

Bethesda Baptist Church Felixstowe Annual Church Report 2022

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Mission Statement

We live to bring glory to God by being and making disciples of Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Values

Bethesda is a local church family that strives to be marked by the following characteristics...

...Worshipful

Marked by desire to know, love and glorify God.

We believe that people have no higher purpose than to glorify God and enjoy him forever. Our desire is that the Triune God is glorified and worshipped in all that we do and we long to grow in our knowledge, love and enjoyment of Him each day.

...Biblical

Marked by trust in the Bible as the living and active Word of God.

We believe that the Bible is the very voice of God and the instrument through which he changes us.

...Prayerful

Marked by faithfulness in public and private prayer.

In prayer, private and corporate, we commune with God and seek to know him as both personal and powerful.

...Dependent

Marked by dependence on the grace and power of God.

It is only by his grace given to us in the Lord Jesus and his power at work in us by the Holy Spirit that we are able to live godly lives. We therefore seek to walk in humble dependence on his grace and expectation of his power.

...Loving

Marked by genuine love and fellowship with one another.

Jesus died on the cross, not only to bring us to God but to bring us together as his church. Because of this, we strive to grow in love and unity with one another as well as other gospel-centred churches.

...Missional

Marked by passion for making disciples of Jesus Christ.

We are committed to making disciples of Jesus Christ by taking the good news of his life, death and resurrection to the world.

1. Pastoral Secretary report 2022

³His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.⁴Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

⁵For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge;⁶and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness;⁷and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love. ⁸For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹But if anyone does not have them, he is nearsighted and blind, and has forgotten that he has been cleansed from his past sins.

¹⁰Therefore, my brothers and sisters, be all the more eager to make your calling and election sure. For if you do these things, you will never fall, ¹¹and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 1:3-11

Over the past five years the opening of the Pastoral Secretary report has referenced the Epistles of Peter three times out of five. This is one of those years and is in fact referencing almost the same section as last year, 2 Peter 1.

As André spoke from the Scriptures on that Sunday (09/01/22) in 2021 we were encouraged to embrace the words from 2 Peter 1:5-8 and make every effort to add certain qualities to our faith. In 2022 we took a slightly larger section and focused on Growing In Grace.

Initially we were asked, what were the practices of holiness that we were going to work on this year? The sermon was divided into three points: 1. vv3-4 tells us we have been given **everything** we need for a godly life. 2. vv5-8 tells us to make **every** effort. Seek **ALL** these things **ALL** the time. If we have them in greater measure we won't be ineffectual or unproductive. 3. vv10-11 We have to have the right perspective, namely to keep our eyes fixed on eternity.

There was one final comment: we have been saved, **so** we make every effort, **NOT** we are saved **by** making every effort. Paul tells us in 1 Timothy 4:16 that we need to keep a close watch on our doctrine. I continue to be immensely grateful for the faithful preaching at Bethesda of which 2022 has been another full and blessed year.

Looking back we can be encouraged and full of praise to our God at the ways He has been moving amongst us as a Fellowship. They can be summarised under the following headings:

Practical. We have been open all year which, given the previous two years, has been a delight. Numbers continue to grow (see below) and our facilities continue to meet our needs. We do still have a live stream for those who genuinely can't meet with us face-to-face, but generally most of the congregation have returned post-Covid for which we praise the Lord.

Expositional: We completed three series during the year: The end of Exodus (chapters 13-40), the beginning of Acts (chapters 1-8), and the Servant Songs from Isaiah at Christmas time. For three of the last 'Everyone In' services in the year we looked at 'Propitiation', 'Justification' and 'Imputation' – maybe new words for some of us but another opportunity for growth. Incidentally, the church's website, <http://www.bethesdafelixstowe.com/> has many of the sermons on it. Please feel free to browse and revisit some of the older series.

The lion's share of the preaching was divided between André Beck (pastor/elder), Tim Burnham (trainee pastor) and another of the elders, Stuart Baker. Two other elders, Scott Savage and Keith Doust, both preached during the year, as did four visiting speakers: Andrew Docherty (Bethesda Baptist Church Ipswich, Joe King, Marcus Mak (Christ Church, Felixstowe) and Louis Woodley (Latin Link).

