

# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	01	2023		31	12	2023

## Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Earl Shilton Baptist Church

Other names charity is known by

LBC Earl Shilton

Registered charity number (if any)

1183482

Charity's principal address

Mill Lane

Earl Shilton

Leicester

Postcode

LE9 7AW

### 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	Helen Burchnall	Secretary		Church Members Meeting
2	Philip Evans	Treasurer		Church Members Meeting
3	Anthony Law		Until 13.03.23	Church Members Meeting
4	Helen West			Church Members Meeting
5	Antony Wakefield			Church Members Meeting
6	Victoria Wakefield			Church Members Meeting
7	Joanne Bodsworth		Until 13.03.23	Church Members Meeting
8	Marie Porter			Church Members Meeting
9	Colin Higham		Until 05.06.23	Church Members Meeting
10	Elizabeth Evans			Church Members Meeting
11	Jennifer MacDonald		From 13.03.23	Church Members Meeting
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### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

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### 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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## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Association
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected by the Church Members

### Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

In September 2022 Earl Shilton Baptist Church joined with the network of churches known as LBC (Londonderry Baptist Church, Charity Number 1197875) and are now known locally as LBC Earl Shilton. The network are supporting Earl Shilton church in its principle purpose to advance the Christian faith locally and wider to other parts of the world.

## Section C Objectives and activities

### Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The principal purpose of the Church is 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.

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

In order to achieve our purpose, and with regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit, the Trustees report the following activities that have been undertaken in the reporting period:

- Weekly church services run, mainly in person but with a Zoom option for those unable to attend.
- Regular Bible study groups, in person and/or online
- Contributed to the running of a local Foodbank; during the last year we have begun making plans for this Foodbank to be hosted in our church.
- Community Hub, meets weekly, providing drinks and snacks, friendship and fellowship to members of the local community. A Christians Against Poverty life skills course runs out of this periodically.
- During 2023, the Mobile Community Pantry has set up a site at LBC Earl Shilton on Tuesday afternoons, in coordination with the Hub and Warm Space. This is an external organisation (supported by Cadent) whose social mission strongly ties in with our social activities.
- Links and support to LBC Pakistan church.

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

During 2023 we found several changes to the way that LBC has operated, in particular with an increasing focus on our social action through the activities on a Tuesday. As in 2022, we extended the hours of this to support a “warm space” for those struggling with the cost of living and with heating their houses. We were also joined by the Mobile Community Pantry, which provides discounted food items for people in need. This initiative, supported by Cadent, also involves contact with NGOs and Citizens’ Advice, who periodically send representatives along.

While meeting the physical needs of disadvantaged members of the community, these events also practically demonstrate the love that Jesus called us to show (see, for example, Matthew 25:34-40, James 2:15-16). Several people we meet on a Tuesday have begun to join us in worship on Sundays as well.

Our Sunday worship services continue a key part of our work, and attendance fluctuates quite strongly but with a good core of about 20-25 people. We have a group of people within the church who will lead services and preach, and the LBC leadership in Birmingham send us speakers, usually twice a month, to help share the load. We continue to advertise and search for a minister, although our financial situation means that we cannot promise long-term support at present. We have also joined together on several occasions for united services with the other churches in Earl Shilton.

In the Summer we put on our second free barbecue for the local community, providing food (of course) and also fun activities for individuals and families. This was well attended, reaching around 200 people from the local area. We plan for this to be an annual event, although are considering the best date on which to run it.

## Section E

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

As standard we hold 3 months' full running cost in reserves. We are actively seeking a minister, and have secured the promise of financial support towards this from the East Midlands Baptist Association. Even with that in place, our finances are such that, barring some sizable change in income, any form of ministry will require an operating loss. We are therefore actively working to raise our reserves to the level required to guarantee an office holder a 3-year contract with our current income; this equates to reserves of circa £85,000 (not including the standard 3 months' running costs).

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

During the year we also sold a portion of unused land abutting our car park. The proceeds to this are subject to restrictions based on the Charitable Trust, and the money is held in trust for us by the Baptist Union Corporation. We expect to invest some of this money in capital improvements to the grounds.

## Section F

## Other optional information

## Section G

## Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Helen West

Philip Andrew Evans

<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Trustee	Treasurer
<b>Date</b>	13/03/2024	



## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

Period start date  
01/01/2023

To

Period end date  
31/12/2023

### 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>					
Donations and offerings	29,985	-	-	29,985	24,368
Rent of rooms & Manse	7,259	-	-	7,259	8,229
HMRC tax refund	4,746	-	-	4,746	3,949
Raised by specific activities	2,391	-	-	2,391	1,346
Raised for external causes		887	-	887	1,781
Misc	1,059	-	-	1,059	108
Grants	1,200	-	-	1,200	-
Land sale and subsequent interest		52,696	-	52,696	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>46,640</b>	<b>53,583</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>100,223</b>	<b>39,781</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>46,640</b>	<b>53,583</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>100,223</b>	<b>39,781</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Ministry costs	2,162	-	-	2,162	2,025
Pension deficit payments	12	-	-	12	2,192
Bills	12,367	-	-	12,367	12,805
Maintenance	8,632	-	-	8,632	3,054
Donations	5,250	-	-	5,250	4,528
Other	5,930	-	-	5,930	3,692
Spent by specific activities	1,538	-	-	1,538	548
Capital expenditure	4,783	-	-	4,783	443
Paid out to causes money was raised for		892	-	892	1,776
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>40,674</b>	<b>892</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>41,567</b>	<b>31,064</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>40,674</b>	<b>892</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>41,567</b>	<b>31,064</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>5,966</b>	<b>52,691</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>58,657</b>	<b>8,717</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>79,289</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>79,294</b>	<b>70,577</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>85,255</b>	<b>52,696</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>137,951</b>	<b>79,295</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>	Barclays bank / BUC trust fund	87,027	52,811	-
	Cash	2,156	136	-
	Uncleared transactions	- 3,928	- 251	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>85,255</b>	<b>52,696</b>	<b>-</b>


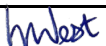
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

		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>	Details			
	Church building	Restricted	-	-
	Manse	Restricted	-	-
	Church furnishings and equipment	Unrestricted	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

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

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Philip Evans	11/03/2024
	Helen West	11/03/2024





CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A

### Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
Earl Shilton Baptist Church

On accounts for the year  
ended

Dec 31 2023

Charity no  
(if any) 1183482

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

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

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:

11/3/24

Name:

AMANDA PHILLIPS.

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

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**Address:**


**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.**

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