

DARLINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1186432

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2019-11-19

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF THE CHURCH IS THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH ACCORDING TO THE PRINCIPLES OF THE BAPTIST DENOMINATION. THE CHURCH MAY ALSO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND CARRY OUT OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND/OR OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD.

Activities: The Activities of the church include but are not restricted to: regular public worship, prayer, Bible study, preaching and teaching; evangelism and mission, locally, regionally, nationally and internationally; nurture and growth of Christian disciples; education and training for Christian and community service; supporting and encouraging charitable social action in the UK and abroad.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Darlington

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£267,769	£162,954	-	-
2023-12-31	£211,739	£206,598	-	-
2022-12-31	£186,833	£168,310	-	-
2021-12-31	£126,842	£139,558	-	-
2020-12-31	£117,488	£121,223	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Adeniran Adisa		2025-11-30
Barry Leslie Thompson		2018-09-01
Ian Robinson		2026-03-26
June Hughes		2019-03-14
Melvin Ithurralde		2024-03-14
Rev Victoria Lynette Thompson		2018-09-01
Tunde Adegoke Olanrewaju		2025-04-06

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Accounts

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Darlington Baptist Church
Trustees' report and financial statements
for the year ended 31 December 2024

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Legal and administrative information

Darlington Baptist Church comprises of Darlington Baptist Church, Grange Road, Darlington, DL1 5NH and Darlington Baptist Church, Corporation Road, Darlington, DL3 6AR.

Darlington Baptist Church is a charity registered with the Charity Commission.

Trustees who have served from 1 January 2024 until the date this report was approved are:

Charity number	1186432	
Business address	Grange Road Darlington DL1 5NH Darlington Baptist Church	
Registered office	Darlington Baptist Church Grange Road Darlington DL1 5NH	
Trustees	The Revd V Thompson The Revd B Thompson M A Bell G Marshall J Hughes C A W Cotterill G Buchanan M Ithurrealde K L Patterson-Haigh T A Olanrewaju	Minister Minister (Resigned 25 September 2025) (Term Ended March 2024) Church Secretary (Resigned 25 September 2025) (Resigned 31 March 2024) (Appointed 14 March 2024) (Appointed 06 April 2025) (Appointed 06 April 2025)
Accountants	Chipchase Manners 384 Linthorpe Road Middlesbrough TS5 6HA	
Bankers	Santander 43 High Row Darlington DL3 7QW	

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Report of the trustees for the year ended 31 December 2024

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024. The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

Structure, governance and management

The Charity is governed by an Approved Governing Document. Members of the Church are accepted in accordance with the Constitution which requires them to meet the churches qualification on baptism.

The members meeting normally takes place on not less than 4 occasions per year and has responsibility for the overall policy of the church. In accordance with the Constitution, the members appoint a maximum of 15 trustees, who, together with the Minister, Church Secretary and Treasurer (who are also appointed by the members), are responsible for the day to day running of the church's work and witness, and the financial and legal aspects of the charity. All members are encouraged to take an appropriate part in the spiritual and practical tasks involved in the furtherance of the charitable objective.

Relevant matters may be submitted to the Church meeting by the Trustees for guidance or may be raised by members in Church meetings for further consideration by the Trustees. Though the Constitution permits decisions to be made at Church meetings by appropriate majorities, the Church seeks to work by consensus wherever possible.

Objectives and activities

The principal purpose of the Charity is the advancement of the Christian Faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination to include the advancement of education, community service and such other general charitable purposes in such parts of the United Kingdom and the world as the Church shall determine.

In order to achieve the principal activities, which is set out above, the Church provides a variety of activities both to its membership and to the community generally. The aim is to show the love of Jesus Christ in both word and deed and to bring people into a closer relationship with Him as living Lord.

Central to the work and witness of the Church is the provision of regular public services of Christian worship. These services take place each Sunday at both 10.30 am at the Grange Road site and 6.00 pm at the Corporation Road site. The morning service is live streamed on our YouTube channel for those unable to attend in person. There are also occasional services at other times which are advertised on the Church Notice Board and the website at www.darlingtonbaptist.org. There is a full children's programme during the morning services. The church seeks to be a friendly and welcoming community, and anybody is free to attend any of these services.

The Church runs a series of life groups for the growth of faith and discipleship in both the Church building and private homes, further details of these can be obtained from the Trustees on request or at the Sunday service of worship.

The Church is responsible for a Toddler Group and a baby bank which meets in the Corporation Road Church premises on Thursday mornings, with the purpose of assisting the community and demonstrating the love of Jesus Christ. From time to time the Church runs courses in parenting and courses for people interested in discovering more about Christianity, entitled 'Christianity Explored' and 'Alpha'.

The Church runs various events for families including Messy Church and a summer holiday club.

The Church runs activities for people in need of mental health support.

The Church runs a café in the conservatory three days a week.

The Church runs an addiction support and rehab service in the community three days a week.

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The Church runs an Edge centre offering support and a safe space for community engagement.

In December 2024 a Community Grocery store was opened on our Corporation Road site offering low-cost groceries to the community.

The Church operates systems to ensure that all people working with children and vulnerable adults are appropriately vetted with regard to the Disclosure and Barring Service.

The Church has read the Charity Commission guidance on the public benefit and is satisfied that the activities outlined above clearly demonstrate that the charity is providing a benefit to the public.

Achievements and performance

The Church does not measure the success of its programmes only in numbers, including financial numbers, but also in less tangible areas like fellowship and encouragement. The Trustees believe that 2024 was a positive year in the life of the church, and that it will be able to pursue its mission purposes in 2025 with renewed enthusiasm. As at 31 December 2024 the membership stood at 132.

Average attendance at worship services both in person and online has increased during the year, and similar increases were shown in the children's and youth work.

The Toddler Group has seen an uptake in attendance and has continued to provide the baby bank to compliment and support the work with young families in providing good quality used clothing and equipment.

The Basement Café community hub has seen increasing numbers of people attending. This service provides those in need with a hot meal, and where necessary a food parcel. The service has developed links with probation and other local services who are encouraging their clients to attend.

The Edge Centre hosts multiple activities targeted at providing community and support for vulnerable adults who struggle with their mental health and/or addiction in the broadest sense. We have drop-in sessions every day providing indoor sports activity (darts, pool, table tennis etc), arts and crafts, leisure activities (bingo, board games etc). We have a team of mentors who can provide one to one support to those who request it. All activity is free to access. During 2024 we have seen a sharp increase in the number of people accessing the service and making progress in their recovery journey. For 2025, we plan to work in conjunction with the Community Grocery Store to provide our services and also courses in cooking, debt management and first aid to their members.

The conservatory café is now open three days a week and has a steady flow of people attending.

Financial review

The Church continues to raise the funds which it needs to carry on its activities from within its own membership and congregation. Some outside funding opportunities have been sought in a bid to make upgrades for the soup kitchen; this project is ongoing.

The Church expressed its part in the life of the wider church by making donations to national and international Christian organisations and societies with Christian aims and objectives compatible with the church's own charitable purpose.