The celebrations of Harvest, Easter (Tenebrae, Good Friday and Easter Sunday) and Christmas (Carol Service, Crib Service and Christmas Day) all added their usual additional expressions of worship to our year. We are grateful, too, to the Music group for bringing the usual variety of songs to our times together, as well as introducing some new contemporary songs to our Fellowship's ever-growing repertoire. The technical support of the 'balcony team' kept us able to see and hear the services, as well. Our thanks to everyone involved in making our times of fellowship a success.

Numerical: We began 2022 with 65 members. Three were Promoted to Glory throughout the year: Ernie Cobb (joined July 2003, PtG May), Jean Lewis (joined March 1981, PtG December) and Pat Partridge (joined November 2019, PtG December).

We added six new members in the period: Adrian & Sue Barnes, David Dyer, Sue Kemp and Anthony & Leslie van der Vaart. This brought the total membership at the end of the year to 68.

New folk have continued to come and worship the Lord with us. Some are already talking to us about membership, while others are happy to simply fellowship with us. We hope that over the coming months and years many will join us, and participate in the privileges and responsibilities of membership.

Finally, thank you for *your* efforts and participation in the life of the church in whatever capacity. No service goes unnoticed. Let us continue to work faithfully and prayerfully in the coming year, maybe even seeking out new opportunities for ministry. Please remember to keep André, Liz and the children, as well as the other Elders and their families, in your prayers. As we all walk and serve together, may the Lord's name be glorified and may we see His Kingdom built amongst us and those with whom we have contact. Soli deo gloria.

Shalom,

Keith Doust

2. Missions report

Bethesda continued its focus on mission over the year. There are prayer points in the weekly Prayer Mail for personal and Fellowship Group use. These points are often used during the Sunday services as well.

Only one Mission Sunday occurred during 2022 with the visit of Louis and Maribel Woodley from Latin Link's engagement in Bolivia. It was a joy to have Louis preach in the service and then spend time together at a lunch and presentation time afterwards.

We continued to support the current six organisational Mission interests of the church both prayerfully and financially. We have developed personal connections with individuals in most of these, alongside the overall organisational input. The six are: European Mission Fellowship, Hope Community Church (Soho London), International Mission to Jewish People (formally CWI), Open Doors (the Persecuted Church), Latin Link and WEC International.

Prayer and financial support for Keith and Lorraine Doust in their

ministries through SIL International (Eurasia Area), a partner organisation of Wycliffe Bible Translators, is an ongoing focus and priority for the church (see supervisors' endorsements below). Keith directs the engagement of SIL with language communities in post-Soviet countries, while Lorraine is on the SIL-Eurasia Staff Care and Wellbeing Team supporting families and children living in cross-cultural environments.

Prayer support is given to Sue Bullard in her SIL International (Francophone Africa Area) finance role. Her ministry, after years of experience working in the secular finance world, is a key one and greatly appreciated by her colleagues.

September saw the re-launch of the weekly coffee-morning outreach. A team, led by John Bridge, offered opportunities to welcome church folk and visitors alike. Teas and coffees have been available, as well as a friendly face for those who want to talk. Though not rushed off their feet, the team has found many openings to speak into people's lives and walk alongside them on their life's journeys.

The church approved a third year for the support of Tim Burnham as Trainee Pastor. We are excited to see what the Lord has for him as that third year draws to a close next August.

Over the year the Elders/Trustees have been discussing the Mission involvement of the church as well as its financial implications. One conversation with the membership during the year brought further interactions in Trustee meetings and the following discussion paper was produced. We expect that paper to be engaged with at length over the coming year.

Supporting Mission:

A discussion on how to grow as a local church.

Local churches are an essential part of God's plan to reach the nations for Christ. It is our privilege and responsibility to do what we can to see the gospel message spread to, and churches planted within every tribe and tongue.

Because mission is so important it rightly requires us to make a significant investment of our time, energy and resources.

Furthermore, the spiritual landscape of the world both locally and globally is changing. The Church is growing stronger where it was once weak and weaker where it was once strong. This means we are constantly presented with new opportunities to support people, causes and organisations at home and around

the world.

