

# THAXTED BAPTIST CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1182813

## Details

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**Other names** THAXTED BAPTIST CHURCHJ

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2019-04-05

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH ACCORDING TO THE PRINCIPLES OF THE BAPTIST DENOMINATION.THE CHURCH MAY ALSO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND CARRY OUT OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND/OR OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD.

**Activities:** The church propagates the Christian faith and seeks to provide the love of Christ to the local community

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Elderly/old People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Essex

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£43,389	£32,831	-	-
2024-12-31	£30,639	£40,381	-	-
2023-12-31	£35,000	£34,000	-	-
2022-12-31	£35,000	£34,000	-	-
2021-12-31	£32,661	£21,005	-	-
2020-12-31	£32,661	£21,005	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Frances Griffiths</b>	Chair	2016-01-01
Carole Marchant		2024-03-24
James Robert Ford		2016-05-02
Paul Tingey		2024-03-24

**THAXTED BAPTIST CHURCH**

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# Accounts

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## **Thaxted Baptist Church**

### **Trustees' report April 2026**

We thank God for His goodness over another year.

In our Sunday morning services we are blessed to have worship enhanced by our musicians and systematic Bible teaching through the sermons. The two Bible study groups are flourishing and the regular monthly prayer mornings are continuing. In October a special 'Day of Peace' with talks and practical sessions was much appreciated by all who attended. Numbers on a Sunday morning are increasing gently and it has been a joy to welcome younger members to the church family as well as older friends.

Many of the church family have experienced ill health and other difficulties during the year and we mourn with Margaret especially in the loss of Bryan. In all the ups and downs of life the love and care shown by the church family is a great source of strength and comfort.

Our engagement with the local community has continued through our regular activities: the coffee morning, men's breakfast, Community choir and Coffee & Company for those who have been bereaved. Liz and her helpers have arranged more craft days which are always much enjoyed by all who attend.

The regular monthly services at Humfrey Lodge continue and we again hosted some of the residents, their carers and families at the church for Christmas and Easter services. A new venture is a monthly service at CraftAbility (formerly Thaxted Centre for the Disabled). A seated exercise class is held every week and is very well-attended. We have maintained our support for the Foodbank with a lot extra at Harvest, and the fresh produce from Harvest is given to Pam's Place for the community lunches.

Classes from the Primary School have visited at Christmas, Easter and Harvest; the pupils enjoy the story and craft activities. Jim also goes into the school to take assemblies.

Jim's sermons and monthly reflections are posted on the church website and events are also posted on the town Facebook page. The monthly reflections are also posted on the local websites. We contribute to the Thaxted Community Magazine which is delivered to every household in the town, and Jim and others make frequent contact with the shopkeepers and local businesses.

We have shared in Thaxted Churches Together events including the Good Friday walk of witness, the Big Brekkie, a summer picnic and the Harvest service and supper. The Messy Church Summer Holiday Club was a lively event enjoyed by a good number of children.

The building project is making slow progress: the application was finally submitted to the Listed Buildings Advisory Committee in September 2025 and after making the changes requested, we await their decision imminently.

The deacons wish to thank everyone who contributes in any way to the life of the church; many of you fulfil more than one role and the deacons appreciate your support and prayers. We are grateful too for the generous giving which enables the church to run well and, in turn, to support other ministries in the UK and worldwide.

The reserves policy of the church is to hold £10,000 from the free cash reserves to cover church running costs and the cost of ministry for six months. This policy is reviewed annually.

As we deacons look forward to this next year we feel that God has given our church a special vision to seek his heart in prayer. The early church was steeped in prayer and the results were spectacular. The deacons encourage everyone to take advantage of the opportunities for corporate prayer in church life.

The world these days so often seems full of confusion, pain and violence. We pray that TBC will be a place where people feel welcome, safe and cared for, and that the church will be a beacon of light and hope in Thaxted and beyond.