The Church is heavily dependent on its membership working as volunteers in all aspects of the church's activities, many of which run with little or no impact on the church's expenditure but nevertheless contribute substantially to the achievement of the church's objectives.

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Report of the trustees for the year ended 31 December 2024

The financial results for the year, together with a summary of the accounting policies adopted are set out in the accompanying financial statements.

The Church made a surplus during the year of £39,928 (2023 : £5,141) as shown in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Reserves Policy

The purpose of holding reserves is to ensure that Darlington Baptist Church has sufficient funds available to cope with financial issues that might arise, such as the need to fund an urgent property repair, an issue with staffing or the loss of income.

The current reserves policy of Darlington Baptist Church is to hold approximately three months of all staff costs plus three months of running costs, to allow the church to adapt to any changes in the income or expenditure of the church.

The recommendation is that approximately six months of staff costs and six months of running costs are held, but currently the church funds do not allow this level of reserves.

The trustees will annually review the reserves policy with a view to reaching the recommendation over time, as funds and priorities allow.

Darlington Baptist Church currently has total reserves of £143,816 (2023 : £103,888), being £81,723 (2023 : £70,896) unrestricted funds and £62,093 (2023 : £32,992) restricted funds.

Plans for future periods

The Church plans to continue working with the church family, local communities and users of our activities to evangelise about the love of Our Lord. To respond to needs that may arise in the local community, but which do not compromise the basic Christian beliefs of Darlington Baptist Church.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year. In preparing these financial statements the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

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Report of the trustees for the year ended 31 December 2024

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 and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. 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.

Approved by the trustees on 15 October 2025 and signed on their behalf by:-

J Hughes
Trustee



M Ithurrealde
Trustee



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Independent examiner's report to the trustees on the unaudited financial statements of Darlington Baptist Church.

I report on the accounts of Darlington Baptist Church for the year ended 31 December 2024 set out on pages 2 to 16.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner

As the charity's trustees 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 Act, and in carrying out my examination I have followed all of the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 you as 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 matter has come to my attention:

- (i) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep proper accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Acthave not been met; or

- (ii) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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C S Gorman
FCA, FCCA
Independent examiner
Chipchase Manners
Chartered Accountants
384 Linthorpe Road
Middlesbrough
TS5 6HA

15 October 2025

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Statement of financial activities

For the year ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generating funds:					
Voluntary income	4	189,205	3,500	192,705	177,667
Activities for generating funds	5	5,382	52,907	58,289	19,759
Investment income	6	16,775	-	16,775	14,313
Total incoming resources		<u>211,362</u>	<u>56,407</u>	<u>267,769</u>	<u>211,739</u>
Resources expended					
Charitable activities	7	135,648	27,306	162,954	145,438
Governance costs	9	64,887	-	64,887	61,160
Total resources expended		<u>200,535</u>	<u>27,306</u>	<u>227,841</u>	<u>206,598</u>
Net incoming resources before transfers		10,827	29,101	39,928	5,141
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net incoming resources for the year		10,827	29,101	39,928	5,141
Total funds brought forward		<u>70,896</u>	<u>32,992</u>	<u>103,888</u>	<u>98,747</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>81,723</u>	<u>62,093</u>	<u>143,816</u>	<u>103,888</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year and therefore a separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has not been prepared.

All of the above amounts relate to continuing activities.

The notes on pages 9 to 16 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Balance sheet as at 31 December 2024

	Notes	£	2024 £	£	2023 £
Current assets					
Debtors	12	595		-	
Cash at bank and in hand		155,733		103,888	
		<u>156,328</u>		<u>103,888</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year					
	13	(12,512)		-	
Net current assets			<u>143,816</u>		<u>103,888</u>
Net assets			<u>143,816</u>		<u>103,888</u>
Funds					
	15				
Restricted income funds			62,093		32,992
Unrestricted income funds			81,723		70,896
Total funds			<u>143,816</u>		<u>103,888</u>

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 15 October 2025 and signed on its behalf by:-

J Hughes
Trustee



M Ithurralde
Trustee



The notes on pages 9 to 16 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Notes to financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

1. General information

The company is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales and a registered charity in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is Grange Road, Darlington , DL1 5NH

2. Statement of Compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland'.

3. Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year and the preceding year.

3.1. Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in October 2019 (FRS102) and the Charities Act 2011.

3.2. Cashflow

The charity has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS1 from the requirement to produce a cashflow statement because it is a small charity.

3.3. Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the Church.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for a particular future project or commitment by the Church.

Restricted funds are funds which the donor has specified are to be used solely for a particular area of the Church's work or for the purchases of specific assets for use by the Church.

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Notes to financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

3.4. Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable. Grants where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included.

Gifts donated for resale are included as incoming resources within activities for generating funds when they are sold.

Grants, including grants for the purchase of fixed assets, are recognised in full in the statement of financial activities in the year in which they are receivable.

Income from investments in the form of receipts from lettings and bank interest is included in the year in which it is receivable.

3.5. Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income and the costs of trading for fundraising purposes including the charity's shop.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management.

3.6. Defined contribution pension schemes

The pension costs charged in the financial statements represent the contribution payable by the charity during the year.

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3.7. Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where it is recognised at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

3.8. Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

3.9. Judgements and key source estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires the trustees to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors.

4. Voluntary income

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Offering	117,434	-	117,434	109,033
Income tax recovered	19,799	-	19,799	21,853
Donations and bequests	7,988	-	7,988	1,916
Church organisations / initiatives	4,249	-	4,249	2,533
Room hire	19,975	-	19,975	19,895
Miscellaneous	1,190	-	1,190	1,891
Vision / Gift day	18,570	-	18,570	13,432
Grants receivable	-	3,500	3,500	7,114
	<u>189,205</u>	<u>3,500</u>	<u>192,705</u>	<u>177,667</u>

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5. Activities for generating funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Fundraising events	1,126	-	1,126	1,095
Basement	-	6,526	6,526	7,045
Basement refurbishment	-	3,860	3,860	6,578
Roots	-	-	-	4,041
Edge	-	16,657	16,657	1,000
Joint church ventures	50	-	50	-
Conservatory refurbishment	406	-	406	-
ROC conversation	3,800	-	3,800	-
Grocery store	-	25,864	25,864	-
	<u>5,382</u>	<u>52,907</u>	<u>58,289</u>	<u>19,759</u>

6. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Receipts from letting	13,447	13,447	12,773
Bank interest receivable	3,328	3,328	1,540
	<u>16,775</u>	<u>16,775</u>	<u>14,313</u>

Receipts from lettings relates to rental income received from 8 Tower Road, Darlington and 42 Kielder Drive, Darlington. These properties are legally owned by the Baptist Union Corporation Limited, as Trustee. The Church is a beneficiary and therefore has a right to receive any rental income.