For these reasons, it is very important that our church has a clear understanding of the following:

- A) How do we define mission?
- B) What are our priorities in mission?
- C) How can we best support our mission partners?

How do we define mission?

“Mission is our contribution to making disciples locally, nationally and globally outside of the ordinary reach of our local church.”

How would you improve this definition of mission? Is there anything that needs to be added?

What are our priorities in mission?

For example, you may want to consider the following?

- A) *local, national or global?*
- B) *Training/discipleship or evangelism or resourcing/serving?*
- C) *Target a specific demography? (E.g. Religious, ethnic, age group)*
- D) *Close or loose theological/ethical agreement?*
- E) *Institutions/causes or people/ministers or churches?*
- F) *Social action or Word ministry?*
- G) *Personal links/connections or not necessarily?*

How can we best support our mission partners?

For example:

- A) *Should we limit the number of mission partners we support?*
- B) *How and how often should we review our support of our mission partners?*
- C) *How do we balance supporting mission in Felixstowe and abroad?*

Details of the missionary financial support can be found in the Accounts section at the end of the Annual Reports.

The Elders/Trustees

Supervisor Endorsements of
Keith and Lorraine Doust



Supervisor Endorsement of Keith Doust

Supervisor name: John Young

Supervisor role: SIL Eurasia Area Director

Location: Republic of Ireland

Keith has made an important contribution to SIL's engagement with the language communities of Eurasia over the past several years. He serves in the role of Director for SIL's engagement in post-Soviet countries (Bolshoi). Keith provides a mature, experienced perspective, informed by years of language programme management, which benefits both the Bolshoi Service Group and our Area Leadership Team. He has demonstrated his leadership skills by navigating the Bolshoi Service Group through a difficult political situation, while continually looking after the well-being of the staff he supervises.

Keith, with Lorraine, has continued to review, update and lead the Welcome Event for new staff so they can quickly integrate in their new assignments. I look forward to serving with Keith for the foreseeable future and seeing how the Lord continues to use him.

Supervisor Endorsement of Lorraine Doust

Supervisor name: Heather Ford Lark

Supervisor role: SIL Eurasia Area HR, Staff Care Specialist

Location: UK

Lorraine is a good team worker, and her contribution is welcomed and appreciated by many people. Her conscientious care for people and their well-being positively impacts staff on the field, many of whom live in very challenging circumstances. She has particularly focused this past year on the well-being and education of families, providing resources and support. Lorraine has attended various courses and conferences and has a real heart for members and their families. She is a valued member of the team.

3. WoW (Women of the Word)

Linked to the **Values** of:

Biblical (We believe that the Bible is the very voice of God and the instrument through which he changes us.)

Prayerful (We commune with God and seek to know him as both personal and powerful.)

Loving (We strive to grow in love and unity with one another as well as other gospel-centred churches.)

Main activities:

We met weekly during term-time for interactive Bible study (video series: *The Generosity Project*; 2 Peter & Jude *Standing Firm*; Isaiah *Here is your God*), prayer and fellowship.

Praise:

- ❖ We were able to meet face-to-face in various homes, while still offering an online option.
- ❖ We were joined by several new participants from other local churches.

Prayer:

- ❖ As core numbers have dropped, for wisdom whether to continue with the same format or make changes.
- ❖ For inspiration to continue to find interesting and relevant Bible-based material to fit the group.

Lorraine Doust, on behalf of The WoW Group

4. Mini-Zone

At the beginning of the year, we learnt about Jacob, Job and Joseph. Over Easter, we watched the Miracle Maker in three parts and had some guests join us (Thank you to Tim, Christine and Geoff).

In the Summer Term, Geoff joined the Mini Zone team - we were very grateful to have a new, friendly face! The remaining topics covered were: seven signs in John's Gospel, The Exodus & the promised Land, and King of Christmas.

We were delighted to have Jose, Adrian and Michaela giving their testimonies as guest speakers and the children loved getting to know them and hearing about how they came to know Jesus. This has also helped to create bonds between the children and other members of the church family.