Jim Ford, Carole Marchant, Paul Tingey & Fran Griffiths



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

THAXTED BAPTIST CHURCH

1182813

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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/01/2025	To	31/12/2025
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Regular Offerings	25,082	-	-	25,082	16,275
Donations & Other Income	1,542	-	-	1,542	1,842
Manse Rent	10,353	-	-	10,353	12,135
Raised for other Causes	-	851	-	851	555
Gift Aid	5,561	-	-	5,561	-
Building & Repair Fund	-	-	-	-	387
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>42,538</b>	<b>851</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>43,389</b>	<b>31,194</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>42,538</b>	<b>851</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>43,389</b>	<b>31,194</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Ministry	4,158	-	-	4,158	5,625
Mission	5,740	795	-	6,535	5,115
Church Running Costs	7,549	-	-	7,549	9,422
Manse	4,358	-	-	4,358	9,422
Administraion	1,489	-	-	1,489	2,173
Outreach / Evangelism	556	-	-	556	425
Church Repairs / Improvements	8,186	-	-	8,186	8,599
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>32,036</b>	<b>795</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>32,831</b>	<b>40,781</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>32,036</b>	<b>795</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>32,831</b>	<b>40,781</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>10,502</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,558</b>	<b>- 9,587</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>74,677</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>74,832</b>	<b>84,419</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>85,179</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>85,390</b>	<b>74,832</b>

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>		85,179	211	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>85,179</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>-</b>

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

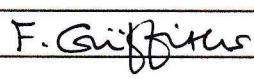
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Church Building	1389717	-	-
	Manse	349105	-	-
	Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment (Church)	65552	-	-
	Furniture & Furnishings (Manse)	25000	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	BMS World Mission	Restricted	211	January 2026
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	F. GRIFFITHS	12/04/26



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

<b>Report to the trustees</b>	Thaxted Baptist Church		
<b>On accounts for the year ended</b>	31 <sup>st</sup> December 2025	<b>Charity no (if any)</b>	1182813
	<b>Set out on pages</b> 1-3 <small>(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)</small>		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2025.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

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

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

**Independent examiner's statement**

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete [ ] if not applicable.*

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

**Signed:**  **Date:**

**Name:**

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

**Address:**

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The Chase, Park Street

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**Section B**

**Disclosure**

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

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

N/A

**THAXTED BAPTIST CHURCH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1182813

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# Accounts

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## Trustees' report April 2025

At the AGM we look back on the past year in the life of the church and also look forward to how God might be at work in the coming year.

Looking back we can give thanks for many blessings: for the worship on Sunday mornings and the systematic teaching through sermons and the two Bible study groups; for the regular monthly prayer mornings and the occasional Healing service; for new friends joining the church and for greater contact with the local community. It was a special joy to witness the baptism of James and to share the occasion with so many of his family and friends.

As well as the joys there have inevitably been difficulties and sadness too. Many of the church family have experienced ill health and some are struggling with ongoing illness and pain. We have mourned the passing of John Parkin, Anne Berresford's son Robert, and Molly Laver. The love and care shown by the church family counts for a lot in these difficult situations.

Our engagement with the community has continued through our regular ministries: the coffee morning, men's breakfast and Coffee & Company for those who have been bereaved. Each of these has seen an increase in numbers attending; and an additional activity has been the occasional ladies' craft sessions which have been much enjoyed and appreciated. The regular monthly services at Humfrey Lodge have continued but we have also welcomed residents with their families and carers to a Christmas and an Easter service at the church.

Our link with the Primary School is flourishing. Jim is regularly taking assemblies and over the year many of the pupils have visited the church for Christmas, Easter and Harvest input and activities. We hope to run a craft morning for the children during the summer holidays.

Sermons from Sunday mornings are now posted on the website together with a monthly reflection from Jim. We contribute to the Thaxted Community Magazine which is delivered to every home in Thaxted, and Jim and others make frequent contact with the shopkeepers and businesses in the town.

Joint events with the other churches in the town have been the Good Friday Walk of Witness, the Christian Aid 'Big Brekkie' and the Harvest service and supper. A new venture for 2024 was a summer picnic for everyone in the Clarence House Conservation Garden and it will be repeated this summer. Some members of our church help with the monthly Messy Church sessions at the URC and also with the summer holiday Bible club.

The proposed changes to the church building to make it more welcoming and efficient are progressing, albeit more slowly than we would like.

We are blessed to have a church family where everybody plays a part in the life of the church in some way or another, many in more ways than one! The deacons are grateful for your support and prayers. We are grateful too for the generous giving which enables the church not only to run smoothly but also to support other ministries in the UK and abroad such as BMS World Mission, the Bible Society and Carmel Ministries.