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7. Costs of charitable activities - by fund type

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Wages and expenses	106,629	-	106,629	100,459
Pension costs	676	-	676	2,326
Rental property costs	5,738	-	5,738	3,792
Worship	2,397	-	2,397	1,826
Pastoral	534	-	534	292
Church outreach	3,529	-	3,529	1,616
Young people's work	1,025	-	1,025	961
Organisations & activities	3,944	-	3,944	1,934
Social & hospitality events	1,877	-	1,877	1,359
Basement expenses	-	4,718	4,718	2,968
Basement refurbishment	-	538	538	519
Unite	-	-	-	678
Roots	-	-	-	3,502
Edge	-	13,546	13,546	996
Think of Yourself	-	4,713	4,713	474
Joint church ventures	85	-	85	-
ROC conversation	3,563	-	3,563	-
Grocery store	-	3,791	3,791	-
Church tithing & other causes	5,651	-	5,651	21,736
	<u>135,648</u>	<u>27,306</u>	<u>162,954</u>	<u>145,438</u>

8. Costs of charitable activities - by activity

	Activities undertaken directly £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Charitable activities	162,954	162,954	145,438
	<u>162,954</u>	<u>162,954</u>	<u>145,438</u>

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9. Governance costs - including support costs

	Unrestricted funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Utilities	23,627	23,627	16,600
Repairs & maintenance	19,647	19,647	21,719
Insurance	10,769	10,769	9,998
Accountancy fees	1,800	1,800	-
Professional fees	2,603	2,603	7,504
Subscriptions and fees	2,399	2,399	2,431
Safeguarding	753	753	292
Office,admin phone,IT	3,289	3,289	2,616
	<u>64,887</u>	<u>64,887</u>	<u>61,160</u>

10. Employees

Employment costs	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	106,629	100,459
Pension costs	676	2,326
	<u>107,305</u>	<u>102,785</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 (2023 : None).

Number of employees

The average monthly numbers of employees (including the trustees) during the year, calculated on the basis of full time equivalents, was as follows:

	2024 Number	2023 Number
	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

11. Pension costs

The Church is an employer participating in a pension scheme known as the Baptist Pension Scheme ("the scheme"), which is administered by the Pension Trustee (Baptist Pension Trust Limited). The Scheme is a separate legal entity and the assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Church, the other participating employer.

	2024 £	2023 £
Pension charge	<u>676</u>	<u>2,326</u>

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12. Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade debtors	595	-
	<u>595</u>	<u>-</u>

13. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other taxes and social security	2,314	-
Accruals and deferred income	10,198	-
	<u>12,512</u>	<u>-</u>

14. Properties held for church use

The Church has the use of Corporation Road Church, Grange Road Church Buildings, 8 Tower Road and 42 Kielder Drive, in Darlington

All properties are owned legally by the Baptist Union Corporation Limited (BUC), as trustee. The Church is the current beneficiary under the trusts and will remain so while the Church continues to operate as a member church of the Baptist Union. The residuary beneficiaries under the trusts are various 'Baptist related' organisations.

As a trust beneficiary, the church has no right to dispose of any of the properties and use the sale proceeds freely. Any such proceeds would be held by the BUC in accordance with the terms of the trusts.

The Church has the right to receive rental income from the letting of 8 Tower Road, Darlington and 42 Kielder Drive, Darlington and is responsible for the maintenance, upkeep and insurance of all properties that the Church has use of.

The Grange Road Church building incorporates Church House, however it is currently not in a habitable state so is unoccupied.

15. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 December 2024 as represented by:			
Current assets	93,558	62,770	156,328
Current liabilities	(11,835)	(677)	(12,512)
	<u>81,723</u>	<u>62,093</u>	<u>143,816</u>

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16. Unrestricted funds	At			At
	01 January 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	31 December 2024 £
Unrestricted Fund	<u>70,896</u>	<u>211,362</u>	<u>(200,535)</u>	<u>81,723</u>

17. Restricted funds	At			At
	01 January 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	31 December 2024 £
Basement General Fund	6,236	6,526	(4,719)	8,043
Basement Refurbishment Fund	12,198	3,860	(538)	15,520
Edge Fund	6,918	16,657	(13,546)	10,029
Think of Yourself Fund	6,640	3,500	(4,712)	5,428
Grocery Store	1,000	25,864	(3,791)	23,073
	<u>32,992</u>	<u>56,407</u>	<u>(27,306)</u>	<u>62,093</u>

Purposes of restricted funds

Basement General Fund

This fund is used to provide hot food to those who access the drop in centre which is open 3 sessions per week. Food parcels are also provided where requested. Funding comes generally from organisations or individuals who wish to support the church in this work.

Basement Refurbishment Fund

This fund was set up to update and modernise the premises used to provide the hot food. Most of these funds come from fundraising activities and some personal donations.

Edge Fund

This fund is used to provide help and support for those people who are on the edge of society and struggle with their mental health. The funds are raised by grants, major fundraising and personal donations.

Think of Yourself Fund

Initial funding was received in October 2023 from Pioneering Care and was added to later in the year by Red Balloons. The service is an extension of The Edge Centre and provides somewhere for individuals to go "out of office hours". This service runs Thursday evening, Saturday morning and Sunday afternoon.

Grocery Store

In conjunction with The Message Trust, a Grocery Store was opened in December 2024. Food is received from major retailers and the public can buy baskets of food for a nominal amount. The Church has to pay, to The Message Trust, cost towards this service. Donations were received from private individuals either as a lump sum in 2024 or as regular giving. The initial funds raised was to cover the first 2 year costs to The Message Trust.

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The following pages do not form part of the statutory accounts.

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Detailed statement of financial activities

For the year ended 31 December 2024

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources				
Incoming resources from generating funds:				
<i>Voluntary income</i>				
Offering		117,434		109,033
Income tax recovered		19,799		21,853
Donations and bequests		7,988		1,916
Church organisations / initiatives		4,249		2,533
Room hire		19,975		19,895
Miscellaneous		1,190		1,891
Vision / Gift day		18,570		13,432
Grants receivable		3,500		7,114
		<u>192,705</u>		<u>177,667</u>
<i>Activities for generating funds</i>				
Fundraising events		1,126		1,095
Basement		6,526		7,045
Basement refurbishment		3,860		6,578
Roots		-		4,041
Edge		16,657		1,000
Joint church ventures		50		-
Conservatory refurbishment		406		-
ROC conversation		3,800		-
Grocery store		25,864		-
		<u>58,289</u>		<u>19,759</u>
<i>Investment income</i>				
Receipts from letting		13,447		12,773
Bank interest receivable		3,328		1,540
		<u>16,775</u>		<u>14,313</u>
Total incoming resources from generating funds		<u>267,769</u>		<u>211,739</u>
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Darlington Baptist Church

Detailed statement of financial activities

For the year ended 31 December 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Resources expended		
Costs of generating funds:		
Charitable activities		
Charitable activities		
<i>Activities undertaken directly</i>		
Wages and expenses	106,629	100,459
Pension costs	676	2,326
Rental property costs	5,738	3,792
Worship	2,397	1,826
Pastoral	534	292
Church outreach	3,529	1,616
Young people's work	1,025	961
Organisations & activities	3,944	1,934
Social & hospitality events	1,877	1,359
Basement expenses	4,718	2,968
Basement refurbishment	538	519
Unite	-	678
Roots	-	3,502
Edge	13,546	996
Think of Yourself	4,713	474
Joint church ventures	85	-
ROC conversation	3,563	-
Grocery store	3,791	-
Church tithing & other causes	5,651	21,736
	<u>162,954</u>	<u>145,438</u>
Charitable activities total expenditure	<u>162,954</u>	<u>145,438</u>
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Governance costs

