Baptist Church

Income and Expenses

January - December 2020

	<u>Total</u>
Income	
Cash/Cheques/Standing Orders	66,891.18
Gift Aid	
GASD Tax Reclaimed	1,250.00
Gift Aid Tax Reclaimed	7,280.86
Total Gift Aid	£ 8,530.86
Interest Rcd	215.56
Sundry Income	2,002.64
Jam Money	257.80
Mission Donations For	
Waveney Food Bank	250.00
London City Mission	175.00
Barnabas Fund	160.00
Total Mission Donations For	£ 585.00
Restricted for	
Welfare	1,000.00
Sizewell Weekend	0.00
JDF	7,160.00
Alterations/Additions Etc	200.00
Total Restricted for	£ 8,360.00
Total Income	£ 86,843.04
Expenses	
Salary & Expenses	
Salary Tax NI	38,875.35
Pension Cont	3,271.44
Mileage & Expenses	1,975.01
Conference Fees	180.00
Guest Preachers	600.00
Total Salary & Expenses	£ 44,901.80
Manse	
Repairs & Maintenance	248.00
Council Tax / Water Etc.	2,615.45
Insurance - Building	355.15
Total Manse	£ 3,218.60
Church	
Repairs & Maintenance	593.24
Visual/Audio	2,432.81
Cleaning	753.51
Gas & Electricity	4,076.40
Water Rates	115.15
Fixtures & Fittings	38.95
Insurance	1,458.81
Total Church	£ 9,468.87

Administration		
Accountancy Fees		635.00
Books & Literature		249.52
General Catering		92.12
Health & Safety		278.35
Pastoral Care		248.72
Professional Fees		2,800.40
Publicity		67.20
Stationery & Office Supplies		691.11
Subscriptions		827.27
Telephone & Broadband		385.79
Training		510.00
Website/Internet		33.11
Total Administration	£	6,818.59
Activity Expenses		
Outreach		
Ladies Bible Study		90.40
Online Outereach		3,455.76
Taylor Road		756.14
Various Outreach		300.00
Residentials		0.00
Total Outreach	£	4,602.30
Youth		
Basement		88.14
Jam		258.33
Jam+		338.70
Sunday School		59.02
Total Youth	£	744.19
Total Activity Expenses	£	5,346.49
Mission - Donations To		
Asia Link		550.00
Grace Baptist P/Ship		1,636.00
Waveney Food Bank		250.00
London City Mission		725.00
Barnabas Fund		160.00
Total Mission - Donations To	£	3,321.00
Restricted to		
Welfare		1,000.00
Sizewell		0.00
JDF		190.00
Total Restricted to	£	1,190.00
Total Expenses	£	74,265.35
Net Income	£	12,577.69

Diss Baptist Church
Statement of Assets & Liabilities
As of December 31, 2020

Fixed Assets

Church & Pemises	400,000	
Manse	350,000	
Fixtures / Furniture / Equipment	20,000	
Total Fixed Assets	770,000	*Resale Value

Current Assets

Current Account	10,973	
Savings Account	36,024	
Business Prem: Account	20,001	
Cash in Hand		
Total Current Assets	66,998	

Total Assets **836,998**

Less Current Liabilities

Deposits held for Sizewell	-1,025	
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Total **835,973**

Funds

Unrestricted Fund	65,673	
Restricted Fund	300	
Capital Fund	770,000	
Total Funds	835,973	

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Signed:



Date: 28th April 2021

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