We thank God for the children we have in our church; they are never short of enthusiasm, energy, ideas and questions, and it is a real privilege to teach them every week. **Please continue to pray for us as leaders as we prepare weekly for Mini Zone**- that we are clear in our teaching of the bible and passionate in sharing our love about Jesus.

Sarah Blundell for the Mini-Zone Team

5. Care-Team

The aim of the Care Team is to meet every three months and, using a current prayer diary, we think about everyone in the church family.

Between us we try to reflect on the trials and difficulties many in the fellowship are encountering and then consider if we think proper care and support has/is being given. One important point to mention is that so much of the care and interest goes on by the many caring people within the fellowship and not necessarily by the care team.

Usually having considered everyone there are a few action points for us to work through. A short report of these is made with a copy for the Elders. Those on the care team last year included David and Jasmine, Jacqui, Mary Forshaw and myself.

John Bridge for the Care Team

6. Safeguarding Report 2022

There are no cases pending or otherwise to report, which is good, but it is imperative that everyone remains vigilant in seeking to glorify God by looking out for the vulnerable of whatever age group, and reporting anything which raises concerns.

In June 2022 the child protection policy had an amendment, which people involved in children and youth work not only read, but signed to say they had read.

DBS checks were renewed for people involved in children and youth work.

There are notices on two notice boards in the church reminding of who to contact if anything needs to be reported.

I would like to thank Theresa Adams (deputy safeguarding lead) and Alison Hudson (DBS administration) for their continued help and willingness to serve the fellowship.

Scott Savage

7. Flower Report

The floral displays this year have mostly been house plants except recently when they have been added to with flowers from the coffee mornings, so thank you for the idea which is appreciated by the fellowship. Someone commented just last Sunday how effective they looked together.

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to remind us of the seasons we enjoy

We celebrated Harvest by members of the fellowship bringing suitable foods to donate to Compass, our local charity helping those in need.

Christmas always sees Richard arrive at the church with all sorts of greenery by request of Andrea who then gets to work arranging it. This year Theresa joined forces to decorate the church pillars, which looked great.

Several ladies brought poinsettias bringing a very colourful display at the front of the church.

Then we have the pedestal experts, Angela and Kath, who never disappoint when special services come. A bright arrangement at the entrance is always appreciated.

May we continue to praise God in these reminders of His creation and provision.

Betty Croft

8. Treasurer's Report (Year Ended 31 December 2021)

Pre-Amble:

The way the church manages, accounts for, and holds itself accountable for its money has not changed in 2022. What has changed is the personnel responsible for keeping track of things. During the year Clifford Lewis stepped down as treasurer and, at the request of the Elders, handed the reins to myself, Stuart Baker with Sue Bullard taking over the accounting from Neil Serjeant.

I'd like to warmly thank Cliff for his years of service as treasurer and for his continued help in inducting me into what is required. Neil too has kindly continued to support Sue as she takes on the various aspects including preparing internal and external financial reports, managing the payroll and claiming Gift Aid.

David Forshaw has also kindly continued in his responsibility for the Sunday offerings, banking any cash and holding the cheque book. David banks the cash monthly as he has to travel to do so which is less desirable from the perspective of his protection and we encourage members to give by standing order or internet banking.

I'm pleased to report that Greg Weston, who has acted as Independent Examiner for many years, has done so again for the 2022 accounts.

Since taking over I have sought to use electronic transfers, rather than cheques, to pay invoices and claims. Cheques are actually charged for by CAF bank whereas transfers are free and, in addition, the transfer

is more secure and more easily tracked. The system is that I initiate a payment online and Scott Savage authorises it as effectively a second signature. This change seems to have been well received and in fact is increasingly the only way that some companies will receive payment. Thanks go to Scott for the increase in his time in logging on and checking each payment.

Summary:

In broad terms the church finances remain healthy, something for which we praise God.

At the start of the year total funds were £72,594 of which £47,241 was in the General Fund, by the end of the year this had risen to £85,349 and £67,999.

The funds summary is shown here...

