

Report of the Trustees and
Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2023
for
Brownhill Road Baptist Church

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Legal and Administrative Information

Registered Charity Address

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Registered Charity Number

1185320

Charity Trustees

Revd Armend Qehaja (Chair)

Peter Blundell (to 31 December 2023)

Sharon Brown (from 1 January 2024)

Andrew Grimwade (Treasurer)

Hui Min Langridge

Herma Lewis

John T S Mung (from 1 January 2024)

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Noel Pinnock

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Report of the Trustees
for the year ended 31 December 2023

The Trustees present their report with the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023

Reference & Administration

All general information relating to Brownhill Road Baptist Church can be found on page 1.

Financial Review

The results for the year are as set out in the annexed Receipts and Payments Account.

Structure, Governance, & Management

-The charity is controlled by the Trustees. The present Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) was registered by The Charity Commission in September 2019, with Charity number 1185320. The assets, liabilities and activities of the Church were transferred from the former unincorporated charity with effect from 26 June 2020.

-The Trustees consider that there are sufficient reserves to maintain our regular activities. Refurbishment work is being funded from reserves, together with a loan facility from the custodian trustee. Potential risks have been considered and taken into account in planning for the future.

- Trustees serve for a term of not more than three years (and may be re-elected) and are given training on appointment.

Objectives & Activities

The aims of the charity are summed up in the church's mission statement: to practise and promote the worship of God, to be a loving Christian community and to spread the Christian gospel in the locality and, through our support of others, the wider world. All our activities follow from these three aims.

Achievements & Performance

During the year the church received regular income sufficient to maintain its ministry and activities in the community, and to fulfil our responsibilities for the upkeep of our premises. We also received further donations towards improving our buildings. Further refurbishment work to the rear part of our buildings was completed during the year.

We continued the project to support our local community by providing a Friendship space, now held twice monthly on Thursdays, with a variety of activities such as fitness sessions, craft work and music.

In August our Friendship Space and Bring me Sunshine hosted a joint multi-cultural community event with organ and guitar music, poems and song, food and fun. In October another joint event celebrated Black History Month, with music from organ, steel band, reggae and quadrille dancing, and including a Caribbean cultural meal.

Also in October we again held a coffee morning, raising £515 for Macmillan's Cancer Support.

In March we hosted friends from local churches for a world day of prayer service.

Activities with children have continued on Sundays and the Monday club night.

A new group, Faith Hub, brings together teenagers and young adults in study and action.

Regular evening gatherings for study and prayer have continued on Zoom.

Growing Patch, the nursery that uses one of our halls, has been able to maintain its work throughout the year.

We contributed to a variety of outside causes (listed in note 7 to the financial statements).

Plans for Future

In the future the church plans to continue, under God's guidance, to seek to further its aims, especially the spiritual and numerical growth of our Christian community. We are hoping to continue to build on what we have begun in our refurbished building in 2022-23, with charity and social events. We will continue to welcome and support our local community, and are exploring new ways of fulfilling our mission objective.

We also aim over time to complete the refurbishment of the interior of our buildings and its external access; a loan facility has been agreed with our custodian trustee, London Baptist Property Board, which will be used as needed along with our own resources.

Report of the Trustees (continued)

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities for the year ended 31 December 2023

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare in respect of each accounting period of the charity a statement of accounts complying with such requirements as to its form and content as may be prescribed by regulations made by the Secretary of State. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue to operate.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

On Behalf of the Managing Trustees:



Andrew Grimwade
Trustee

Dated: May 8, 2024

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of
Brownhill Road Baptist Church

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Brownhill Road Baptist Church (the Charity) for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages five to nine.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Charity 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 Charity'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 2011 Act.

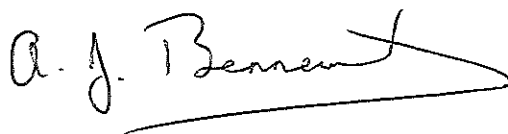
Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- * accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- * the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- * the accounts do 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.

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Date: 21 May 2024

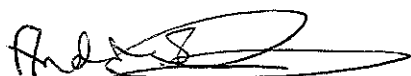
Receipts and Payments Account
for the year ended 31 December 2023

		Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022
	<u>Notes</u>					
Receipts						
Voluntary resources:						
Gift Aid receipts		45,861	30	6,535	52,426	63,848
Small donations		9,013	-	480	9,493	7,488
Other donations and sundry receipts		1,119	-	2,500	3,619	7,240
Legacies		-	-	-	-	452
Tax refunds		16,567	-	2,893	19,460	16,109
Giving specified for other causes	7	-	-	8,625	8,625	9,831
		<u>72,560</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>21,033</u>	<u>93,623</u>	<u>104,968</u>
Activities for generating funds:						
Licences/donations for use of church premises		15,520	-	-	15,520	10,021
Rents from letting church property		-	25,080	-	25,080	25,080
		<u>15,520</u>	<u>25,080</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40,600</u>	<u>35,101</u>
Investment income:						
Deposit interest		2,913	-	-	2,913	894
		<u>2,913</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,913</u>	<u>894</u>
Total receipts		<u>90,993</u>	<u>25,110</u>	<u>21,033</u>	<u>137,136</u>	<u>140,963</u>
Payments						
Donations for other causes	7	2,045	-	8,625	10,670	11,412
Other grants		1,759	800	-	2,559	1,590
Ministry		41,058	-	1,652	42,710	36,377
Upkeep of church premises and contents		19,659	19,862	60,449	99,970	82,415
Maintenance of church properties		-	12,071	-	12,071	5,905
General church expenses	8	4,839	-	-	4,839	3,607
		<u>69,360</u>	<u>32,733</u>	<u>70,726</u>	<u>172,819</u>	<u>141,306</u>
Total payments		<u>69,360</u>	<u>32,733</u>	<u>70,726</u>	<u>172,819</u>	<u>141,306</u>
Net receipts/(payments)		21,633	(7,623)	(49,693)	(35,683)	(343)
Transfers between funds		(25,000)	(23,766)	48,766	-	-
Balances brought forward		55,836	64,075	4,481	124,392	124,735
Balances carried forward	2	<u>£ 52,469</u>	<u>£ 32,686</u>	<u>£3,554</u>	<u>£ 88,709</u>	<u>£ 124,392</u>

Statement of Assets and Liabilities
as at 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 31-Dec-23 £	Total 31-Dec-22 £
Monetary assets:				
London Baptist Property Board deposits	56,341	-	56,341	54,217
CAF Bank accounts	29,107	8,466	37,573	59,503
	85,448	8,466	93,914	113,720
Other assets				
Tax reclaim due from HMRC	-	-	-	16,109
Liabilities				
Specified donations to be paid away	-	4,912	4,912	5,144
Held for Thursday Afternoon Fellowship	293	-	293	293
Net assets	<u>£85,155</u>	<u>£3,554</u>	<u>£88,709</u>	<u>£124,392</u>
Funds:				
Unrestricted funds			52,469	55,836
Designated funds			32,686	64,075
Restricted funds			3,554	4,481
			<u>£88,709</u>	<u>£124,392</u>

Approved by the Managing Trustees on 8 May 2024
and signed on their behalf by:



Andrew Grimwade
Treasurer

Notes forming part of the Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2023

1 Accounting policies

Accounting convention

The financial statements of the charity have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011. The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention using the Receipts and Payments basis applicable to small charities.

Income and expenditure recognition

Voluntary income is received in cash by way of donations and is included when received. Reclaimed Tax is included once the claim has been submitted to HM Revenue & Customs. Items of expenditure are included when paid.

Funds

Restricted funds: represent a) income from trusts which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and b) donations received or requested for a specific purpose. The funds may only be spent on the specific purpose for which they were given, and balances unspent each year must be carried forward.

Unrestricted funds: are general funds which can be used for the ordinary purposes of the church.

Designated funds: are sums set aside out of general funds for specific designated purposes. They can be transferred back to unrestricted funds at any time.

Fixed assets

The church building and other trust properties are vested in the London Baptist Property Board, and form no part of the assets of the church charity. Moveable church contents have value only in the context of church life and are not valued. Expenditure incurred on the church premises, the manse and their contents is written off when incurred.

Value Added Tax

The charity is not registered for VAT and all costs are inclusive of VAT.

2 Funds

	Balance brought forward	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Balance carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds					
General account	35,656	90,993	68,304	(25,000)	33,345
Legacy account	20,180	-	1,056	-	19,124
Total	55,836	90,993	69,360	(25,000)	52,469
Designated funds					
Benevolent	2,470	30	800	-	1,700
Fabric	61,605	25,080	31,933	(23,766)	30,986
Total	64,075	25,110	32,733	(23,766)	32,686
Restricted funds					
Building upgrade	-	11,625	60,391	48,766	-
Garden project	2,772	461	58	-	3,175
Giving specified for other causes	-	8,625	8,625	-	-
Pastorate	1,330	322	1,652	-	-
Students	271	-	-	-	271
Sunday School	108	-	-	-	108
Total	4,481	21,033	70,726	48,766	3,554
Total funds	£ 124,392	£ 137,136	£ 172,819	£ -	£ 88,709

Designated funds: the Benevolent fund represents money available for the needs of individuals at the minister's discretion.

The Fabric fund represents money set aside for maintenance of the church buildings and other properties.