The reserves policy of Thaxted Baptist Church is to hold £10,000 from the free cash reserves to cover church running costs and the cost of ministry for six months. This policy will be reviewed annually.

The TBC website states that our aim as a church is 'To follow Jesus, love people and serve our community'. May we, in the coming year, with God's help fulfil each of these more effectively.

Jim Ford, Carole Marchant, Paul Tingey and Frances Griffiths



CHARITY COMMISSION  
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1192813

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/01/2024	To	31/12/2024
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Regular Offerings	16,275	-	-	16,275	16,570
Donations & Other Income	1,842	-	-	1,842	2,366
Manse Rent	12,135	-	-	12,135	10,247
Raised for other Causes	-	555	-	555	790
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	2,364
Building & Repair Fund	387	-	-	387	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>30,639</b>	<b>555</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>31,194</b>	<b>32,337</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>30,639</b>	<b>555</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>31,194</b>	<b>32,337</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Ministry	5,625	-	-	5,625	4,389
Mission	4,715	400	-	5,115	5,000
Church Running Costs	9,422	-	-	9,422	7,563
Manse	9,422	-	-	9,422	3,997
Administraion	2,173	-	-	2,173	3,167
Outreach / Evangelism	425	-	-	425	230
Church Repairs / Improvements	8,599	-	-	8,599	3,602
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>40,381</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>40,781</b>	<b>27,947</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>40,381</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>40,781</b>	<b>27,947</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 9,742</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 9,587</b>	<b>4,390</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>84,419</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>84,419</b>	<b>80,029</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>74,677</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>74,832</b>	<b>84,419</b>

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>		74,677	155	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>74,677</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			

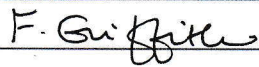
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Unclaimed Gift Aid Tax 2023/24	2,825	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Church Building	Unrestricted	-	1,342,740
	Manse	Unrestricted	-	333,434
	Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment (Church)	Unrestricted	-	63,336
	Furniture & Furnishings (Manse)	Unrestricted	-	25,000
				-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	BMS World Mission	Restricted	155	January 2025
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	F. GRIFFITHS	4/05/25



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

THAXTED BAPTIST CHURCH

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2024

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1182813

**Set out on pages**

1 - 3

*(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)*

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2024.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

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

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

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

**Signed:**

*Ann Forsyth*

**Date:**

*8th April 2025*

**Name:**

Ann Forsyth

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

FCCA (Non-practising)

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# Accounts

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## **Trustees' report April 2024**

2023 marked the end of Jim's studies at Spurgeon's College, his graduation and then his ordination in October as a Nationally Recognised Lay Baptist Pastor. The ordination service was a joyful occasion with a packed church.

We are very grateful to Peter Nodding for his continued help with preaching and teaching, and also supporting Jim and Fran on the diaconate after Michael retired as a deacon. It is good that going forward from March 2024 the diaconate will be up to strength following the election of Carole and Paul as deacons.

Our church vision for 2023 was to be 'passionate for God, for the world and for each other'. We have sought to fulfil the first of these aims particularly through our worship and teaching on Sundays and at the weekly Bible studies, and also through the quarterly healing services, monthly prayer mornings and day retreats at Wicken Bonhunt and Pleshey.

To fulfil the second aim we have continued our engagement with the local community and further afield through the weekly coffee mornings, the monthly men's breakfasts and Coffee & Company for those who have been bereaved. The seated exercise class has started again and is very well attended each week. The Ladies' Community Choir continues to meet and took part in the Carols by Candlelight service. Regular services in Humfrey Lodge care home are much appreciated by the residents and staff and it was a joy to welcome some of the residents and their carers to a special carol service in the church at Christmas. A special Easter service was held in the home but we hope to have future services in the church. Classes from the Primary School visited at Easter and Harvest, and following a meeting with the Headteacher we are strengthening the links with the school as Jim takes occasional assemblies and acts as chaplain to the staff.

The new website is active and information regarding the church activities is noted there and on Facebook. Jim also posts a monthly reflection on the website which is aimed not only at church members but also the wider community via local websites. Information about church activities and an outreach article from Jim are included in the ABC&U Community magazine which is distributed to every house in Thaxted three times a year.

