



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st January 2023
Period end date

Period start date To 31st December 2023

Charity name: Llanwenarth Baptist Church

Charity registration number: 1184281

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>The advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination.</p> <p>The Church may also advance education and carry out other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and/or other parts of the world.</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>The activities may include but are not restricted to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• regular public worship, prayer, Bible study, preaching and teaching;• baptism, as defined in the Baptist Union's Declaration of Principle;• the Communion of the Lord's Supper which shall normally be observed at least once a month;• evangelism and mission, locally, regionally, nationally and internationally;• the teaching, encouragement, welcome and inclusion of young people;• nurture and growth of Christian disciples;• education and training for Christian and community service;• giving and encouraging pastoral care;• supporting and encouraging charitable social action in the United Kingdom and abroad;• encouraging relationships with and supporting Baptists and other Christians.• being fully involved as appropriate with the local community.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have	Para 1.18	<p>I confirm the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity</p>

had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit		Commission on public benefit
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	N/A
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	All Church members and deacons who contribute to the running of the church do so voluntarily.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	The Church made donations of £500 to good causes such as Christian Aid, Leprosy Mission and Baptist missionary Society. The Church has continued to offer services to all who wish to praise God. This includes Christmas and Easter services when local people attend. The Luncheon Club offers a good value meal and company for local people. A Messy Church was started for younger children.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against	Para 1.41	No formal targets were set.
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objectives set		
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	No formal targets were set.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	Our investments made by Brewin Dolphin increased by 9.02% in the year to 31st December 2023
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	At 31st December 2022 the charity has liquid assets of £300,922. Also property assets for Church use of £690,000
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	We hold reserves in order use the returns to contribute to providing ministry at the Church, and the upkeep of the church.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£300,922
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Congregational Offerings. In addition to congregational giving we also received tax repayment from Gift Aid.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	We invest to make a return that can be used to contribute to paying for Ministry and upkeep of buildings.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Falling membership.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Election to post by the membership.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	<p>The Charity Trustees will make available to each new Charity Trustee, on or before his or her first appointment:</p> <p>a copy of this constitution and any amendments made to it;</p> <p>a copy of the Church's latest trustees' annual report and statement of accounts; and</p> <p>a summary of key issues that have recently been under consideration by the Charity Trustees with sufficient background information to enable the newly appointed Charity Trustee to gain an understanding of the ways of working among the Charity Trustees with the intention that a newly appointed Charity Trustee will be helped to understand the work of the Church and their responsibilities so as to contribute positively to Charity Trustees meetings as soon as possible after their appointment.</p>
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	<p>The Church is membership organisation and it's leadership team consist of elected deacons/trustees.</p> <p>The Church is a member of the Baptist Union of Wales and the Gwent Baptist Association. It is also a member of the Baptist Union of Great Britain.</p>
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	None

Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Llanwenarth Baptist Church
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1184281
Charity's principal address	8 Glanmoor, Gilwern, Abergavenny, Monmouthshire. NP7 0DT

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	Andrew David Baker	Church Secretary	From July 2019	
2	Allan Williams	Church Treasurer	From February 2020	
3	Helen Dawn Botting		From July 2019	
4	Nansi Mort		From July 2019	
5	Derek Carpenter		From February 2021	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
Welsh Baptist Union Corporation	Since 1990	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	Church, School Room, Graveyard, Field, Manse
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	The Welsh Baptist Union Corporation (WBUC) is a full trustee for the property owned by Llanwenarth Baptist Church. The objects of the WBUC is THE PROMOTION OF THE INTERESTS OF THE WELSH BAPTIST DENOMINATION.
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Deeds for assets held at Potheary, Witham and Weld, Solicitors for the WBUC.

Additional information (optional)

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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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

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Full name(s)

Andrew David Baker

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Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Church Secretary

Church Secretary	
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Date


28th March 2024

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Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Andrew David Baker	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Church Secretary	
Date	28 th March 2024	

Llanwenarth Baptist Church

Financial Statement for Year Ended 31.December 2023

General Receipts and Payment Account

	Note	2023	2022
Receipts			
Offerings		17019	16518.84
Tax Refund		4223.58	4613.14
Donations		18.46	15562.23
Rents		450	265
Fees		2060	950
Raised for Other Causes	1	486.60	271.00
Miscellaneous		3994.69	3107.29
Brewin Dolphin		0	0
Teas/ Luncheon club		892.61	0
Total Receipts		29144.94	41287.50
Payments			
Ministry and Mission	2	281971.67	4072.48
Upkeep of Premises	3	14704.21	12034.87
Administration	4	1973.57	1108.00
Passed to Other Causes	5	897.25	1865.85
Brewin Dolphin		0	0
Total Payments		299546.70	19081.20
Net Receipts/Payments		-270401.76	22206.30
Balance at 31.12.22			330229.03
Unpresented Cheques		0	0
Balance at 31.12.23		59827.27	

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31.12.22

Assets

HSBC Account		59827.27	330229.03
Brewin Dolphin		241095.05	226165.70
Held for Church Use	6	690000.00	415000.00
Total Assets		990922.32	971394.73

Liabilities

Pension Scheme Debt	7	0	0
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These accounts have been prepared on a 'receipts and payments' basis and in accordance with Section 133 Charities Act 2011.

