



Dronfield Baptist Church

Annual Report for 01 November 2022 – 31 October 2023

Registered Address

Stubley Lane, Dronfield, Derbyshire S18 1PE

Charity Registration Number

1184178

Trustees

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

Property Trustees

The Baptist Union Corporation Limited Baptist House, 129 Broadway, Didcot, Oxfordshire OX11 8RT

Bankers

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Dronfield Baptist Church Annual Report for 2023

Report of the Managing Deacons/Trustees for the year ended 31 October 2023

Introduction

The Managing Deacons/Trustees present their annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 October 2023. 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 7.30 pm, and on the first and third Sunday evenings at the Churches Together Resonate Service hosted by St Philip's. 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 operates systems to ensure that all people working with children and vulnerable adults are appropriately vetted with regard to the Disclosure and Barring Service.

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

A significant part of this year has been our exploring and renewing our vision as a church. This has been a significant process of reflecting on how clarify our purpose as a charity but also how all of our charitable objectives can be given a fresh impetus within the life of the church.

In November last year I encouraged the church to reflect on and pray through the shape of my then current ministry as well as the ministries of the other members of the team. This all came under the heading of 'Shape of Future Ministry' which was led by an extended leadership team to draw upon the experience of those who had served on the leadership team, as well as current members. This led to the whole fellowship being encouraged to fill in a detailed questionnaire about the life of the church and its charitable objectives which was collated and presented by Don Brennan and Ed Tomlinson. We are very grateful for all the hard work they gave to this process and as we explored this the title for this process changed from 'Shape of Future Ministry', to 'Shape of Future Ministries' as we encouraged the whole of the church to exercise their gifts and give of their time to seeing our charitable objectives fulfilled.

Another significant change was in the shape of our Ministry Team. In August our Families, Youth and Children's Ministry Leader, Mr Andrew Evers, stepped down from this position. We are very grateful to the way in which he served the church particularly in his passion and enthusiasm for growing and developing our many youth activities. In response to this Zania Van Schalkwyk has expanded her hours to focus particularly on Children's and Worship as well as taking on a broader leadership role. In the summer Josh Douglass was successful in his interview to be our new Youth Worker and he will take up his role in December.

This year saw a significant change in our Trustee and Leadership Team. Dave Charles, who had been Treasurer for many years stepped down and was replaced by Temby Jones. We are very grateful for all of the hard work Dave Charles has given to us. We will be having Leadership Elections in November and see our Team expanded. We had a very effective Leadership Retreat which led us to reflect on how we meet as a team as well as broaden the style of meetings we have so that we may work more closely and effectively ensuring that all of our charitable objectives are fulfilled.

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 decreased by £16,126 during the year, largely as a result of planned extra spend on Families, Youth and Children plus the first phase of an upgrade to audio visual equipment. Cash balances at the year-end amounted to £70,262.

As detailed in the accounts the Church contributed £13,731 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 Mrs Zania van Schalkwyk 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. Mrs Schalkwyk 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 very grateful for those within its membership, and to non-members, who as volunteers enable all of the 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 is a participating employer within the Defined Benefit section of the Baptist Pension scheme and has been making ongoing deficit payments to cover the cost of past service of its employees within the scheme under a recovery plan. The church understands that if it had left the scheme at the year end, it would have to have made a one off payment estimated to be £15,900 to meet its statutory obligations to the scheme. The church has no plan to leave the scheme and expects to continue to make payments to the scheme in line with the recovery plan through to June 2026.

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.

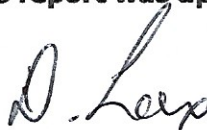
Having considered the relevant risks of changes in income and expenditure, the Trustees have determined that the appropriate level of reserves is in the range £30,000 to £35,000. As at 31st October 2023, the church held total cash funds of £70,262 of which £1,245 were restricted and £6,214 designated. It follows that cash resources available to spend on any of the Church's activities amounts to £62,803.

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

 30/10/24

David Lax - Managing Trustee

 30/10/2024

Rev. A. C. Gore - Minister

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 2023, 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.