Restricted funds: the Building upgrade fund holds specific donations for planned work to improve the church buildings, which commenced in 2020 and continues. Certain specific costs have been covered from legacies, and a transfer from Fabric fund has eliminated the outstanding deficit at the reporting date.

The Garden project has developed the church frontage as a community garden, part funded by local community funds. It will be used to renew the garden after building works are complete.

The Pastorate fund was a gift set aside for special pastorate costs, and latterly used for Revd Armend Qehaja's continuing ministerial development. The Students fund represents gifts to help our young people with their studies. The Sunday School fund represents funds formerly administered by a Sunday School committee and now being used for children's work.

3 Buildings used by the charity

As stated in note 1, legal ownership of the church buildings and other properties rests with the London Baptist Property Board Limited as custodian trustee. The charity is responsible for insurance and maintenance, and the properties are insured with Congregational & General Insurance plc. The church buildings and contents are insured for £8,199,000. The two houses at 65 Callander Road SE6 and 44 Broadfield Road SE6, which are respectively used as a manse and tenanted as trust property, are insured for £383,000 and £429,000.

4 Trustees' expenses and remuneration

No expense payments were made to trustees for their services during the year, nor was any remuneration paid to any of the trustees. A stipend was paid to Revd Armend Qehaja in respect of his role as a Baptist minister. Six trustees or their related parties were reimbursed for amounts paid on behalf of the Church.

5 Related parties

The charity is controlled by the trustees.

6 Pensions

The Church is an employer participating in a pension scheme known as the Baptist Pension Scheme ("the Scheme"). The Scheme is a separate legal entity which is administered by the Pension Trustee (Baptist Pension Trust Limited). The Minister is a member of the Scheme.

Since January 2012, pension provision has been made through the Defined Contribution (DC) Plan within the Scheme. In general, members pay 8% of their Pensionable Income and employers pay 6% of members' Pensionable Income into individual pension accounts, which are operated and managed on behalf of the Pension Trustee by Legal and General Life Assurance Society Limited. In addition, the employer pays a further 4% of Pensionable Income to cover

6 Pensions (continued)

Death in Service Benefits, administration costs, and an associated insurance policy which provides income protection for Scheme members in the event that they are unable to work due to long-term incapacity. This policy has been insured by the Baptist Union of Great Britain with Aviva.

Benefits in respect of service prior to 1 January 2012 are provided through the Defined Benefit (DB) Plan within the Scheme. The main benefits for pre-2012 service were a defined benefit pension in respect of each year of Pensionable Service. The Scheme was closed to future accrual of defined benefits on 31 December 2011. It makes pension payments to a retired minister of the Church and to the widow of a former minister.

A formal valuation of the DB Plan was performed on 31 December 2019 by a professionally qualified Actuary using the Projected Unit Method. At the valuation date the market value of the DB Plan assets was £300 million, whilst the level of assets needed to pay benefits was £318m, giving a deficit of £18 million (equivalent to a past service funding level of 94%). The Church and the other participating employers in the DB Plan are collectively responsible for funding this deficit. However, the Scheme Trustees are taking steps to fully insure the DB Plan benefits with an insurance company, and expect to complete this process during 2024. The Church contribution in respect of the DB scheme deficit was reduced to £1 per month from August 2022, and will remain at that level until the buy-out process has advanced sufficiently to remove the risk of further liabilities.

As there is a large number of contributing employers participating in the Scheme, the Church is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities of the Scheme. Accordingly, due to the nature of the Scheme, the charge included in ministry costs for the period represents the employer contributions payable; the total pension cost for the Church in 2023 was £3,923 (2022:£5,444).

7 Donations for other causes (raised and donated)

	Specified £	From funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
BMS World Mission	3,102	198	3,300	3,490
Home Mission	2,065	1,122	3,187	2,731
Spurgeon's College	225	225	450	450
Tearfund	1,192	-	1,192	1,180
London City Mission	-	400	400	400
London Air Ambulance	300	-	300	-
Burma Compassion	775	-	775	950
Kosova support	277	-	277	723
Refuge (Lewisham)	214	-	214	238
Evangelical Alliance	-	100	100	100
Lewisham Foodbank	475	-	475	229
Harambee (Kenya)	-	-	-	273
Holiness Church (Jamaica)	-	-	-	326
St Christopher's Hospice	-	-	-	323
	<u>£ 8,625</u>	<u>£ 2,045</u>	<u>£ 10,670</u>	<u>£ 11,412</u>

8 General church expenses

	2023 £	2022 £
Teaching materials and training	135	-
Printing, postage and stationery	289	89
Telephone and internet	1,447	1,321
Worship resources & music	471	441
Publicity and website	636	244
Banking, accountancy and Independent examination fee	1,080	1,068
Subscriptions	283	269
Events and refreshments	498	175
	<u>£ 4,839</u>	<u>£ 3,607</u>