Notes

1.00 Raised for Other Causes

Turkey/Syria	255.00
Misc	6.60
Leprosy	140.00
Abergavenny Council of Churches	85.00
Total	486.60

2.00 Ministry and Mission

Gross Stipend (Minister retired at end April 2021)	0.00
Minister's Expenses	0.00
Assemblies etc	0.00
Employer's Pension (Baptist Union)	12.00
Employer's NI	0.00
Visiting Ministry	2265.00
Manse Costs-Purchase, repairs, insurance, water, heat	279694.67
Total	281971.67

The Minister would when in office act as one of the church's trustees and receives remuneration and other benefits in respect of his services as Minister, including the provision of manse accommodation

3.00 Upkeep of Premises

Heat and Light	3091.29
Cleaning	1739.00
Insurance	2901.07
Repairs and Maintenance	6627.13
Miscellaneous	345.72
Total	14704.21

4.00 Administration

Secretarial Expenses	0.00
Advertising	0.00
Subscriptions	1187.98
Miscellaneous	639.89
Account charges	145.70
Total	1973.57

5.00 Passed to Other Causes

Samaritans Purse	
Leprosy	140.00
Christian Aid	200.00
Samaritans Purse	160.00
Gwent Baptist Assoc	146.25
Aber C of C	85.00
BUGB	166.00
Total	897.25

6.00 Assets Held for Church Use

The church is the beneficial owner (subject to the relevant trusts) of the following assets:

1. Church premises at Station Road, Govilon, the legal title to which is held by the church's custodian trustee [the Baptist Union of Wales Corporation Ltd] valued in the accounts at £xxxx based on insured value.	400000.00
2 A burial ground at Station Road, Govilon. No meaningful value is available so it has not been included in the Statement Of Assets	
3 A Manse was purchased at a price of 275,000	275000.00
4 The church also owns fixtures, furniture and equipment with an insured value of £xxx	15000.00
Total	690000.00

7.00 Pension Scheme Debt

The Church is a participating employer in the Baptist Pension Scheme (the Scheme), which is a separate legal entity administered by the Pension Trustee (Baptist Pension Trust Limited). The assets of the Scheme are held separately from those of the Employer and the other participating employers. Since 2012 pensions have been paid by means of a Defined Contribution Plan. In July 2022 the Church was given the advice shown below.

The Baptist Pension Scheme ("the Scheme") – Defined Benefit ("DB") Plan Update on risk reduction and future employer Deficit Recovery Contributions

To all employers participating in the Baptist Pension Scheme's DB Plan,

This email is being sent to you jointly from the Baptist Union and the Trustee of the Scheme as a participating employer in the Defined Benefit section of the Baptist Pension Scheme. . It sets out some very positive news on the future of the Scheme's DB Plan and your contributions to it

Buy-in policy

We are very pleased to announce that we have signed an agreement with the insurance company Just Group ("Just") to secure DB Plan members' pension benefits. This agreement is referred to as a 'buy-in policy'. It follows a similar agreement with Just in 2019 that covered most pensions in payment at that time. The combined agreements mean that Just are now providing financial backing for all DB pensions provided through the Scheme's DB Plan.

Deficit Recovery Contributions (DRCs)

The costs of such policies are largely driven by financial markets and these have moved substantially in the Scheme's favour, particularly over the course of the last few months. As a result, this transaction takes the Scheme out of a shortfall position for the first time in two decades. Although risks remain, the Baptist Union and the Trustee have agreed that deficit recovery contributions from each participating employer in the DB Plan will reduce to just £1 per month from August 2022.



CHARITY COMMISSION
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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

LLANWENARTH BAPTIST CHURCH

On accounts for the year
ended

31/12/2023

Charity no | 1184281
(if any) |

Set out on pages

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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]].~~

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: 16.1.24

Name:

IAN STUART DRAPER

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

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(if any):

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Address:

FERNLEA.	MERTHYR ROAD
GOVILON.	ABERGAVENNY
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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.

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