

Teignmouth Baptist Church Trustees Annual Report 2023

Administrative details

Charity Name: Teignmouth Baptist Church

Charity number: 1186120

Address: Fore St, Teignmouth, TQ14 8DZ

Names of trustees: (appointments and resignations including dates)

Dr Scott Marr (appointed 18/12/20 - 08/10/23)

Emma Ross-McNairn (appointed 24/12/19)

Hugh Rodway (appointed 15/11/16)

Rev Kathryn Wilson (appointed 1/10/15)

Rev James Redfern (appointed 10/9/13)

Anneliese Kesteven (appointed 8/3/22)

Kate Cranness (appointed 8/3/22)

Ben Chadwick (appointed 8/3/22)

Vic Bekker (appointed 8/3/22)

Fiona Porch (appointed 8/3/22)

Katie Marshall (appointed 17/01/23)

Structure, governance & management

The Church was granted CIO status on the 4th November 2019 though this was not implemented until January 2022.

In the first year we appointed a Chair of Trustees and Vice Chair, and allocated portfolio responsibility for Administration, Finance, Safeguarding (CYP), Safeguarding (Vulnerable Adults), Compliance & GDPR, Buildings/Maintenance/H&S. In 2023 we focused on bedding in our new structure, supporting trustees to grow in confidence in their portfolio responsibilities.

The Trustees were appointed according to the constitution and rules of the charity, which states trustees must have been members for 2 years and be nominated and voted in by the church members. The trustees meet 5 times per year, with digital communications ensuring timely consideration of matters arising between meetings. We operate a team ministry in which our senior minister has been supported by a Children, Youth and Families Lead (Katie Marshall - appointed March 2023), and also by the eldership team: Emma Ross-McNairn, Dr Scott Marr, Rev Kath Wilson.

There were 120 members at the end of 2023 (120 in 2022). Approximately 90 adults, 15 young people and 25 children regularly attend our weekly worship, with a further 25 watching our YouTube recordings. In addition to regular worship, we welcome a further 275 adults, 50 young people and 100 children regularly engaging with our wider programmes in the building.

Our church members meet 5 times a year sharing in the process of making decisions affecting the church family and its work sharing faith and supporting the local community.

The Church employs a part time office administrator to look after the day to day running of the office, and a cleaner comes weekly on a freelance basis.

All other tasks are undertaken by volunteers.

Objectives & activities

Aims and Purposes

The principal aim of Teignmouth Baptist Church is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination within our local area and beyond. We are an open and accessible community that is committed to welcoming and assisting all who wish to worship and learn more about God. We offer spiritual help and support and find opportunities for service within the church fellowship and local community. We support missionary and charitable works in the UK and various parts of the world.

Mission Statement

We are 24/7 disciples, Genuine in relationships, All ministers, Naturally evangelistic, Empowered for mission including justice, Generously committed, Interwoven in the community.

We have: Faith in Christ alone, Bible teaching that is life changing, Worship that is creative and unifying, listening and learning team leadership, Youth and Children's work that is integral.

Activities

Our Youth and Children's work continues to thrive, and we welcomed Katie Marshall to the team as our Children, Youth and Families lead in March.

We welcome children and young people to weekly sessions on Sunday mornings, Wednesday evenings, and our older young people have the opportunity to gather in learning, prayer and community at House Group.

Tiddlywinks, our community toddler group (reaching up to 40 adults and 60 pre-school age children each week), runs 2 sessions per week. Children play, participate in art and

craft activities, sing nursery rhymes and share snack time, whilst parents have the opportunity to socialise and build relationships.

The Pastoral Care Team and the Team leader continued caring for the youngest to the oldest with all their various needs. This has included supporting people and their families at the end of their lives, visiting the sick and those in need (both members of the church and the wider community), and supporting those in crisis and journeying through the everyday ups and downs of life.

In 2023 we led 7 funeral services, 4 baptisms, 2 dedications, and welcomed 6 new members to our church family.

We had 6 active house groups engaging up to 60 people in our church community. These groups engage in prayer and bible study, whilst also offering opportunities to socialise and be supported along life's journey.

