



Dronfield Baptist Church

Annual Report for 01 November 2021 – 31 October 2022

Registered Address

Stubley Lane, Dronfield, Derbyshire S18 1PE

Charity Registration Number

1184178

Trustees

The Revd A C Gore (Minister)
Mr D Lax (Secretary)
Mr D H Charles (Treasurer)
Mrs G Smith
Mr E M Tomlinson
Mr C M Turk

Property Trustees

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Report of the Managing Deacons/Trustees for the year ended 31 October 2022

Introduction

The Managing Deacons/Trustees present their annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 October 2022. The Deacons are also referred to as Trustees in this report.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity is governed by an Approved Governing Document. Members of the Church are accepted in accordance with the Constitution which requires them to be or to have been publicly baptised on the profession of faith in Jesus Christ, or following other modes of baptism to renew their public profession of faith in Jesus Christ.

The members Meeting normally takes place ten times per year and has responsibility for the overall policy of the church. In accordance with the Constitution, the members appoint up to eleven Trustees, who together with the Minister, Church Secretary and Treasurer (who are also appointed by the Members), are responsible for the day to day running of the church's work and witness, and the financial and legal aspects of the charity. All members are encouraged to take an appropriate part in the spiritual and practical tasks involved in the furtherance of the charitable objective.

Relevant matters may be submitted to the Church meeting by the Trustees for guidance, or may be raised by members in Church meeting for further consideration by the Trustees. Though the Constitution permits decisions to be made at Church meetings by appropriate majorities, the Church seeks to work by consensus wherever possible.

Objectives and Activities

The principal purpose of the charity is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination to include the advancement of education, community service and such other general charitable purposes in such parts of the United Kingdom and the world as the Church shall determine.

In order to achieve the principal objective which is set out above, the Church provides a variety of activities both to its membership and to the community generally. The aim is to show the love of Jesus Christ in both word and deed and to bring people into a closer relationship with Him as our living Lord.

Central to the work and witness of the Church is the provision of regular public services of Christian worship. These services normally take place each Sunday at both 10.30 am and 4.00pm or 6.30 pm, apart from the third Sunday evening when a United Service is hosted by the various Dronfield churches. There are also occasional services at other times which are advertised on the Church Notice Board and the website at www.dronfieldbaptist.co.uk There is a full children's programme during the morning services. The church seeks to be a friendly and welcoming community and anybody is free to attend any of these services.

The Church runs a series of fellowship groups for the growth of faith and discipleship in the homes of some members or on the church premises, and further details of these can be obtained from the Trustees on request, or at the Sunday services of worship.

From time to time, in conjunction with other local churches the Church runs courses for people interested in discovering more about Christianity, entitled 'Alpha'. Guidance on Church Membership and Believer's Baptism is also available throughout the year.

The Church normally runs various regular activities for Families, Children & Young People and for people in the Third Age.

The church has read the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit, and is satisfied that the activities outlined above clearly demonstrate that the charity is providing a benefit to the public.

Risk Assessment

The Church regularly reviews the risks to which it is exposed. It operates systems to ensure that all people working with children and vulnerable adults are appropriately vetted with regard to the Disclosure and Barring Service.

Achievements and Performance

As a church this year has seen the return to the previous levels of activity that existed before Covid19. This involved a necessary reflection and evaluation of our life as a church to reflect the ways in which we as individual people had been changed by the experience of lockdown and the accompanying social isolation. Part of this was to welcome the changes in life balance that people had become used to and to explore how this could be facilitated and affirmed by us as a church. The church continues to have an emphasis upon Families, Youth and Children and this was reflected in exploring the viability of a part time Children's worker. This 10-hour post proved to be highly beneficial and on reflection we recognised the need to develop this role. Therefore, we have expanded this role to 20 hours a week and retitled it as Children's Ministry Leader and we have appointed Zania Van Schalkwyk to this role from 31st October 2022. This year we explored the use of a mid-week to strengthen and develop our charitable objective of growing in our understanding and living out the Christian faith. This was a very successful event in allowing the personal development of one of the members of the staff team as well as being deeply appreciated by the church. This will become a yearly event of differing lengths as well as themes involving both in house as well as external speakers.

This year also saw the closure of our lunch club due to the shrinkage of the team who staffed it. This has been a highly successful way of achieving our charitable objectives which we will still be able to achieve by focussing upon our weekly coffee morning which also serves affordable lunches on a Thursday. We also have begun to explore the development of a Warm Space, as part of a national initiative due to the cost-of-living crisis, and this will also take place on the Thursday.

