

## 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

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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 £
B1 Cash funds	Current account	80,029	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	80,029	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			

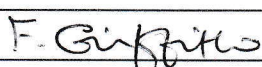
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

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

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

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

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

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

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(if any):

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