Our ministry in the community continued and included school assemblies, leading the town's Carnival service and participating in the carnival procession, Remembrance services, blessing of the local boats, hosting inclusive worship for adults with learning disabilities, supporting Teignmouth Pride and leading a Pride service alongside the Anglicans. Our team leader continued to Chair the Minister's Together in Teignmouth meeting which included arranging and participating in ecumenical events throughout the year.

The Church also owns a manse which is let through letting agents in order to attract income as both Ministers now own their own properties.

Public benefit

Sunday worship continues to enable people attending to embrace the Christian faith by learning to understand the word of God through the Bible, prayer and fellowship and to use this knowledge to continually build our relationship with God through Jesus Christ. To this end our Ministers and Elders select a wide variety of Bible passages and themes to preach upon, all with a view to helping us to grow in our faith and to make a difference to the world in which we live. In 2023 these included Romans, Lent & Easter, Prayer, Advent & Christmas.

Tea and Coffee is served following the morning service to continue fellowship with both friends and visitors and to give people the opportunity for private prayer or pastoral support.

Local schools, committees and the town council have continued to approach us to support and actively lead various activities and community events across the year.

All our ministry in the church and in the community is developed and delivered in order to share the Christian faith and demonstrate Christian values in a tangible way in our local community.

The charity is established for the public benefit and the Trustees consider the Charity Commission guidance when making decisions. In the opinion of the Trustees all the activities undertaken during the year produced a benefit to the public.

Achievements & Performance

We had a successful 2023, maintaining our community engagement and achieving our vision in many ways, both through the day to day running and life of the church and through our community outreach.

Two particular high points in our year were a successful church weekend away in the summer to Lee Abbey and supporting the first Teignmouth Pride event.

At Lee Abbey we spent time in prayer, worship and learning, but also in fellowship with our church family. This time helped us to grow in faith, whilst also deepening our relationships as friends and building a sense of belonging and community.

As an inclusive church, our involvement in the first Teignmouth Pride event enabled us to demonstrate our belief that God's love and Good News is for everyone, and that we are all equal in God's eyes. It was a joy to serve the community alongside our fellow ministers from the Anglican churches in the town.

During 2023, the youth work grew steadily and it was encouraging to see the young people attending the Maundy Thursday service, and building their faith and understanding of Jesus' life, death and resurrection.

Financial Accounts

The majority of the Church's income is funded through offerings and gifts from members and those worshipping at the Church.

The gross income for the year was £107K and the Ministry costs, which are normally the highest cost, compared favourably to that of the corresponding year.

The other major expenditure during the year was the repair of a second roof and costs associated with this work was financed from Insurance recovery and also from fundraising.

Pension Fund

Our Ministers are members of the Baptist Ministers' Pension Fund which until 2011 operated a Defined Benefits Scheme which closed after becoming unsustainable with a large deficit. This was replaced with a Defined Contributions scheme together with a recovery plan instituted to recover the deficit in the form of a surcharge on their current contributions which subsequently reduced to just £12pa in 2023 and the deficit is expected to be totally cleared in 2024.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have a policy to maintain at least three months overhead expenditure. At the end of the year the church had free reserves of £20,000 which would cover normal expenditure for at least three months.

Mission & Outreach

The Church policy is that we give 13% of our income to Mission and Outside agencies. 5% to BMS and a similar amount to Baptist Home Mission Fund which supports Churches that cannot afford to pay for full or part time ministry. The remaining 3% is distributed by the Mission Cttee to other Charities at home and abroad.

This is our policy as we aim to generously live out the principle of Christian tithing as a charity, and in doing so we support Christians in need across the country and the globe.

We also support our local food bank, offer free or subsidised funerals and use of the building to those in need, and ensure all our outreach activities are offered at an affordable price with subsidies offered to those unable to financially contribute.