Following approval by the church membership the Fabric Group is proceeding with plans for the front entrance of the church to make it more welcoming and also for improving the heating and flooring. We want to maintain the building in good condition and also make sure that it can serve the needs of the church family and local community in future generations.

The quarterly cluster services with the Baptist Churches in Saffron Walden, Ashdon and Gt Sampford continue as do our joint services with the URC. We participate in Thaxted Churches Together events such as the Good Friday walk of witness, the Christian Aid Big Brekkie and Messy Church, including a Messy Church holiday club for children for a week during the summer holidays.

We continue to support the local Foodbank especially at harvest with a large quantity of supplies; the fresh produce was used for community lunches at Pam's Place. In addition to our regular giving to support other causes we have also made donations to the appeals for aid following the earthquakes in Turkey & Syria and in Nepal.

We endeavour to fulfil the third aim of the church vision by caring for each other, sharing the joys and sorrows. We are delighted to have welcomed new friends to the Sunday services and other activities and our regular congregation has increased over the past year.

The trustees would like to thank you all for the way you contribute to the life of the church; everyone plays a part, some in an obvious up-front role and others behind the scenes.

We look forward to seeing where and how God will lead us in the coming year.

Jim Ford & Frances Griffiths



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/01/2023	To	31/12/2023
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Regular Offerings	16,570	-	-	16,570	16,355
Donations & Other Income	2,366	-	-	2,366	1,485
Manse Rent	10,247	-	-	10,247	11,232
Raised for other Causes	-	790	-	790	1,010
Gift Aid	2,364	-	-	2,364	4,940
Wednesday Fellowship	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>31,547</b>	<b>790</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>32,337</b>	<b>35,022</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>31,547</b>	<b>790</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>32,337</b>	<b>35,022</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Ministry	4,389	-	-	4,389	3,011
Mission	4,210	790	-	5,000	5,746
Church Running Costs	7,563	-	-	7,563	6,967
Manse	3,997	-	-	3,997	2,256
Administraion	3,167	-	-	3,167	2,368
Outreach / Evangelism	230	-	-	230	-
Church Repairs / Improvements	3,602	-	-	3,602	13,719
Wednesday Fellowship	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>27,157</b>	<b>790</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>27,947</b>	<b>34,068</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>27,157</b>	<b>790</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>27,947</b>	<b>34,068</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>4,390</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,390</b>	<b>954</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>80,029</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>80,029</b>	<b>79,075</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>84,419</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>84,419</b>	<b>80,029</b>

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Current Account	84,419	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>84,419</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))		OK	OK	OK

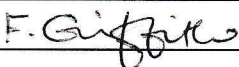
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Church Building	Unrestricted	-	1,297,319
	Manse	Unrestricted	-	262,805
	Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment	Unrestricted	-	61,194
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Frances Griffiths	21/04/2024



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

THAXTED BAPTIST CHURCH

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2023

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1182813

**Set out on pages**

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*(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)*

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2023.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

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

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

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

**Signed:**

*Ann Forsyth*

**Date:**

26/03/2024

**Name:**

Ann Forsyth

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

FCCA (Non-practising)

**Address:**

The Lea

The Chase, Park Street

Thaxted, Essex, CM6 2NE

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

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

<p>Report to the trustees members of</p>	
<p>On accounts for the year ended</p>	<p>31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2023</p>
<p>Set out on pages</p>	<p>1 - 4</p>
<p>Responsibilities and basis of report</p>	
<p>2017 (the Act)</p>	
<p>I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2017 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(b) of the Act.</p>	
<p>I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that any material respect</p>	
<p>* the accounts do not accord with the accounting records + accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or</p>	
<p>I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached. * Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.</p>	
<p>Signature:</p>	<p>Ann Forsyth</p>
<p>Name:</p>	<p>Ann Forsyth</p>
<p>Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):</p>	<p>FOCA (non-qualifying)</p>
<p>Address:</p>	<p>The Lea</p>

**THAXTED BAPTIST CHURCH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1182813

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# Accounts

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## Trustees' report April 2023

At the AGM we look backwards over the past year and forwards to what God has in store for us in the coming year.