	General	Missionary	Bookstall	Training	Ministry	Apprentice	Total	Bank	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	Unrestricted	Restricted		Fund	Restricted	Unrestricted			Reserves	Reserves	Reserves
Balances Brought Forward at 1 January 2022	(47,241.26)	(9,756.00)	(802.82)	0.00	(6,408.40)	0.00	(8,385.97)	(72,594.45)	72,594.45	0.00	(71,791.63)
Income	(138,547.45)	(50,797.00)	(6,762.00)	0.00	0.00	(10,000.00)	0.00	(206,106.45)	(189,344.45)	(16,762.00)	(206,106.45)
Expenditure	117,789.53	47,798.12	7,534.82	0.00	1,843.19	10,000.00	8,385.97	193,351.63	175,816.81	17,534.82	193,351.63
Closing Balances at 31 December 2022	(67,999.18)	(12,754.88)	(30.00)	0.00	(4,565.21)	0.00	0.00	(85,349.27)	85,349.27	0.00	(85,349.27)
									less: Designated Funds		
									Free reserves		
									Minimum reserves		
									Current available reserves		

Fuller details of income and expenditure, including a comparison with 2021, are provided in the attached accounts. These are being independently examined and as such may change slightly.

Key points to draw your attention to are:

General Fund:

Income from regular giving and Sunday offerings rose from £93,451 to £98,506 and we remain grateful to God for the continued generosity of his people. Gift aid recovered totalled £20,831 and rental income from the Manse £18,853.

Mission Fund:

In line with church practice the trustees allocated 40% of Offerings received to the Missionary Fund. The amount allocated in the year was £47,482.

We continued our support for Keith & Lorraine Doust. In 2022 the church received designated gifts for the support of Keith & Lorraine Doust totalling £2,640 on which £675 of Gift Aid was recovered. Support costs for Keith & Lorraine totalled £29,528. The net cost to the church was


£26,213. The balance on the Missionary Fund at the end of the year was £12,755 ; gifts totalling £12,000 were donated in January 2023 to the societies and individuals regularly supported by the church.

Trainee Pastor:

We have been blessed to have Tim Burnham continue as Trainee Pastor in 2022. The restricted funds (FIEC grant) were used up during the year, £4,565 remained in the 'Training Fund' with future costs being met from the General Fund as agreed at the church meeting.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Stuart Baker

	Bethesda Baptist Church, Felixstowe			No (if any)		CC16a
	Draft Subject to Independent Examination					
	Receipts and payments accounts					
	For the period from	1-Jan-22	To	31-Dec-22		
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						
General Fund (Unrestricted)				0	0	0
	Offerings	98,506			98,506	93,451
	Tax Recovered on Gift Aided Donations	20,831			20,831	17,211
	Manse Rent Received	18,853			18,853	16,135
	Gifts & Bequests	35			35	890
	Interest	323			323	6
	Church Awayday	0			0	1,644
	Transfer to Missionary Fund	(47,482)			(47,482)	(44,078)
	Transfer to Training Fund	0			0	(3,008)
	Transfer to Bookstall Fund	0			0	(383)
					0	0
Missionary Funds (Designated Unrestricted; Restricted)					0	0
	40% tithe of Offerings & Gift Aid	47,482			47,482	44,078
	Gift Aid Tax Recovered	675			675	660
	Transfer from General Fund				0	0
	Gifts and Donations	2,640	6,762		9,402	4,388
					0	0
Bookstall Sales (Unrestricted)					0	0
	Sales	0			0	323
	Transfer from General Fund	0			0	383
					0	0
Building Fund (Restricted)					0	0
	Gifts and donations				0	0
	Tax Recovered on Gift Aided Donations				0	0
					0	0
Training Fund (Designated Unrestricted)					0	0
	Gifts				0	0
	From General Fund	0			0	3,008
					0	0
Ministry Apprentice Fund (Designated, Unrestricted)					0	0
	Gifts and Donations				0	10,000
	Tax Recovered on Gift Aided Donations				0	0
					0	
Ministry Apprentice Fund (Restricted)					0	
	Gifts and Donations		10,000		10,000	
	Tax Recovered on Gift Aided Donations				0	0
Sub total(Gross income for AR)		141,862	16,762	0	158,624	144,708
						0
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).						0
		0	0	0	0	0
		0	0	0	0	0
Sub total		0	0	0	0	0
Total receipts		141,862	16,762	0	158,624	144,708
A3 Payments						
General Fund (Unrestricted)				0	0	0
	Ministry	39,138		0	39,138	47,602
	Outreach	325		0	325	0
	Youth & Children's Work	374		0	374	357
	Church Utilities	5,640		0	5,640	2,724
	Church Cleaning	1,656		0	1,656	334
	Church repairs & Maintenance	1,369		0	1,369	2,163
	Church Fabric & Fttings	10,389		0	10,389	0
	Insurance	2,540		0	2,540	2,188
	Manse Repairs	1,186		0	1,186	1,963
	Manse Council Tax	0		0	0	0
	Manse Utilities	0			0	0
	Manse Insurance	603		0	603	548
	Online and Print	206		0	206	202
	Refreshments	107		0	107	28
	Gifts and Donations	3,850		0	3,850	146
	Professional Fees	2,219		0	2,219	3,627
	Church AwayDay	0			0	1,611
	Miscellaneous	705		0	705	430
	Transfers to/from Other Unrestricted Funds:				0	0
					0	0
Missionary Funds (Designated Unrestricted; Restricted)				0	0	0
	International Mission to Jewish People	3,000		0	3,000	2,000
	K & L Doust	29,528		0	29,528	26,388
	European Missionary Fellowship	3,000	6,632	0	9,632	2,000
	Hope Community Church	3,000		0	3,000	2,000
	Latin Link	3,000		0	3,000	2,000