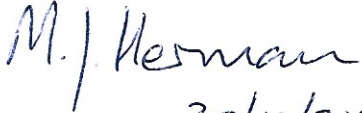
Independent examiner's statement

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 30/10/24


M. Herman 30/10/24

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Accounts for the year ended 31 October 2023

Receipts and Payments Account

	Notes	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Receipts					
Weekly offerings		89,969	-	89,969	88,195
Appeals and special gifts	3	3,705	5,308	9,013	9,185
Grants		-	-	-	-
Income tax recovered on gifts to 5 April		19,219	-	19,219	17,352
Legacies		-	-	-	-
Other Church groups	10	4,659	-	4,659	3,726
Youth Camp		-	2,854	2,854	6,000
Interest received		1,072	-	1,072	153
Sundry		257	-	257	1,010
Total receipts rounded to nearest £		118,881	8,162	127,043	125,621
Payments					
Minister and Manse	4	34,226	-	34,226	35,177
Upkeep of Church premises	5	14,472	75	14,547	12,712
Baptist Missionary Society		4,600	294	4,894	4,820
Home Mission		4,600	-	4,600	4,600
Worship and outreach		1,139	-	1,139	1,238
Discipleship and training		1,145	-	1,145	892
Youth Camp		1,758	2,854	4,612	6,641
Grants and donations	6	1,500	3,352	4,852	5,373
Families, Youth and Children	7	46,243	100	46,343	34,701
Other Church groups	10	4,318	-	4,318	4,599
Administration		2,033	-	2,033	2,077
Other costs	8	5,096	226	5,322	4,597
New fixtures, fittings and equipment	9	13,877	2,800	16,677	1,650
Total payments rounded to nearest £		135,007	9,701	144,708	119,077
Excess of receipts over (expenditure)		(16,126)	(1,539)	(17,665)	6,544
Balance brought forward from previous year		85,143	2,784	87,927	93,472
Balance carried forward to next year		69,017	1,245	70,262	87,927

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 2023

Monetary Assets	Notes	2023	2022
Cash in hand and on deposit		£	£
CoOp savings accounts		67,519	82,774
CoOp / CAF current accounts		1,000	2,000
Cash balances - Other Church groups		1,743	1,785
Cash in hand		0	1,368
Net Monetary Assets		£ 70,262	£ 87,927

Represented by funds:		2023	2022
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>		£	£
General fund		62,803	76,948
<u>Designated funds</u>			
Special fund		4,093	5,238
Other Church groups	10	2,121	2,958
		69,017	85,144
<u>Restricted funds</u>			
Amounts received for other causes		245	418
Audio Visual Upgrade		-	2,300
Garden Project fund		-	65
Special Fund donation restricted to Sep 2025		1,000	-
		£ 70,262	£ 87,927

Other Monetary Assets and Liabilities		2023	2022
<u>Debtors</u>		£	£
Gift aid recoverable	Est	8,500	Est 7,000
Youth Camp tickets bought from organiser		-	3,433
<u>Less Creditors</u>			
Taxes and Social Security		(464)	(704)
Youth Camp prepaid by parents		-	(2,890)
		£ 8,036	£ 6,839

Baptist Pension Scheme Defined Benefit (DB) Plan Liability Statement

Following a 2022 agreement with insurance company Just Group to secure DB Plan members' pension benefits, the Scheme's DB Plan no longer has a shortfall.

Non-Monetary Assets		2023	2022
Fixed assets for Charity use		£	£
Church insured value		2,602,771	2,401,081
Manse insured value		278,789	236,261
Furniture and equipment		28,544	24,303
Total Fixed Assets for Charity Use		£ 2,910,104	£ 2,661,645

David Charles, former Treasurer

Approved by the Trustees

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Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 October 2023

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.

		2023	2022
		Total	Total
		£	£
3 Appeals and special gifts			
CP	Ashgate Hospice	144	134
	Audio Visual Refurbishment	500	1,000
CP	Bluebell Wood	129	141
	Baptist Missionary Society (BMS)	294	220
	BMS - Birthday Scheme	615	838
	Children In Need	40	-
	Coffee machine etc.	1,400	858
CP	'Coffee Pot' for general church use	200	-
CP	Derbyshire Air Ambulance	188	159
CP	Elm Foundation (Domestic Abuse)	200	125
	Employee leaving gift	625	-
	Families, Youth & Children Activities	655	565
	Garden project	10	20
	Holiday Club	800	610
	Homeless & Rootless at Christmas	504	-
	HSBC Matched Funding	500	500
	King's Coronation event	225	-
CP	MacMillan Cancer Support	317	120
CP	St Lukes Hospice	87	91
CP	St Wilfreds	156	117
	Sundry & Anon	20	1,275
CP	Tree Tops - Sheff Childn's Hospital	174	115
	Weddings and funerals	230	1,222
CP	Christian Aid	-	161
	Comic Relief	-	15
	Feast Of Flowers	-	194
	Lent books and reading notes	-	34
	Life Dronfield	-	146
	Minister birthday present	-	258
	Spurgeons - Christmas donations	-	267
£		3,705	9,185
		5,308	
		9,013	

CP 'Coffee Pot' and 'Light Lunches' raised £1,595.

Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 October 2023

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023 Total	2022 Total
	£	£	£	£
4 Minister and Manse				
Stipend, PAYE and pension	30,018	-	30,018	28,196
Ministers' expenses	450	-	450	425
Manse upkeep	3,075	-	3,075	2,912
Manse repairs and improvements	671	-	671	507
Current minister sub-total	34,214	-	34,214	32,040
Baptist Pension Scheme deficit	12	-	12	3,137
	<u>34,226</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>34,226</u>	<u>35,177</u>

	£	£	£	£
5 Upkeep of Church premises				
Cleaning	4,996	-	4,996	4,214
Insurance and water	3,109	-	3,109	3,216
Light and heat	3,571	-	3,571	2,392
Maintenance and repairs	2,796	75	2,871	2,890
	<u>14,472</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>14,547</u>	<u>12,712</u>

	£	£	£	£
6 Grants and donations				
Angel Tree	100	-	100	624
Ashgate Hospice	-	144	144	134
Bluebell Wood	-	129	129	141
BMS - Birthday Scheme	-	798	798	430
Children In Need	-	40	40	-
Derbyshire Air Ambulance	80	188	268	159
Elm Foundation (Domestic Abuse)	-	200	200	125
Homeless & Rootless at Christmas	-	504	504	-
Life Dronfield	1,200	-	1,200	1,346
MacMillan Cancer Support	-	317	317	120
Rotary	20	-	20	-
St Luke's Hospice	-	87	87	91
St Wilfrid's Centre	-	156	156	117
Transplant Games	100	-	100	-
Tree Tops - Sheff Childn's Hospital	-	174	174	115
Christian Aid	-	-	-	181
Comic Relief	-	-	-	25
Spurgeons - Christmas donations	-	-	-	267
Ukrainian Refugees	-	-	-	100
YBA Retirement donations	-	-	-	150
External organisations	1,500	2,737	4,237	4,125
Employee leaving gift	-	605	605	-
Minister birthday present	-	10	10	248
Pastoral Gifts	-	-	-	1,000
	<u>1,500</u>	<u>3,352</u>	<u>4,852</u>	<u>5,373</u>

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	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023 Total	2022 Total
	£	£	£	£
7 Families, Youth and Children				
Salary, PAYE and pension	42,774	-	42,774	31,435
Materials and expenses	3,004	100	3,104	2,576
Holiday Club	304	-	304	529
Messy Church	161	-	161	161
	<u>46,243</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>46,343</u>	<u>34,701</u>
8 Other costs	£	£	£	£
Catering	2,436	31	2,467	2,168
Subscriptions	2,426	-	2,426	2,176
Delegates expenses	50	-	50	-
Sundry	184	195	379	253
	<u>5,096</u>	<u>226</u>	<u>5,322</u>	<u>4,597</u>
9 New fixtures and equipment	£	£	£	£
Audio Visual Equipment	13,877	2,800	16,677	-
Furniture	-	-	-	216
Photocopier	-	-	-	1,434
Laptop Computer	-	-	-	-
	<u>13,877</u>	<u>2,800</u>	<u>16,677</u>	<u>1,650</u>

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Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 October 2023

10 Designated funds

	Balance B / fwd	Legacy Donations	Appeals and Donations	Restricted Donations *	Expenditure ***	Balance C / fwd ***	Restricted Balance * C / fwd
Special Fund	£ 5,238	£ -	£ -	£ 1,000	£ 1,145	£ 4,093	£ 1,000

* A donation of £1,000 into the Special Fund has a restricted purpose until 12/Sep/2025.

** Special Fund Expenditure = 'Discipleship and training' spend.

*** 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	408	-	615	-	-	798	-	225
Coffee Pot & Light Lunches	455	1,632	1,595	-	1,345	1,495	450	392
Extraordinary Women	133	179	-	-	465	-	(280)	126
Feast of Flowers	380	-	-	-	-	-	-	380
Friday Parent & Toddler	442	1,011	40	-	936	60	-	496
Jolly Crafters	120	224	-	-	186	80	-	77
Mens Events	(297)	297	-	-	330	-	-	(330)
Monday Parent & Toddler	496	789	-	-	528	-	(53)	810
School's Out Dad's About	-	123	-	-	101	-	22	-
Who Let The Dads Out	(87)	404	-	-	426	-	(54)	(55)
Lunch Club(closed)	908	-	-	-	-	-	908	-
Total rounded to nearest £	2,958	4,659	2,250	-	4,318	2,433	994	2,121

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.