We give thanks to God for blessing us over the past months through Jim's ministry and his clear Bible teaching both on Sunday mornings and at the Bible studies. We are grateful to Paul for leading and preaching on occasions as well, and to all our visiting preachers. The monthly prayer mornings have become an established and valued part of our church life as we support each other and seek to discern God's way for us as a church. The desire to hold a healing service grew out of the prayer mornings and there have now been two such services, the first for the church family and the second more widely publicised. We hope that this ministry will grow and touch the lives of people in the community as well as in the church family. In addition to the prayer mornings we have now held two church 'Away days', one at Pleshey and the second at St Margaret's, Wicken Bonhunt. Both days were led by Peter Nodding who helped us to explore topics very relevant to our life together as the body of Christ.

We continue to engage with the local community through the coffee morning, the men's breakfast and Coffee & Company for those who have been bereaved. Other activities which had been in abeyance because of Covid have re-started: the regular services in Humfrey Lodge care home are much appreciated by the residents and staff, and classes from the Primary School are coming to the church again for various activities. A one-off event that was much enjoyed by a group of church and non-church friends was the Christmas wreath-making workshop. Joint services with the URC have continued and we share in Thaxted Churches Together events such as the Good Friday Walk of Witness, the Big Brekkie for Christian Aid and Messy Church. We are in the process of rejuvenating our website as this is often the first channel that people today use to find out about a church. Our Fabric Group is also exploring ways to make our church building more welcoming to outsiders.

We have looked outwards in other ways too. Apart from our regular giving to Baptist mission in the UK and abroad and to Rachel Spencer, we were able to take a large quantity of supplies to the Foodbank at harvest while the fresh produce was used for community lunches at Pam's Place, and the men's breakfast made donations to Prostate Cancer UK and Magic Breakfast. We have supported organisations such as The Leprosy Mission and Mission Aviation Fellowship and also given to special appeals e.g. for victims of the Turkey/Syria earthquake.

As trustees we want to express our thanks to you all for the part you play in the life of the church. We are grateful to those who take part in the Sunday services by reading, leading intercessions or preaching, all who are part of the healing service team, our musicians who enhance our worship, those who welcome us in to the church, who operate the laptop, who look after the website and Facebook, make the coffee, arrange the flowers, run the BMS Birthday scheme, clean the church, help with the men's breakfasts, Coffee & Company and the coffee mornings, do admin, and all who support our ministries in other practical ways and by faithful prayer. Special thanks to Michael for his time as a deacon, and also to him and Anne for **all** that they do for the church behind the scenes as well as upfront. Also to Fran for the tireless effort that she gives to the church administration.

At the beginning of this year Jim preached on our vision for TBC – to be passionate for God, for each other and for the world. May this threefold vision guide and inspire us as we seek to be a loving and welcoming Christian witness in our community.

Michael Berresford, Jim Ford & Frances Griffiths



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name Thaxted Baptist Church	No (if any) 1182813
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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/01/2022	To	Period end date 31/12/2022
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Regular offerings	16,355	-	-	16,355	17,264
Donations & other income	1,365	-	-	1,365	3,820
Income tax recovered on gifts	4,940	-	-	4,940	-
Church hire	120	-	-	120	-
Manse rent	11,232	-	-	11,232	9,953
Raised for other causes	-	1,010	-	1,010	296
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>34,012</b>	<b>1,010</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>35,022</b>	<b>31,333</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>34,012</b>	<b>1,010</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>35,022</b>	<b>31,333</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Ministry	3,011	-	-	3,011	2,671
Mission	4,737	1,010	-	5,747	2,016
Church running costs	6,967	-	-	6,967	4,114
Manse	2,256	-	-	2,256	1,813
Administration	2,368	-	-	2,368	1,214
Outreach/evangelism	-	-	-	-	800
Church repairs & improvements	13,719	-	-	13,719	8,840
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>33,058</b>	<b>1,010</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>34,068</b>	<b>21,468</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>33,058</b>	<b>1,010</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>34,068</b>	<b>21,468</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>954</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>954</b>	<b>9,865</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>79,075</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>79,075</b>	<b>69,210</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>80,029</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>80,029</b>	<b>79,075</b>

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Current account	80,029	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>80,029</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))				