Teignmouth Baptist Church
Receipts and Payments Account for the
Year Ended 31st December 2023

Charity no 1186120

| | Unrestricted | Restricted | 2023 Total | 2022 Total |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Receipts | | | | |
| Offerings | 110,204 | 3,211 | 113,415 | 116,871 |
| Interest received | 2,629 | - | 2,629 | 310 |
| Church weekend | - | 9,304 | 9,304 | 9,951 |
| Sundry | 1,700 | - | 1,700 | 1,306 |
| Manse rentals | 8,115 | - | 8,115 | 8,548 |
| Insurance claim | 6,700 | 22,111 | 28,811 | 9,223 |
| Womens Fellowship | - | - | - | 5 |
| Tiddlywinks | - | 2,140 | 2,140 | 884 |
| Transfer from previous charity | - | - | - | 80,675 |
| Total Receipts | 129,348 | 36,766 | 166,114 | 227,773 |
| Payments | | | | |
| Administration | 13,498 | - | 13,498 | 12,005 |
| Utilities | 5,338 | - | 5,338 | 4,164 |
| Discipleship & nurturing | 8 | - | 8 | - |
| Celebration/Fellowship | 252 | - | 252 | 269 |
| Finance | 922 | - | 922 | 919 |
| Social action & evangelism | - | - | - | 14 |
| Learning | - | - | - | - |
| Pastoral | - | 245 | 245 | 140 |
| Resources | 11,565 | 35,314 | 46,879 | 21,747 |
| Ministerial | 52,834 | - | 52,834 | 53,230 |
| Manse costs | 17,298 | - | 17,298 | 17,067 |
| Training & support | 670 | - | 670 | 206 |
| Tithes & gifts | 13,557 | 171 | 13,728 | 16,183 |
| Media (inc music) | 2,113 | - | 2,113 | 1,426 |
| Stewarding | 108 | - | 108 | 146 |
| Children & youth | 418 | - | 418 | 1,201 |
| Food bank | - | 600 | 600 | 650 |
| Tiddlywinks | - | 435 | 435 | 121 |
| Church weekend | - | 12,393 | 12,393 | 14,120 |
| Womens fellowship | - | - | - | 0 |
| | 118,581 | 49,158 | 167,739 | 143,608 |
| Net Receipts/Payments | 10,767 | - 12,392 | - 1,625 | 84,165 |
| Fund transfers | - 16,307 | 16,307 | - | 0 |
| Cash funds at 1st January 2023 | 69,827 | 14,338 | 84,165 | 0 |
| Cash funds at 31st December 2023 | 64,287 | 18,253 | 82,540 | 84,165 |

Teignmouth Baptist Church
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
At 31st December 2023

Charity no 1186120

| | Unrestricted | Restricted | 2023 Total | 2022 Total |
|--|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Cash Funds | | | | |
| CAF | 9,239 | - | 9,239 | 11,485 |
| Barclays | 2,741 | - | 2,741 | 507 |
| COIF | 52,307 | 18,253 | 70,560 | 71,973 |
| Cash | - | - | - | 200 |
| Total | 64,287 | 18,253 | 82,540 | 84,165 |
| Other Monetary Assets | | | | |
| Gift Aid debtor | - | - | - | - |
| Assets Retained for the Charity's own use | | | | |
| Freehold church building | | | | |
| Freehold manse | 150,000 | | 150,000 | 150,000 |
| Fixtures, fittings & equipment | 12,000 | | 12,000 | 12,000 |
| Liabilities | | | | |
| Accountancy | 360 | | 360 | 360 |
| Pension scheme deficit | - | | 0 | 0 |

Notes

- 1 The comparative figures for 2022 include the transfer of funds of £80,675 from the previous unincorporated charity.
- 2 Without the transfer of funds from the previous charity there was a surplus for the year 2022 of £13,524 on the unrestricted fund and deficit on the restricted funds of £10,034
- 3 The trustees confirm, in accordance with the Charitable Incorporated Organisations (General) Regulations 2012, that at the year end the CIO did not have any outstanding guarantees to third parties nor any debts secured on assets of the CIO.

Approved by the trustees on

30th April 2024

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Teignmouth Baptist Church
Charity no. 1186120

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Teignmouth Baptist Church (the Church) for the year ended 31st December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of the report

As the charity trustees of the church you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act).

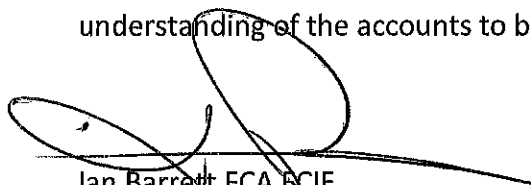
I report in respect of my examination of the church's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the church as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records.

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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3rd June 2024