

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

SECTION A

REFERENCE & ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

Charity name: Oldham Baptist Church CIO

Registered charity number: 1185319

Charity's principal address: Oldham Baptist Church
Chaucer Street
Oldham
Lancashire
OL1 1BA

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity:

Rev Arthur Janes (Minister)
Elaine Lunn (Secretary)
Colin Heywood (Treasurer)
Barbara Heywood
Catherine Janes
Pauline Spencer-Lomax
Femi Salako
Susan Shufflebottom

SECTION B

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document: Baptist Union Corporation Ltd – CIO Association Model

How the charity is constituted: CIO Association Constitution

Trustee selection methods: The appointment of a minister is at a Special Church Members' Meeting and must receive votes from 70% or more of members present and voting. (Constitution item 13) The appointment of other trustees is at an Annual General Meeting and the individual(s) must receive votes from 51% or more of members present and voting. (Constitution item 14)

SECTION C

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

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

1. The advancement of the Christian faith according to the Principles of the Baptist denomination.
2. The church may also advance education and carry out other charitable purposes in the UK and / or other parts of the world.
3. Nothing in this Constitution shall authorise an application of the property for purposes that are not charitable in accordance with Section 7 of the Charities and Trustees Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 or Section 2 of the Charities Act.

Summary of main activities in relation to these objects

The church has gathered for worship each Sunday and observed and celebrated all the major Christian festivals.

The leadership team and the general Church Meeting have continued to meet regularly and some spiritual sessions have resumed as well as a few social gatherings. The sensible use of social media is one of our main ways of communicating with everyone.

Welcoming others into our building and seeking to serve the local community continue to remain important.

The information about all activities is shared via an Annual Report and the Annual Budget of the Church includes the provision for supporting our local, national and international commitments.

SECTION D

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

During the last year we have continued to develop a path to normality although we have had to recognise that, following the pandemic, some people have lost their confidence and desire to re-join us.

As a town centre church our fellowship attracts many whose first language is not English but because such people are not always with us for any length of time we have become quite a transitional church yet still aim to make everyone feel welcome whilst they are with us. Our church attendance has averaged about 50 but covers several age groups. Services, including all the major Christian festivals, are varied and seek to offer a balance between a traditional and modern approach to worship.

During the year our minister had a three month Sabbatical period which was an opportunity for both him and the church to reflect but also to plan and look forward. During this time the services were led by visiting preachers.

Some new initiatives both in worship and meetings are now being tried. In addition a Friday drop-in is one new initiative to help those in need. As a fellowship we have also continued to support other worthwhile causes and a few social events have re-entered the calendar. In the last twelve months we have welcomed some new user groups into our building and have also improved the use of our internal spaces.

The Church trustees have continued to meet and plan monthly in person. General information and the pastoral care of the fellowship has been shared via text, WhatsApp, email, newsletter and website plus visits.

Financially we are beginning to recover after using some of our reserves during the pandemic and we remain grateful for the continued sacrificial giving of our members who contribute to keep the church operational and help us to be positive about the future.

SECTION E

Financial Review

The Church holds its funds within four account areas. This financial year is the first full year, for the accounts, since the Covid epidemic. Our revenue has started to rise as the room hire and car park are getting back to their normal usage again. The final balances for the year reflect that we have not fully resumed our maintenance programme.

SECTION F

Land and Buildings


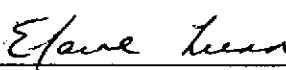
The church has the use of two buildings. The Church building on Chaucer Street, which is used for weekly communal worship and community activities. And also, a manse which provides a home for the incumbent minister and family. The deeds to

both buildings and land are held by The North Western Baptist Association and would be managed by the association in the event of church closure.

SECTION G
Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signatures		
Full Names	ARTHUR JONES	ELAINE LUNN
Position	MINISTER	CHURCH SECRETARY
Date	17/5/23	17 th May 2023



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Oldham Baptist Church CIO

1185319

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

01/04/2022

To

31/03/2023

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Weekly Offerings	39,475	-	-	39,475	38,117
Gift Weekend	3,214	-	-	3,214	3,803
Donations and Other Income	27,099	120	-	27,219	7,101
Investment Income	385	-	-	385	35
Raised for Other Causes	2,440	-	-	2,440	2,472
Buildings & General Reserve	-	-	-	-	-
Car Loan Repayments	-	-	-	-	-
Benevolent	-	-	-	-	80
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	72,613	120	-	72,733	51,608
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	72,613	120	-	72,733	51,608
A3 Payments					
Ministry	35,194	-	-	35,194	36,877
Mission	7,756	-	-	7,756	6,847
Upkeep of Church Premises	15,675	-	-	15,675	15,301
Administration	1,949	-	-	1,949	965
Buildings & General Reserve	-	-	-	-	-
Legacies	-	-	-	-	-
Benevolent	15	-	-	15	230
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	60,589	-	-	60,589	60,220
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	60,589	-	-	60,589	60,220
Net of receipts/(payments)	12,024	120	-	12,144	- 8,612
A5 Transfers between funds					
	64,771	12,428	-	77,199	85,811
A6 Cash funds last year end	76,795	12,548	-	89,343	77,199
Cash funds this year end					

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	Bank	13,401		-
	Building Society	63,394	11,548	-
	Consolidated Stock		1,000	-
	Total cash funds	76,795	12,548	-

(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		-	1,000	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	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		-	-
	Manse		-	-
	Church Fixtures and Fittings		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	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
	ARTHUR JAMES	17/5/2023
	ELAINE LUNN	17/5/2023



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Oldham Baptist Church CIO

On accounts for the year
ended

31st March 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1185319

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2023.

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:

Date:

24 May 2023

Name:

MICHAEL A. CLEGG

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

Address:

47 PALIN WOOD ROAD, DELPH, OLDHAM
OL3 5UW

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.