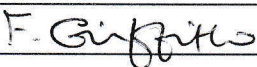
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Church building	Unrestricted	-	1,196,789
	Fixtures, fittings & equipment	Unrestricted	-	56,452
	Manse	Unrestricted	-	222,715
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Frances Griffiths	23/04/2023



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

THAXTED BAPTIST CHURCH

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2022

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1182813

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

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

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

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

**Signed:**

*Ann Forsyth*

**Date:**

27/03/2023

**Name:**

Ann Forsyth

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

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**THAXTED BAPTIST CHURCH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1182813

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# Accounts

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## **Trustees' report 2022**

After the restrictions caused by the pandemic over the last two years we have seen a welcome return to something more like normality in our church life. We were all delighted to sing together again, to have communion, to be able to meet together in person again for home group and, not least, to have more cushions in the pews! We can look back with thankfulness to God for his safe-keeping as well as look forward to how he will be at work in TBC in the future.

There have inevitably been difficult and sad times and we feel the loss of Maureen and David, both of whom had served the Lord faithfully in this church for many years. We feel too for Mary in the loss of Neil.

The prayer mornings started again in September and have now become a more regular monthly gathering. They are a precious time leading to a deepening desire to meet with God, to share with each other and to discern God's way forward for us as a church. We were disappointed that the Make Lunch Club did not develop as we had hoped but we have re-engaged with the Primary School who plan to bring some classes to look round the church during this summer term. The men's breakfasts, the coffee morning and Coffee & Company for those who have been bereaved are meeting a real need in the community and we pray that they will continue to grow.

We have looked outwards in other ways also: the hall was used for a number of weeks for an exercise class for people referred from the surgery; we have continued to support the Foodbank with financial gifts as well as actual items; we have supported Young Minds working with children and young people with mental health issues and have also given to special appeals for Afghanistan and Ukraine as well as other causes.

Over the past year some major work has been done on the building. The flat roof above the side entrance and the coping stones at the front of the church had allowed significant ingress of water so urgent remedial work was needed. The damaged plaster in the upper room and staircase has been repaired; the front of the church re-painted, the south boundary wall repaired and re-pointed, and the new arched windows were finally installed. The building is not an end in itself; it is there to serve us as a worshipping community and to enable us to reach out to share God's love. It was with this in mind that a group was formed to consider how this could be achieved. Their first output was the issuing of a questionnaire to ask the church how this could best be done and we hope that the responses will enable us to make the building more welcoming and versatile.

Broadband was finally installed and has enabled us to use Zoom not just for Sunday services but also on occasions for homegroup. We have bought a new laptop which can cope with the demands of showing the PowerPoints and running Zoom at the same time; special thanks to Debbie who spent hours setting it up. We hope to have a team of volunteers who can operate the laptop on Sunday mornings.

Because we are small in number everyone plays a necessary part in church life and we thank you all. We are grateful to those who take part in the Sunday services by reading or leading intercessions, to our musicians who enhance our worship, to those who welcome us in to the church, who make the coffee, do the flowers, run the BMS Birthday scheme, clean the church and help with the men's breakfasts, Coffee & Company and the coffee mornings. Special thanks to Anne and Michael who do so much behind the scenes as well as upfront for their faithful and practical service. We are very blessed to have Jim as part of our church family and are grateful for his systematic preaching and his deep desire to teach God's word

faithfully, for the hours that he spends in preparation and for his pastoral care. Nor must we forget Fran whose administrative skills are vital for the ongoing running of the church.

What will the next year bring for TBC? Where will God lead us? Seeking God eagerly in prayer is going to be vital in answering these questions. Let's continue to seek what he wants us to do and be as a Christian presence and witness in Thaxted, knowing that he will be with us and will equip us for the task in hand.

