

# **TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT**

## **YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2024**

### **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

Name of the charity trustees who manage the charity:

Rev Arthur Janes (Minister)  
Elaine Lunn (Secretary)  
Colin Heywood (Treasurer)  
Barbara Heywood  
Catherine Janes  
Alex Jess  
Sandra Jones  
Femi Salako  
Christine Thornborough

### **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. Bible study groups have met weekly and a programme of social activities has been held throughout the year. 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 past year there has been more of a feeling of normality and whilst we have had to recognise that, following the pandemic, some people have lost their desire to re-join us, we have nevertheless been encouraged by new faces.

As a town centre church, we draw diverse attendees from quite a wide geographical area. One aspect of this is that our fellowship still attracts many whose first language is not English. We have to recognise that such people are not always with us for any length of time but in this role as a transitional church we still aim to make everyone feel welcome whilst they are with us. Our regular church attendance averages more than 50 and 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, as well as integrate children and young people into all aspects.

We have created occasional opportunities for the fellowship to review our church life and tried to act on new suggestions both in worship and meetings. Several social events have also been included in the calendar. In the past year the Friday drop-in for those in need has grown considerably. As a fellowship we have also continued to support other worthwhile causes. The building continues to be well used by various outside groups with whom we have good relationships. We have also made a few improvements to ensure that our building is kept well maintained.

The Church trustees have continued to meet and plan monthly as well as attend appropriate courses. Pastoral care and general information about the fellowship has been shared via text, WhatsApp, email and newsletter which together with personal visits helps to keep everyone connected. The website and notice boards are other ways in which our presence is made known.

Financially we are grateful that our members give sacrificially and our reserves have almost returned to pre-pandemic levels. The church is in a steady state and is positive about its future.

## **SECTION E**

### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The Church holds its fund within four account areas. Over the last year we have had an increase in our room usage this has increased our income. Our expenditure has been high as we concentrated on maintenance and renewal and replacement of items (both at the Church and Manse) which had been neglected since the Covid 19 lockdown. We are slowly starting to return to fund raising events, but these have tended to be on a break even basis so far.

## **SECTION F**

### **LAND AND BUILDINGS**

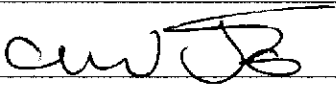
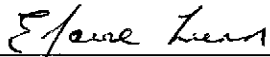
The church has the use of two buildings. The Church building on Chaucer Street, which is used for weekly communal worship and community activities. And also, a

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:

<b>Signatures</b>		
<b>Full Names</b>	ARTHUR JAMES	ELAINE LUNN
<b>Position</b>	MINISTER	Secretary
<b>Date</b>	16/6/24	16 June 2024



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Oldham Baptist Church CIO

1185319

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

To

### 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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Weekly Offerings	40,468	-	-	40,468	39,475
Gift Weekend	2,997	-	-	2,997	3,214
Donations and Other Income	31,378	120	-	31,498	27,219
Investment Income	1,976	-	-	1,976	385
Raised for Other Causes	2,150	-	-	2,150	2,440
Buildings & General Reserve	-	-	-	-	-
Car Loan Repayments	-	-	-	-	-
Benevolent	395	2,500	-	2,895	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>79,364</b>	<b>2,620</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>81,984</b>	<b>72,733</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>79,364</b>	<b>2,620</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>81,984</b>	<b>72,733</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Ministry	43,192	-	-	43,192	35,194
Mission	8,327	-	-	8,327	7,756
Upkeep of Church Premises	27,242	-	-	27,242	15,675
Administration	958	-	-	958	1,949
Buildings & General Reserve	-	-	-	-	-
Legacies	-	-	-	-	-
Benevolent	200	-	-	200	15
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>79,919</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>79,919</b>	<b>60,589</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>79,919</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>79,919</b>	<b>60,589</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 555</b>	<b>2,620</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,065</b>	<b>12,144</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>					
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>76,795</b>	<b>12,548</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>89,343</b>	<b>77,199</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>76,240</b>	<b>15,168</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>91,408</b>	<b>89,343</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

### B1 Cash funds

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
Bank	10,208		-
Building Society	66,032	14,168	-
Consolidated Stock		1,000	-
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>76,240</b>	<b>15,168</b>	<b>-</b>

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

### B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	1,000	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

### B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

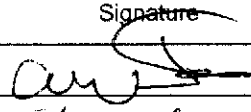

### B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
Church		-	-
Manse		-	-
Church Fixtures and Fittings		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

### B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	ARTHUR JAMES	15 May 24
	ELAINE LUNN	15 May 2024



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Oldham Baptist Church CIO

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1185319

**Set out on pages**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2024.

**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:**

10/6/2024

**Name:**

MICHAEL ARTHUR CLEGG

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

NONE

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