Last year we recognised the challenge of the size of our Trustee group. We have seen the group grow by one and this will need to be regularly assessed that the charity may continue to function well and fulfil our charitable objectives. We are experimenting with different styles of meeting to encourage more onto the team while still ensuring that the charity works as effectively as possible

Statement of Public Benefit

The church aims to play a positive role in the life of the community of Dronfield, since in addition to activities formally linked to the church, members also served as volunteers in other local charities and organisations, including the minister taking an active role in a local school and other members serving as school governors. Members also volunteer with a local community project to protect and enhance specific areas of Dronfield.

The Deacons/Trustees have read the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit, and is satisfied that the activities outlined above clearly demonstrate that the charity is providing a benefit to the public.

Financial Review

Unrestricted cash balances increased by £5,422 during the year, largely as a result of £16,389 growth in receipts from weekly offerings. Cash balances at the year-end amounted to £87,927.

As detailed in the accounts the Church contributed £13,544 for other causes including the denominational charities Home Mission Fund and the Baptist Missionary Society.

The Church continues to raise funds which it needs to carry on its activities from within its own membership and congregation. No wider public appeal was made for funds during the year.

The most significant expenses relate to the ongoing appointments of the Revd A Gore as Minister of the Church and Mr Andrew Evers as Families, Youth & Children's Ministry Leader. Revd Gore's role is to lead and co-ordinate the church activities including the Sunday Services, to provide pastoral care for the congregation and other people, and to equip and encourage the membership in their life, Christian witness and service. Mr Evers co-ordinates and leads activities for young families, children and young people and enables contacts to be made that encourage a sense of community.

The Church is heavily dependent on its membership and non-members as volunteers in all aspects of the church's activities, many of which run with little or no impact on the church's expenditure, but nevertheless contribute substantially to the achievement of the church's objectives.

The financial results for the year, together with a summary of the accounting policies adopted are set out in the accompanying financial statements.

The Church pays pension contributions for its Minister to the Baptist Ministers Pension Trust Limited, which is a final salary defined benefit scheme, which is not contracted out of the State second pension. The scheme is a multi-employer scheme and it is not possible to identify the assets and liabilities of the scheme which are attributable to the church. Therefore, in accordance with FRS102 Section 28, the scheme is accounted for as a defined contribution scheme.

Reserves policy

The Trustees have established a Reserve Policy to enable the church to function effectively and meet its obligations in the event of a significant decline in our income or a major cost.

The Church expressed its part in the life of the wider church by making donations to national and international Christian organisations and societies with Christian aims and objectives compatible with the church's own charitable purpose.

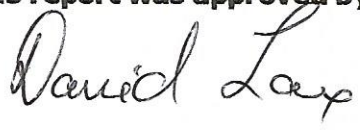
Having considered the relevant risks of changes in income and expenditure, the Trustees have determined that the appropriate level of reserves is in the range £30,000 to £35,000. As at 31st October 2022, the church held total cash funds of £87,927 of which £2,784 were restricted and £8,196 designated. It follows that cash resources available to spend on any of the Church's activities amounts to £76,948.

The Church strives to remain a force for good in the community in the longer term in its own right. It follows that as all of its reserves were given towards this, its primary purpose and are retained in accordance with its objects.

Independent Examiner

A resolution to appoint S Temple and M Herman as Independent Examiners was put to the Annual General Meeting. And this has been agreed.

This report was approved by the Trustees

 27/8/2023

David Lax - Managing Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Managing Trustees of the charity

We report to the managing trustees on our examination of the accounts of Dronfield Baptist Church (the Church) for the year ended 31 October 2022, which are set out on pages 6 to 11.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

We have completed our examination. We confirm that no material matters have come to our attention in connection with the examination giving us cause to believe that in any material respect:

- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those records.

We 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.



S Temple

25/8/23



M. Herman

25/8/23

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Accounts for the year ended 31 October 2022

Receipts and Payments Account

	Notes	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
Receipts					
Weekly offerings		88,195	-	88,195	71,356
Appeals and special gifts	3	4,024	5,161	9,185	3,639
Grants		-	-	0	1,966
Income tax recovered on gifts to 5 April		17,352	-	17,352	13,607
Legacies		-	-	0	2,400
Other Church groups	10	3,726	-	3,726	1,023
Youth Camp		-	6,000	6,000	0
Interest received		153	-	153	60
Sundry		1,010	-	1,010	951
Total receipts rounded to nearest £		114,460	11,161	125,621	95,002
Payments					
Minister and Manse	4	35,177	-	35,177	35,761
Upkeep of Church premises	5	12,462	250	12,712	12,731
Baptist Missionary Society		4,600	220	4,820	3,650
Home Mission		4,600	-	4,600	3,560
Worship and outreach		1,238	-	1,238	678
Discipleship and training		853	39	892	3,715
Youth Camp		600	6,041	6,641	0
Grants and donations	6	2,084	3,289	5,373	2,895
Families, Youth and Children	7	34,501	200	34,701	26,443
Other Church groups	10	4,599	-	4,599	1,055
Administration		2,077	-	2,077	1,709
Other costs	8	4,597	-	4,597	2,954
New fixtures, fittings and equipment	9	1,650	-	1,650	8,190
Total payments rounded to nearest £		109,038	10,039	119,077	103,341
Excess of receipts over (expenditure)		5,422	1,122	6,544	(8,339)
Balance brought forward from previous year		79,721	1,662	81,383	93,472
Balance carried forward to next year		85,143	2,784	87,927	81,383