Michael Berresford, Jim Ford & Frances Griffiths



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

THAXTED BAPTIST CHURCH

1182813

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/01/2021	To	31/12/2021
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Regular Offerings	17,264	-	-	17,264	16,533
Donations & Other Income	3,820	-	-	3,820	474
Manse Rent	9,953	-	-	9,953	10,875
Raised for other Causes	-	296	-	296	216
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	4,512
Wednesday Fellowship	-	-	-	-	51
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>31,037</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>31,333</b>	<b>32,661</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>31,037</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>31,333</b>	<b>32,661</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Ministry	2,671	-	-	2,671	1,775
Mission	1,720	296	-	2,016	2,547
Church Running Costs	4,114	-	-	4,114	3,645
Manse	1,813	-	-	1,813	2,962
Administraion	1,214	-	-	1,214	3,352
Outreach / Evangelism	800	-	-	800	86
Church Repairs / Improvements	8,840	-	-	8,840	6,618
Wednesday Fellowship	-	-	-	-	20
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>21,172</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>21,468</b>	<b>21,005</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>21,172</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>21,468</b>	<b>21,005</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>9,865</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,865</b>	<b>11,656</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>69,210</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>69,210</b>	<b>57,554</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>79,075</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>79,075</b>	<b>69,210</b>

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Current Account	79,064	11	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>79,064</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>-</b>
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))		Agreement Error	Agreement Error	Agreement Error

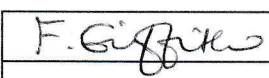
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Church Building	Unrestricted	-	1,080,140
	Manse	Unrestricted	-	201,916
	Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment	Unrestricted	-	50,950
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	BMS Birthday Scheme	Restricted	5	
	Home Mission	Restricted	6	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	F. GRIFFITHS	16/08/22



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name THAXTED BAPTIST CHURCH

On accounts for the year ended

31st DECEMBER 2021 Charity no (if any) 1182813

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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• the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

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Date: 05/04/2022

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**THAXTED BAPTIST CHURCH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1182813

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# Accounts

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## **Trustees' report for the AGM 2021**

We sometimes think that being a church small in number is a disadvantage but over the last unusual year we can see that there are also advantages. For instance, we have been able to keep in contact with each other easily by phone, Zoom, e-mail etc to make sure that we were all supported through the lockdowns and restrictions. For some it has been an extremely tough time and we thank God for the love and care shown. Because we are small in number we were able to worship together safely after Christmas when many larger churches couldn't because they weren't able to accommodate their whole congregation whilst complying with social distancing requirements. Many churches have had to devise a system where members took it in turns to come, perhaps once every three weeks, or had to book a place in advance or rely solely on electronic devices for their worship. We haven't had to do this and it has been a blessing to be able to meet and be joined on Zoom by those who weren't able to come. And the Lord has blessed us since our last AGM with new friends, Liz and Paul, and now that restrictions are easing it's a delight to welcome back other friends too.

We have said goodbye to some special people too. Mary Lagden was such a faithful member of this church, someone who loved the Lord and we miss her presence and her sense of humour. A few months before she died we gave her a large print Bible and it was such a joy for her to be able to read it. We have also said goodbye to Wilf who has been preaching here for many years. Apart from his eagerly anticipated and much-enjoyed magic tricks we all also appreciated his wonderful gift for intercessory prayer and his passion for preaching the Word of God faithfully and clearly.

Over the last year we have been especially grateful to Jim for his faithful ministry and regular preaching. In March he started his training with the Baptist Union to become a Nationally Recognised Pastor which gives him a qualification in preaching and pastoral ministry. He is finding the training stimulating, even if having to write essays again is a bit daunting, and we have already been blessed as he has tried out some of the ideas and suggestions that have arisen during these first modules.

We have followed two major teaching programmes over the autumn and spring, on the life of David and the Sermon on the Mount, both full of challenge and guidance as we seek to live in the way that God wants.

Jim has continued to lead the Homegroup on a Thursday evening and we haven't shied away from grappling with God's word, especially as we've studied the book of Revelation. By the wonders of Zoom we are often joined by Ravi, Janette and Jo from north west London so geography is no barrier to Bible study!

In November we held a day of prayer for Thaxted and the impact the virus was having on its people, businesses, schools and all aspects of life. The day was widely advertised and people were encouraged to tell us of prayer needs. Between us we covered the whole day in prayer and we believe that God is at work. In January we had a prayer morning specifically for TBC and how we could be a missional church. These two prayer events reflect our desire to be blessed as a church and in turn to be a blessing to our community.

In spite of the Covid restrictions we have continued to reach out to the local community. We have maintained our support for the UDC Foodbank and at Christmas our kitchen was used for the cooking of a superb Christmas lunch which was then distributed safely to people at home. Coffee & Company which has been such a vital support to those who have been bereaved continued to meet almost throughout on Zoom and is now back to meeting in person. The Friday coffee morning, open to all on market day, is back in action and we will

resume the monthly men's breakfasts in September. We hope that the UDC seated exercise class will also re-start soon.