<i>Support costs</i>			
Utilities	23,627	16,600	
Repairs & maintenance	19,647	21,719	
Insurance	10,769	9,998	
Accountancy fees	1,800	-	
Professional fees	2,603	7,504	
Subscriptions and fees	2,399	2,431	
Safeguarding	753	292	
Office,admin phone,IT	3,289	2,616	
	<u>64,887</u>	<u>61,160</u>	
Total governance costs	<u>64,887</u>	<u>61,160</u>	
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year	<u>39,928</u>	<u>5,141</u>	

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Financial Review

The Church continues to raise the funds which it needs to carry on its activities from within its own membership and congregation. Some outside funding opportunities have been sought in a bid to make upgrades for the soup kitchen, this project is ongoing.

The Church expressed its part in the life of the wider church by making donations to national and international Christian organisations and societies with Christian aims and objectives compatible with the church's own charitable purpose.

The Church is heavily dependent on its membership working as volunteers in all aspects of the church's activities, many of which run with little or no impact on the church's expenditure, but nevertheless contribute substantially to the achievement of the church's objectives.

The financial results for the year, together with a summary of the accounting policies adopted are set out in the accompanying financial statements.

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The current reserves policy of Darlington Baptist Church is to hold approximately three months of all staff costs plus three months of running costs, to allow the church to adapt to any changes in the income or expenditure of the church. The recommendation is that approximately six months of staff costs and six months of running costs are held, but currently the church funds do not allow this level of reserves. The trustees will annually review the reserves policy with a view to reaching the recommendation over time, as funds and priorities allow.

DARLINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH
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Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023

Receipts	2022	2023	Notes
Offering	82451	109033	1
Vision / Gift Day	20078	13432	2
Gift Aid (from HMRC)	20473	21853	3
Donations & Bequest	7127	1916	4
Church Organisations / Initiatives	1570	2533	
Property Rental	13792	12773	5
Room Hire of Premesis	17580	19895	
Raised for Other Causes	2153	1095	
Bank Interest	96	1540	6
Miscellaneous	207	1891	
Church Specific Funds	£ 165,527	£ 185,961	
Basement	1502	7045	14
Basement Refurbishment	5930	6578	
Roots	13875	4041	
Edge		1000	
Grant Funding (Think of Yourself)		7114	
Total Receipts	186833	£ 211,739	
Payments			
Ministerial Costs & Expenses	53480	61028	7
Outreach Workers	22986	25402	8
Youth Worker		8905	9
Cleaner	4376	4995	
Volunteer Placement	1293	129	10
Worship	1643	1826	
Pastoral		292	
Church Outreach	1770	1616	
Young People's Work	996	961	
Organisations / Activities	1880	1934	
Social / Hospitality Events	1095	1359	
Utilities	15779	16600	
Repairs & Maintenance-Prop & Equip	7635	21717	11
Church Insurance	9801	9998	
Rental Property Costs	2063	3792	
Professional Fees	5651	7504	12
Subscriptions & Fees	1844	2431	
Office, Admin, Phone & IT	2961	2616	
Sageguarding	1372	292	
Church Tithing & Other Causes	19080	21736	
Miscellaneous	4739	2326	13
Church Specific Funds	£ 160,447	£ 197,460	
Basement Expenses	2370	2968	14
Unite		678	
Basement Refurb Expenses	240	519	
Roots Expenses	5252	3502	
Edge		996	
Think of Yourself		474	
Total Payments	£ 168,310	£ 206,598	

DARLINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH

General Fund

Balance as at 1 January 2023	£	24,815.39
Add		
Vision Fund as at 01/01/23		19079.70
Basement Res Fund as at 01/01/23		6000.00
Total Receipts		210791.59
Payments to Restricted Funds		9137.54
Interest on BU Account		946.72
Less		
Church Contribution to Basement		-2500.00
Total Payments		-206597.57
Income for Restricted Funds		-25777.98
Transfer to Reserve Fund		-5000.00
Balance as at 31 December 2023	£	30,895.39

Vision Fund

Balance as at 1 January 2023		19079.70
Transfer to General Fund		-19079.70
Balance as at 31 December 2023	£	-

Basement Reserve Fund

Balance as at 1 January 2023	£	6,000.00
Less - Transfer to General Fund		-6,000.00
Balance as at 31 December 2023	£	-

Reserve Fund

Balance as at 1 January 2023	£	35,000.00
Add Transfer from General Fund		5,000.00
Balance as at 31 December 2023	£	40,000.00

BU Bank Account

Opening Balance		50000.00
Interest		946.72
Balance as at 31 December 2023	£	50,946.72

Restricted Funds

Basement - General Fund

Church Contribution		2,500.00
Add: Receipts		7045.07
Less: Payments		-2967.90
Less: Spend on Unite (50% of cost)		-338.93
Balance as at 31 December 2023	£	6,238.24

Basement - Refurb Fund

Balance as at 1 January 2023		6139.59
Add - Receipts		6577.55
Less - Payments		-519.36
Balance as at 31 December 2023	£	12,197.78

Roots

Balance as at 1 January 2023	£	6,713.69
Add - Receipts		4041.36
Less - Payments		-3501.96
Less: Spend on Unite (50% of cost)		-338.93
Balance as at 31 December 2023	£	6,914.16

Edge

Receipts		1,000.00
Payments		-996.00
Balance as at 31 December 2023	£	4.00

Think of Yourself

Grant Fund		7114.00
Less: Payments		-474.46
Balance as at 31 December 2023	£	6,639.54

Grocery Store Fund

£ 1,000.00

DARLINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH

Amendments agreed by Trustees - 2023

The balance on the Vision Fund transferred to General Fund.

All donations to Vision Fund & gift aid receipts added to General Fund.

Basement Reserve Fund transferred to General Fund towards salary costs of Outreach Workers.

Ministerial hours to be increased from 3 days per week to 4 days per week for 1 minister.

Estimated cost of £5000 per annum.

Youth Worker would be appointed for 15 hours per week. Estimated cost £10000 per annum.

All income received towards running of Basement Hub & Café will be retained in Basement General Fund. All expenses, excluding salary & salary related costs will be charged against this fund.

All income received towards the refurbishment of Basement Hub & Café will be retained in Basement Refurb Fund. All expenses will be charged against this fund.

All income received towards running of Roots will be retained in Roots fund.

All expenses, excluding salary & salary related costs will be charged against this fund.

All costs relating to Unite initiative will be split equally between Basement General Fund & Roots.

Following the resignation of the Youth workers, 5 hours per week funding will be used to fund an Admin Officer for 2 months in 2023

£5000 would be transferred from General Fund to Reserve Fund on 31/12/2023.

A new project Edge has been set up with a private donation to cover initial costs.