All amounts derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 8 to 11 form an integral part of these accounts.

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 October 2022

Monetary Assets	Notes	2022	2021
<u>Cash in hand and on deposit</u>		£	£
CoOp savings accounts		82,774	78,724
CoOp / CAF current accounts		2,000	500
Cash balances - Other Church groups		1,785	1,014
Cash in hand		1,368	1,145
Net Monetary Assets		£ <u>87,927</u>	£ <u>81,383</u>

Represented by funds:		2022	2021
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>		£	£
General fund		76,948	65,592
<u>Designated funds</u>			
Special fund		5,238	10,668
Other Church groups	10	2,958	3,461
		<u>85,144</u>	<u>79,721</u>
<u>Restricted funds</u>			
Amounts received for other causes		418	67
Audio Visual Upgrade		2,300	1,300
Garden Project fund		65	295
		£ <u>87,927</u>	£ <u>81,383</u>

Other Monetary Assets and Liabilities		2022	2021
<u>Debtors</u>		£	£
Gift aid recoverable	Est	7,000	Est 5,000
Youth Camp tickets bought from organiser		3,433	-
<u>Less Creditors</u>			
Taxes and Social Security		(704)	(649)
Youth Camp prepaid by parents		(2,890)	-
		£ <u>6,839</u>	£ <u>4,351</u>

Baptist Pension Scheme (BPS) Defined Benefit (DB) Plan Liability Statement

On 30 June 2022 BPS signed an agreement with insurance company Just Group ('Just') to secure DB Plan members' pension benefits. Just now provide financial backing for all pensions provided through the Scheme's DB Plan, which following this transaction, no longer has a shortfall.

Non-Monetary Assets		2022	2021
<u>Fixed assets for Charity use</u>		£	£
Church insured value		2,401,081	2,167,052
Manse insured value		236,261	214,197
Furniture and equipment		24,303	24,303
Total Fixed Assets for Charity Use		£ <u>2,661,645</u>	£ <u>2,405,552</u>

David Charles 27/8/23
David Charles, Trustee

Approved by the Trustees

The notes on pages 8 to 11 form an integral part of these accounts.

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Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 October 2022

1 Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis. The Managing Deacons/Trustees confirm that as far as they are aware, there is no relevant accounting information of which the examiner is unaware.

2 Winding up or dissolution of the charity

If upon winding up or dissolution of the charity there remain any financial assets, after satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, the assets represented by the accumulated funds shall be transferred to some other charitable body or bodies having similar objects to the charity.

		2022	2021
		Total	Total
		£	£
3 Appeals and special gifts			
CP	Ashgate Hospice	-	134
	Audio Visual Refurbishment	-	1,000
CP	Bluebell Wood	-	141
	Baptist Missionary Society (BMS)	-	220
	BMS - Birthday Scheme	-	838
	Coffee machine etc.	858	-
	Comic Relief	-	15
CP	Christian Aid	-	161
CP	Derbyshire Air Ambulance	-	159
CP	Elm Foundation (Domestic Abuse)	-	125
	Families, Youth & Children Activities	365	200
	Feast Of Flowers	194	-
	Garden project	-	20
	Holiday Club	610	-
	HSBC Matched Funding	500	-
	Lent books and reading notes	-	34
	Life Dronfield	-	146
CP	MacMillan Cancer Support	-	120
	Minister birthday present	-	258
	Spurgeons - Christmas donations	-	267
CP	St Lukes Hospice	-	91
CP	St Wilfreds	-	117
	Sundry & Anon	275	1,000
CP	Tree Tops - Sheff Childn's Hospital	-	115
	Weddings and funerals	1,222	0
	Homeless & Rootless at Christmas	-	-
£		4,024	5,161
		9,185	3,639

CP 'Coffee Pot' coffee mornings raised £1,163, following removal of CoVid-19 restrictions.