An exciting new venture is the Make Lunch Club which will start during the October half term holiday, providing a hot lunch and activities for families in need. Thank you to James and Nina who are leading this and to all who have volunteered to help. Over the next few weeks we will be hearing more about the project and receiving training in the practicalities of running the Club. We are working with Thaxted Primary School and the Club will be a vital way of reaching out and making God's love real in a very practical way. Please continue to pray for the Club and all the preparations that need to be done.

During the past months the deacons have continued to work together, not least on the actual building. The new arched windows are finally in place and other important maintenance such as re-decorating the kitchen, side entrance lobby and the toilets has been done. We have an ongoing programme of repairs and maintenance but the building is basically in good shape.

In spite of the fact that Covid restrictions have curtailed some of our activities there has still been work going on to maintain the life of the church. We are grateful to Helen for playing the organ before the service – such a joy to have live music – and also to Ann and Michael who do so much behind the scenes, not least putting on the heating early on winter Sunday mornings so that the church is warm, cleaning the church and providing a warm welcome to the services. Thank you too to Debbie and James for all their help with the technology on a Sunday morning.

As things begin to open up again after the restrictions and we look to the future we continue to seek what God wants us to do and be as a Christian presence and witness in Thaxted. Are we just wanting to go back to how it was before or are we open to new things that God may be wanting to do in us and through us? Our vision this year is to be a missional church. The Lunch Club is a prime outworking of that. We should also think about the evangelistic part of our mission. How can our existing ministries be used to share the good news of Jesus with others? How can we as individuals share the good news with friends and family or even neighbours? Who will we be praying for this year to come to faith? This is what a missional church is all about.

Michael Berresford, Jim Ford & Fran Griffiths



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name  
**THAXTED BAPTIST CHURCH** No (if any)  
**1182813**

**Receipts and payments accounts**

**CC16a**

For the period from **01/01/2020** To **31/12/2020**

**Section A Receipts and payments**

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
<b>Offerings</b>					
Loose	2,728	-	-	2,728	4,200
Envelopes	3,585	-	-	3,585	7,249
Standing Order	10,220	-	-	10,220	7,200
General Donations	474	-	-	474	1,594
Wednesday Fellowship	51	-	-	51	728
Gift Aid	4,512	-	-	4,512	4,603
Manse Rent	10,875	-	-	10,875	10,740
Raised for other causes	205	11	-	216	227
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>32,650</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>32,661</b>	<b>36,541</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>32,650</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>32,661</b>	<b>36,541</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Speaker's Expenses	1,775	-	-	1,775	1,360
Mission	1,092	1,080	-	2,172	1,807
Given to other causes	205	170	-	375	57
Church Costs	3,645	-	-	3,645	4,532
Manse Costs	2,962	-	-	2,962	3,165
Administration	3,352	-	-	3,352	1,115
Outreach Evangelism	86	-	-	86	556
Wednesday Fellowship	20	-	-	20	155
Church Repairs & Maintenance	6,618	-	-	6,618	1,563
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>19,755</b>	<b>1,250</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>21,005</b>	<b>14,310</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>19,755</b>	<b>1,250</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>21,005</b>	<b>14,310</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>12,895</b>	<b>- 1,239</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11,656</b>	<b>22,231</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>- 1,075</b>	<b>1,075</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>57,380</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>57,555</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>69,200</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>69,211</b>	<b>22,231</b>

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Current Account	69,200	11	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>69,200</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>-</b>
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))				

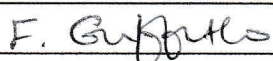
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Church Building	Unrestricted	-	1,049,601
	Manse	Unrestricted	-	191,569
	Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment	Unrestricted	-	45,144
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	BMS Birthday Fund	Restricted	5	
	H/M Boxes	Restricted	6	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	F. GRIFFITHS	01/06/2021



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

THAXTED BAPTIST CHURCH

On accounts for the year ended

31st DECEMBER 2020

Charity no (if any)

1182813

Set out on pages

1 - 2

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 12 2020

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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Ann Forsyth

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31/5/2021

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