Funding was received from NHS North East & North Cumbria to run Think of Yourself project.

A Baptist Union Bank account would be opened to deposit excess funds.

£50,000 has been deposited in 3 month notice account.

Tithing: Darlington Baptist Church has agreed to give 10% of its unrestricted income to

Good Causes'. In 2023 it was agreed to split this equally between 4 charities.

However one charity returned the donation so during the year tithing was distributed between

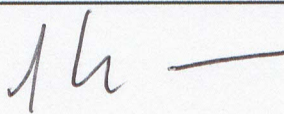
3 charities with the remaining quarter undistributed plus the portion returned by the charity.

It was agreed that the undistributed amount should be sent to the 3 existing charities already supported by the church.

DARLINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH

Assets and Liabilities at 31st December

Assets	2022	2023
<u>Bank and other Cash Balances</u>		
Santander Current Account	4821.26	2922.02
Santander Deposit Account	93927.11	50020.37
BU 3 Month Notice Account		50946.72
	£ 98,748.37	£ 103,889.11
<u>Properties held for the Church's own use</u>		
Corporation Road church building (nominal value)	200,000	200,000
Grange Road church building (nominal value)	200,000	200,000
8 Tower Road, Darlington (insured value)	250,000	250,000
42 Kielder Drive, Darlington (insured value)	180,000	230,000
	830,000	880,000
Total Assets	£ 928,748.37	£ 983,889.11
Liabilities		
Total Liabilities	0.00	0.00


TONY COTTERILL

Signed on behalf of Trustees of

Darlington Baptist Church

DARLINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH

Notes to the Accounts

Basis of Accounts - The Accounts have been prepared on a Receipts and Payments Basis and in accordance with Section 133 Charities Act 2011.

Church Specific Funds

1 Offerings

The majority of giving comes directly into the bank account. Cash is also given during services at both sites.

2 Vision / Gift Day

The Church Family were encouraged to have a Vision for the future of Darlington Baptist Church.

3 Gift Aid from HMRC

The total claim received was £23972 & was distributed over allocated funds.

£2119 of this amount has been allocated to Restricted funds and the balance to Church Specific Funds

4 Donations & Bequests

Donations were received towards the costs on Holiday Club.

Donations were also received towards the costs of 'Joint Church Ventures'

No bequests were received in 2023

5 Rental Properties

8 Tower Road (tenanted)

Rent received regularly

42 Kielder Drive (tenanted)

Rent received regularly

Church House

Currently vacant as not in a habitable state to let.

6 Bank Interest

A 3 month notice account was opened with BU & £946.72 interest has been received. The interest rate of the Santander account has also improved giving a significant increase in bank interest received.

7 Ministerial Costs & Expenses

Ministerial hours were increased to 1.4 WTE from February 2023.

8 Outreach Workers

Now wholly funded from church funds.

9 Youth Workers

Youth workers were employed from March 23 for 15 hours per week.

5 Hours per week became vacant from November 23.

The remaining 10 hours per week were used to end of 2023

10 Volunteer Placement

The placement did not continue in 2023

11 Repairs & Maintenance

Significant work was carried on the fire alarm & electrical systems at Grange Road site. The arched window to the rear of Grange Road had to be replaced due to significant damage.

12 Professional Fees

This includes work relating to the church becoming a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

13 Miscellaneous

This includes the Baptist Pensions, Defecit Repair contribution. However since August 2022 has been reduced to £1 per month.

14 Restricted Funds

All projects not directly funded through church financial income are shown separately. New initiatives started during 2023 & it is anticipated these will continue to grow as funding is received to cover anticipated costs.

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Assets held for the Church's own use

All properties are owned legally by the Baptist Union Corporation Limited (BUC), as trustee. The Church is the current beneficiary under the trusts and will remain so while the Church continues to operate as a member church of the Baptist Union. The residuary beneficiaries under the trusts are various 'Baptist related' organisations.

As a trust beneficiary, the church has no right to dispose of any of the properties and use the sale proceeds freely. Any such proceeds would be held by the BUC in accordance with the terms of the trusts.

The properties are shown below with their current insured value. The actual values of the two church buildings and their contents will be substantially lower than their insurance values. The actual values of 8 Tower Road and 42 Kielder Drive are likely to be somewhat lower than their insurance values. No 'sale' valuations have been obtained for any of the properties.

Nominal valuations of £200,000 for each of the church buildings have been included in the Accounts. It must be stressed that these are nominal values and no 'sale' valuations have been obtained.

The insurance values for 8 Tower Road and 42 Kielder Drive have been included in the Accounts.

The Grange Road church building incorporates Church House however it is currently not in a habitable state so unoccupied.

8 Tower Road and 42 Kielder Drive are let on assured shorthold tenancies.

Current Insured Values

Corporation Road church building, Darlington

Building	6,450,761	
Organ	325,955	
Contents	286,841	
PA Equipment	18,813	7,082,370

Grange Road church building, Darlington

Building	5,971,505	
Contents	167,413	6,138,918

8 Tower Road, Darlington

250,000

42 Kielder Drive, Darlington

230,000

480,000

£ 13,701,288

Pension Scheme Liability

The Church is an employer participating in a pension scheme known as the Baptist Pension Scheme ("the Scheme"), which is administered by the Pension Trustee (Baptist Pension Trust Limited). The Scheme is a separate legal entity and the assets of the Scheme are held separately from those of the Church the other participating employer.

Following an agreement with an Insurance Company the scheme is now in surplus. The Defecit Repair Contributions were reduced to a nominal £1 per month in August 2022. The church no longer has any defecit liability

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Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees Charity Name Darlington Baptist Church

On accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023 Charity no (if any) 1186432

Set out on pages 7 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 31/12/2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report As the charity's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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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Signed: Valerie Carr Date: 23rd May 2024

Name: VALERIE ANNE CARR

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

Address: 38, WESTGATE CRESCENT DARLINGTON CO. DURHAM DL3 8SX

Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

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Broomtree a support group for those struggling with their mental health has proved popular with a good number of attendees.

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Financial Review

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recommendation is that approximately six months of staff costs and six months of running costs are held, but currently the church funds do not allow this level of reserves. The trustees will annually review the reserves policy with a view to reaching the recommendation over time, as funds and priorities allow.

DARLINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH

Registered in England and Wales as Charity No. 1186432

Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2022

Receipts	2021	2022	Notes
Offering	62876.78	82450.75	1
Vision / Gift Day	13497.32	20077.70	2
Gift Aid (from HMRC)	9369.81	20473.41	3
Donations & Bequest	6058.65	965.17	
Donations (Specific)	0.00	6161.37	4
Church Organisations / Initiatives	0.00	1570.32	
Property Rental	19177.00	13792.00	5
Room Hire of Premesis	10640.00	17580.00	
Raised for Other Causes	1625.80	2152.86	
Bank Interest	8.12	95.61	
Miscellaneous	516.68	206.93	
Basement	3071.95	1501.89	3/7
Basement Refurbishment	0.00	5930.00	6/7
Roots		13875.00	3/7
Total Receipts	£ 126,842.11	£ 186,833.01	
Payments			
Ministerial Costs & Expenses	52588.73	53480.26	
Volunteer Placement	0.00	1293.03	8
Worship	991.12	1643.26	
Outreach Activities	0.00	1769.87	9
Young Peoples Work	415.15	995.67	10
Church Activities	1118.11	1880.42	
Social Events	1006.96	1095.03	
Cleaner's Salary inc pension	5022.93	4375.92	
Utilities	9665.36	15779.36	
Repairs & Maintenance - Prop & Equip	11714.03	6636.40	
Church Insurance	9146.84	9801.47	
Rental Property Costs	3924.23	2063.19	
Baptist Pension Fund Shortfall Cont	7390.92	4379.72	11
Professional Fees	4461.40	5651.00	12
Subscriptions & Fees	2188.17	1843.97	
Office, Admin, Phone & IT	3279.11	2961.20	
Sageguarding	0.00	1372.00	13
Church Tithing & Other Causes	12998.25	19080.22	14
Vision Expenditure	0.00	998.00	15
Miscellaneous	554.66	359.39	
Basement Salary Costs	10786.33	11493.20	
Basement Expenses	2306.03	2370.22	
Basement Refurb Expenses	0.00	240.41	7
Roots Salary Costs	10786.30	11493.20	
Roots Expenses	697.29	4352.30	
Keys Project	900.00	900.00	
Total Payments	£ 151,941.92	£ 168,308.71	

DARLINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH

Balance as at 1 January 2022	£	26,314.91
Add		
General Receipts		139287.05
Vision Fund Giving		20077.70
Specific Donations		6161.37
Vision Fund Payments from General Fund		998.00
Transfer from Basement Fund		5738.44
Less		
General Payments (inc Vision Fund)		-137459.38
Vision Fund Giving		-20077.70
Transfer to Community Work Fund (Budget)		-5600.00
Basement Fund: (From specific Donations)		-3675.00
Donation for Food Bank (2021)		-500.00
Donation to Basement Refurb (2021)		-450.00
Grocery Store Fund		-1000.00
Transfer to Reserve Fund		-5000.00
Balance as at 31 December 2022	£	24,815.39

Vision Fund

Donation Received		20,077.70
Payments		-998.00
Balance as at 31 December 2022	£	19,079.70

Community Work Fund

Balance as at 1 January 2022	£	8,324.97
Add: Receipts		1501.89
Add: Transfer from General Fund		5600.00
Add: Specific Donation (Salary for 6 Mths)		3675.00
Add: Donation for Food Bank (2021)		500.00
Less: Payments		-13863.42
Transfer to General Fund		-5738.44
Balance as at 31 December 2022	£	-

Grocery Store Fund	£	1,000.00
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Reserve Fund

Balance as at 1 January 22	£	30,000.00
Add: Transfer from General Fund		5,000.00
Balance as at 31 December 2022	£	35,000.00

Basement Refurb Fund

Donation to Refurb (2021)		450.00
General Donations		3430.00
Refurb Don (Arnold Clark)		2500.00
Payments		-240.41
Balance as at 31 December 2022	£	6,139.59

Edge Project

Balance as at 31 December 2022	£	6,000.00
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Roots

Balance as at 1 January 2022	£	9,584.19
Add - Receipts		13875.00
Less - Payments		-16745.50
Balance as at 31 December 2022	£	6,713.69

DARLINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH

Assets and Liabilities at 31st December

Assets	2021	2022
<u>Bank and other Cash Balances</u>		
Santander Current Account	3392.57	4821.26
Santander Deposit Account	76831.50	93927.11
	80224.07	98748.37
<u>Properties held for the Church's own use</u>		
Corporation Road church building (nominal value)	200000.00	200000.00
Grange Road church building (nominal value)	200000.00	200000.00
8 Tower Road, Darlington (insured value)	275951.00	250000.00
42 Kielder Drive, Darlington (insured value)	164115.00	180000.00
	840066.00	830000.00
Total Assets	920290.07	928748.37
Liabilities		
Pension Scheme Liability	72600.00	0.00
Total Liabilities	72600.00	0.00



Tony Cotterill

Signed on behalf of Trustees of

Darlington Baptist Church

Notes to the Accounts

Basis of Accounts - The Accounts have been prepared on a Receipts and Payments Basis and in accordance with Section 133 Charities Act 2011.

1 Offerings

The majority of giving is directly into the bank account. A small number of members use Giving Envelopes. Collections are taken during most services when cash is received.

2 Vision / Gift Day

Rather than asking for additional giving to meet the expected expenditure the Church Family were encouraged to have a Vision for the future of Darlington Baptist Church.

3 Gift Aid from HMRC

The total claim received was £23150.91 with this being allocated over specific headings Other causes £150.00, Basement £112.50, Roots £2415 with the balance of £20473.41 going to the church.

4 Specific Donations

Donations have been received for specific events or items required.

Video Camera (1 already purchased)	600.00
6 mths Basement Salary Costs	3675.00
Grocery Store	1000.00
Summer Holiday Club	510.00
One Voice Event	376.37
	£ 6,161.37

5 Rental Properties

8 Tower Road (tenanted)	Rent received regularly
42 Kielder Drive (tenanted)	Rent received regularly
Church House	Following ongoing issues with the tenant, legal action was taken and the property was vacated July 2022. Currently it is not in a habitable state to re-let

6 Basement Refurbishment

Donations have been received for the refurbishment of the Basement / Foodbank. A grant of £2500 was given by Arnold Clark and the remainder has come from private giving.

7 Basement & Roots

Previously receipts & payments for both Basement & Roots were shown under other totals, but are now included in the totals as being part of the outreach work of the church. Funds donated specifically to refurbish the Basement are now being identified separately.

8 Volunteer Placement

Since September 22 the church has had the services of a volunteer. Costs relate to college fees & travel.

9 Outreach Activities

These costs were not identified separately in 2021. As Outreach is an important aspect of the work of the church, these are now shown separately. It includes Messy Church.

10 Young Peoples Work

With an increase in the number of families attending church, we have seen an increase in the number of children regularly attending Rock Solid. An 11+ group also started during 2022 and a summer holiday club was held.

11 Baptist Pension Shortfall

The church was paying £624.96 monthly towards the pension shortfall of the BU Pension Fund. However, following an agreement with an Insurance Company, the scheme is now in surplus. The Defecit Repair Contributions, since August 2022 has been reduced to £1 per month.

12 Professional Fees

This includes work relating to the church becoming a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

13 Safeguarding

Previously these costs were included with Admin.

Given the large number of volunteers requiring DBS checks, mandatory training & the importance of safeguarding, the costs are now shown separately

14 Tithing & Other Causes

The church donated 10% of its income to charities & other good causes. During 2022 the church gave to BMS World Missions, Home Missions, New Life Ghana, CAP (Darlington), DACYM & Global Care Donations were also sent to Ukraine appeal, Shoe Box appeal & Tear Fund

15 Vision Fund

Following the Vision Gift Day, consideration has been given on how best to use these funds. Ideas have been proposed, which will be implemented in 2023.

DARLINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH

Assets held for the Church's own use

All properties are owned legally by the Baptist Union Corporation Limited (BUC), as trustee. The Church is the current beneficiary under the trusts and will remain so while the Church continues to operate as a member church of the Baptist Union. The residuary beneficiaries under the trusts are various 'Baptist related' organisations.

As a trust beneficiary, the church has no right to dispose of any of the properties and use the sale proceeds freely. Any such proceeds would be held by the BUC in accordance with the terms of the trusts.

The properties are shown below with their current insured value. The actual values of the two church buildings and their contents will be substantially lower than their insurance values. The actual values of 8 Tower Road and 42 Kielder Drive are likely to be somewhat lower than their insurance values. No 'sale' valuations have been obtained for any of the properties.

Nominal valuations of £200,000 for each of the church buildings have been included in the Accounts. It must be stressed that these are nominal values and no 'sale' valuations have been obtained.

The insurance values for 8 Tower Road and 42 Kielder Drive have been included in the Accounts.

The Grange Road church building incorporates Church House however it is currently not in a habitable state so unoccupied.

8 Tower Road and 42 Kielder Drive are let on assured shorthold tenancies.

Current Insured Values

Corporation Road church building, Darlington

Building	5433592	
Organ	277172	5954676
Contents	243912	

Grange Road church building, Darlington

Building	4878764	5015552
Contents	136788	

8 Tower Road, Darlington

250000 430000

42 Kielder Drive, Darlington

180000

£ 11,400,228

Pension Scheme Liability

The Church is an employer participating in a pension scheme known as the Baptist Pension Scheme ("the Scheme"), which is administered by the Pension Trustee (Baptist Pension Trust Limited). The Scheme is a separate legal entity and the assets of the Scheme are held separately from those of the Church the other participating employers.

Benefits in respect of service prior to 1 January 2012 are provided through the Defined Benefit (DB) Plan within the Scheme. The Scheme, previously known as the Baptist Ministers' Pension Fund, started in 1925, but was closed to future accrual of defined benefits on 31 December 2011.

Following an agreement with an Insurance Company the scheme is now in surplus. The Defecit Repair Contributions were reduced to a nominal £1 per month in August 2022. The church no longer has any defecit liability

Reserve Fund

The purpose of holding a reserves fund is to ensure that Darlington Baptist Church has sufficient funds available to cope with financial issues that might arise, such as the need to fund urgent property repairs, an issue with staffing or the loss of income. The current reserves policy is to hold approximately three months of all staff costs plus three months of running costs, to allow the church to adapt to any changes in the income or expenditure of the church.

The recommendation is to hold approximately six months costs so the Reserve Fund will be increased annually. However the trustees are aware that the work of the church must continue and does not want to accumulate large financial balances, which may give the impression that Darlington Baptist Church is not making the best use of its resources.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name: Darlington Baptist Church

On accounts for the year ended

31 December 2022 Charity no (if any): 1186432

Set out on pages

5 (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 31/12/2022

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: Valerie Carr

Date: 23.02.2023

Name: VALERIE ANNE CARR

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

[Empty box for professional qualification]

Address:

38 WESTGATE CRESCENT
DARLINGTON
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DARLINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1186432

Accounts

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Darlington Baptist Church

Registered Address

Grange Road, Darlington DL1 5NH
Corporation Road, Darlington DL3 6AR
Charity Registration Number 1186432

Trustees

The Revd V Thompson Minister
The Revd B Thompson Minister
Mr C Hart Trustee Resigned March 2021
Mr B Holt Trustee Treasurer (Term ended March 2021)
Ms M Bell Trustee (Elected March 2021)
Mrs G Marshall Trustee (re-elected June 2021)
Mrs J Hughes Trustee
Mr C Marshall Trustee (Term ended 2021)

Due to the pandemic our first in person business meeting wasn't able to take place until June 2021.

Property Trustees

The Baptist Union Corporation Limited Baptist House, 129 Broadway, Didcot, Oxfordshire OX11 8RT

Bankers

Santander, Darlington

Independent Examiner

Julie Bell

Annual Report for 2021

The trustees present their Annual Report and financial statements for 2021.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity is governed by an Approved Governing Document. Members of the Church are accepted in accordance with the Constitution which requires them to meet the churches qualification on baptism.

The members Meeting normally takes place on not less than 4 occasions per year and has responsibility for the overall policy of the church. During 2021 the trustees were mostly unable to meet in person but held regular meetings online and the church was also unable to hold its usual church business meetings due to restrictions placed upon the charity by the government during the Coronavirus pandemic. In accordance with the Constitution, the members appoint a maximum of 15 trustees, who together with the Minister, Church Secretary and Treasurer (who are also appointed by the Members), are responsible for the day to day running of the church's work and witness, and the financial and legal aspects of the charity. All members are encouraged to take an appropriate part in the spiritual and practical tasks involved in the furtherance of the charitable objective.

Relevant matters may be submitted to the Church meeting by the Trustees for guidance or may be raised by members in Church meeting for further consideration by the Trustees. Though the Constitution permits decisions to be

made at Church meetings by appropriate majorities, the Church seeks to work by consensus wherever possible.

Objectives and Activities

The principal purpose of the charity is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination to include the advancement of education, community service and such other general charitable purposes in such parts of the United Kingdom and the world as the Church shall determine.

In order to achieve the principal objective, which is set out above, the Church provides a variety of activities both to its membership and to the community generally. The aim is to show the love of Jesus Christ in both word and deed and to bring people into a closer relationship with Him as living Lord.

Central to the work and witness of the Church is the provision of regular public services of Christian worship. These services take place each Sunday at both 10.30 am at the Grange Road site and 6.00 pm at the Corporation Road site.

There are also occasional services at other times which are advertised on the Church Notice Board and the website at www.darlingtonbaptist.org. There is a full children's programme during the morning services. The church seeks to be a friendly and welcoming community, and anybody is free to attend any of these services.

The Church runs a series of life groups for the growth of faith and discipleship in the Church building, and further details of these can be obtained from the Trustees on request, or at the Sunday services of worship.

The Church is responsible for a Toddler Group and a baby bank which meets in the Corporation Road Church premises on Thursday mornings, with the purpose of assisting the community and demonstrating the love of Jesus Christ. From time to time the Church runs courses in parenting, and courses for people interested in discovering more about Christianity, entitled 'Christianity Explored' and 'Alpha'.

The Church runs various events for families and for people in need of mental health support.

The church runs a regular soup kitchen and an addiction support service.

The Church runs an addiction support and rehab in the community service three days a week.

The Church runs an edge centre offering support and advice for benefits and housing upto appeal level.

The Church operates systems to ensure that all people working with children and vulnerable adults are appropriately vetted with regard to the Disclosure and Barring Service.

The church has read the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and is satisfied that the activities outlined above clearly demonstrate that the charity is providing a benefit to the public.