	WEC International	3,000		0	3,000	1,000
	Open Doors	3,270		0	3,270	2,000
	Samaritan's Purse	0		0	0	1,441
	Other	0	903	0	903	2,520
	Pastor Training International (Myanmar)	0	0	0	0	442
					0	0
	Bookstall Purchases (Unrestricted)	0		0	0	252
					0	0
	Building Fund (Restricted)			0	0	0
	Payments to Contractor			0	0	0
	Loan interest and repayment			0	0	0
	Fees			0	0	0
					0	0
	Training Fund (Unrestricted)				0	0
	Expenditure	1,843			1,843	0
					0	0
	Ministry Apprentice Fund (designated, Unrestricted)				0	0
	Expenditure	8,386			8,386	8,748
					0	
	Ministry Apprentice Fund (restricted)				0	
	Expenditure		10,000		10,000	10,000
					0	
					0	0
				0	0	0
	Sub total	128,335	17,535	0	145,870	124,714
						0
	A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					0
		0	0	0	0	0
		0	0	0	0	0
	Sub total	0	0	0	0	0
	Total payments	128,335	17,535	0	145,870	124,714
	Net of receipts/(payments)	13,528	(773)	0	12,755	19,994
	A5 Transfers between funds	0		0	0	0
	A6 Cash funds last year end	71,792	803	0	72,595	52,601
	Cash funds this year end	85,319	30	0	85,349	72,595

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	CAF Current Account	100		-	
	CAF Gold Account	85,220	30	-	
				-	
	Total cash funds	85,320	30	-	
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK	
		Unrestricted to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment to nearest £	
	Details				
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
	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	Manse at 8 Mill Lane, Felixstowe	General	-	350,000	
	Church furniture	General	-	9,000	
	Church building, Cavendish Road, Felixstowe	General	-	-	
			-	-	
			-	-	
			-	-	

				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
			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
NOTES					
A	The church paid 40% of it's offering income to missions in 2022.				
B	The church did not put anymore money into this fund. A decision was taken to keep Tim on until August 2023 funded by this fund and then the General Fund.				
C	The bookstall wasn't used in 2022, however it has been in 2023 and so we are keeping it on the books				
D	In 2022 the curch received designated gifts for the support of Keith & Lorraine Doust totalling £2,640. £675 of Gift Aid was recovered on donations in the tax year 21/22. Support costs for Keith & Lorraine totalled £29,528. The net cost to the church was £26,213				



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Bethesda Baptist Church, Felixstowe

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 December 2022

**Charity no
(if any)**

Set out on pages

**Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

**Basis of independent
examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below *~~) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities 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: 16/6/23

Name:

G Weston

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

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Section B

Disclosure

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.

No issues noted