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	Unrestricted	Restricted	2022 Total	2021 Total
	£	£	£	£
4 Minister and Manse				
Stipend, PAYE and pension	28,196	-	28,196	27,628
Ministers' expenses	425	-	425	242
Manse upkeep	2,912	-	2,912	2,830
Manse repairs and improvements	507	-	507	1,281
Current minister sub-total	32,040	-	32,040	31,982
Baptist Pension Scheme deficit	3,137	-	3,137	3,779
	<u>35,177</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>35,177</u>	<u>35,761</u>

5 Upkeep of Church premises	£	£	£	£
Cleaning	4,214	-	4,214	3,336
Insurance and water	3,216	-	3,216	2,803
Light and heat	2,392	-	2,392	2,222
Maintenance and repairs	2,640	250	2,890	4,370
	<u>12,462</u>	<u>250</u>	<u>12,712</u>	<u>12,731</u>

6 Grants and donations	£	£	£	£
Angel Tree	624	-	624	312
Ashgate Hospice	-	134	134	45
Bluebell Wood	-	141	141	-
BMS - Birthday Scheme	-	430	430	388
Christian Aid	-	181	181	-
Comic Relief	10	15	25	-
Derbyshire Air Ambulance	-	159	159	132
Elm Foundation (Domestic Abuse)	-	125	125	114
Life Dronfield	1,200	146	1,346	1,200
MacMillan Cancer Support	-	120	120	-
Spurgeons - Christmas donations	-	267	267	-
St Luke's Hospice	-	91	91	45
St Wilfrid's Centre	-	117	117	-
Tree Tops - Sheff Childn's Hospital	-	115	115	-
Ukrainian Refugees	100	-	100	-
YBA Retirement donations	150	-	150	-
Children In Need	-	-	-	25
Homeless & Rootless at Christmas	-	-	-	434
YBA Biglife India Appeal	-	-	-	200
External organisations	2,084	2,041	4,125	2,895
Pastoral Gifts	-	1,000	1,000	-
Minister birthday present	-	248	248	-
	<u>2,084</u>	<u>3,289</u>	<u>5,373</u>	<u>2,895</u>

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	Unrestricted	Restricted	2022 Total	2021 Total
	£	£	£	£
7 Families, Youth and Children				
Salary, PAYE and pension	31,435	-	31,435	23,721
Materials and expenses	2,376	200	2,576	2,111
Holiday Club	529	-	529	537
Messy Church	161	-	161	74
	<u>34,501</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>34,701</u>	<u>26,443</u>
8 Other costs	£	£	£	£
Catering	2,168	-	2,168	452
Subscriptions	2,176	-	2,176	2,312
Delegates expenses	-	-	-	29
Sundry	253	-	253	162
	<u>4,597</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,597</u>	<u>2,954</u>
9 New fixtures and equipment	£	£	£	£
Furniture	216	-	216	-
Photocopier	1,434	-	1,434	-
Audio Equipment	-	-	-	1,833
Laptop Computer	-	-	-	1,180
Video Equipment	-	-	-	5,177
	<u>1,650</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,650</u>	<u>8,190</u>

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10 Designated funds

	Balance B / fwd	Legacy	Appeals and Donations	Expenditure *	Balance C / fwd **
	£	£	£	£	£
Special Fund	10,668	-	-	5,429	5,238

* Special Fund Expenditure = 'Discipleship and training' spend, plus cost of FYC Assistant until Sep 2022.

** Balances rounded to nearest £

	Balance B / fwd	Activity receipts	Appeals and Donations	Grants received	Activity payments	Donations paid out	Donations to / (from) Church	Balance C / fwd
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Other Church Groups								
BMS Birthday scheme	-	-	838	-	-	430	-	408
Coffee pot	-	-	1,163	-	-	1,163	-	-
Extraordinary Women	-	117	-	-	389	-	(405)	133
Feast of Flowers	709	-	194	-	522	-	-	380
Friday Parent & Toddler	301	595	15	-	369	25	75	442
Jolly Crafters	78	249	-	-	208	-	(1)	120
Light Lunches	110	1,620	-	-	926	255	93	455
Lunch Club	1,668	245	-	-	1,005	-	-	908
Monday Parent & Toddler	628	415	-	-	276	100	172	496
School's Out Dad's About	-	189	-	-	258	-	(69)	-
Who Let The Dads Out	(33)	296	-	-	350	-	-	(87)
Mens Events	-	-	-	-	297	-	-	(297)
Total rounded to nearest £	3,461	3,726	2,209	-	4,599	1,973	(133)	2,958

The above items have all been designated for specific purposes by the Trustees, as such these receipts and payments are accounted for in the Church's accounts but are summarised here for information.