Achievements and Performance

The Church does not measure the success of its programmes only in numbers, including financial numbers, but also in less tangible areas like fellowship and encouragement. The trustees recognise the difficulties faced during 2021 due to the Coronavirus pandemic and various periods of lockdown meaning that worship for some of the year had to be moved online and some of the regular activities of the church had to be suspended. Despite the disruption to normal activities the Trustees believe that 2021 was a positive year in the life of the church, and that

it will be able to pursue its mission purposes in 2022 with renewed enthusiasm. At 31 December 2021 the membership stood at 96. Average attendance at worship services both in person and online has increased during the year, and similar increases were shown in the children's work. The Toddler Group was suspended from March 2020 due to the pandemic but was able to reopen in September 2021. The group has seen an uptake in attendance and has begun to develop a baby bank to compliment and support the work with young families in providing good quality used clothing and equipment.

The soup kitchen and foodbank were able to continue to operate albeit at times on a limited basis, there was a noticeable increase in use and need throughout 2021. A number of the service users began to attend Sunday worship and were Baptised.

The addiction support service was also able to operate during most of 2021 seeing increased numbers of people attending the support group and the "KEYS" rehab in the community programme.

The Church agreed to begin a new ministry seeking to launch the edge centre. This will provide benefit and housing advice and support upto appeal level. This was made possible by a generous donation from ALL Churches Trust. Towards the end of 2021 the edge team undertook training to run the centre and began to put into place all necessary checks and policies. This ministry will begin with a soft launch in January 2022.

Broomtree a support group for those struggling with their mental health was able to restart in October 2021 and has seen a good core group of attenders.

The conservatory café which had to close at the start of 2020 due the pandemic was able to reopen for initially one morning a week from November 2021 and has seen a steady flow of people using the service.

Financial Review

The Church continues to raise the funds which it needs to carry on its activities from within its own membership and congregation. Funding towards the set up and running costs of the edge centre for two years was granted by ALL Churches Trust. No wider public appeal was made for funds during the year.

The Church expressed its part in the life of the wider church by making donations to national and international Christian organisations and societies with Christian aims and objectives compatible with the church's own charitable purpose.

During the year the church lost some regular income due to the suspension of room and hall hire as a result of the pandemic.

The Church is heavily dependent on its membership working as volunteers in all aspects of the church's activities, many of which run with little or no impact on the church's expenditure, but nevertheless contribute substantially to the achievement of the church's objectives.

The financial results for the year, together with a summary of the accounting policies adopted are set out in the accompanying financial statements.

The church is a participating employer within the Defined Benefit section of the Baptist Pension scheme and has been making ongoing deficit payments to cover the costs of past service of its employees within the scheme under a recovery plan. The church understands that if it had left the scheme at the year-end, it would have to have made a one-off payment estimated to be £72,600 to meet its statutory obligations to the scheme. The church has no plan to leave the scheme

and expects to continue to make payments to the scheme in line with the recovery plan.

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DARLINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH
Registered in England and Wales as Charity No. 1186432

Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2021

GENERAL FUND

Receipts	2020	2021
Offering	50518.50	62876.78
Gift Day	0.00	13497.32
Gift Aid (from HMRC)	14426.31	9369.81
Donations (Church Flowers)	130.00	0.00
Donations (from others)	0.00	5058.65
Bequest	0.00	1000.00
Church Organisations	1355.00	0.00
Church Events	0.00	0.00
Use of Premises by Others	6050.00	10640.00
Property Rental	17816.42	19177.00
Basement -Donations & Furlough	0.00	3071.95
Bank Interest	300.64	8.12
Raised for Other Causes	1226.20	1625.80
Loan Repayments	150.00	0.00
Miscellaneous (inc Furlough for Cleaner)	0.00	516.68
Total Receipts For General Fund	91973.07	126842.11
Payments		
Ministry	66057.10	52588.73
Worship	1025.40	991.12
Church Organisations	1641.64	1118.11
Youth Work	0.00	415.15
Events / Entertaining	338.57	1006.96
Cleaner's Pay & Pension	3155.04	5022.93
Upkeep of Premises	4231.51	11714.03
Utilities	7298.62	9665.36
Insurance	9587.91	9146.84
Rental Property Costs		3924.23
Subscriptions	1775.09	2188.17
Historic Pension Shortfall Contributions	5447.34	7390.92
Professional Fees	2204.57	4461.40
IT / Websites / Phones	Included in Admin	1956.46
Admin & Safeguarding	669.05	1322.65
Basement Salary Costs	See Community	10786.33
Basement Expenses	Fund	2306.03
Passed on to other Causes	5281.02	12998.25
Miscellaneous	30.00	554.66
Total Payments	<u>108742.86</u>	<u>139558.33</u>
Net Loss for year	16769.79	12716.22

	2020	2021
General Fund		
Financial Balance at 1st January	81364.08	64594.29
Drive Through Carol Service (2020)		-1563.16
Transfer from Community Fund		6000.00
Transfer to Reserve Fund		-30000.00
ADD Total receipts	91973.07	126842.11
LESS Total Payments	-108742.86	-139558.33
Balance at 31st December	£ 64,594.29	£ 26,314.91

DRIVE IN CHURCH		
Financial Balance at 1st January	0.00	-1563.16
ADD Total Receipts	3972.02	
LESS Total Payments	-5535.18	
Transfer to General Fund		1563.16
Balance at 31st December	-£ 1,563.16	£ -

	Church Specified Fund	
COMMUNITY WORK FUND		
Financial Balance at 1st January	7557.50	14324.97
ADD Total receipts	9764.74	
Less Transfer to General Fund		-6000.00
LESS Total Payments	-2997.27	
Balance at 31st December	£ 14,324.97	£ 8,324.97

Reserve Fund - Transfer from General Fund £ 30,000.00

ROOTS - Restricted Fund		
Receipts		
Donations	5750.00	14137.37
Grant	10000.00	
Total Receipts	15750.00	14137.37
Payments		
Salaries	-5574.54	-10786.30
Expenses	-2120.05	-697.29
Keys Project	-225.00	-900.00
Total Payments	-7919.59	-12383.59
Reconciliation for the year		
Financial balance at 1st January	0.00	7830.41
ADD Total Receipts	15750.00	14137.37
LESS Total Payments	-7919.59	-12383.59
Balance at 31st December	£ 7,830.41	£ 9,584.19

Edge Ministry - Restricted Fund		
Grant Received		10000.00
Payments Made		-4000.00
Balance at 31st December		£ 6,000.00

FUND SUMMARY BALANCES

General Fund	64594.29	26314.91
Drive In Church	-1563.16	0.00
Community Work Fund (Church Specified Fund)	14324.97	8324.97
Reserve Fund - From General Fund	0.00	30000.00
Roots (Restricted)	7830.41	9584.19
Grant Funding - Edge Project (Restricted)	0.00	6000.00
	£ 85,186.51	£ 80,224.07

DARLINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH

Assets and Liabilities at 31st December

Assets	2020	2021	Notes
<u>Bank and other Cash Balances</u>			
Santander Current Account	4363.13	3392.57	
Santander Deposit Account	80823.38	76831.50	
	85186.51	80224.07	
Unpaid Rent (Church House)	1677.83	0.00	7
	1677.83		
<u>Properties held for the Church's own use</u>			
			13
Corporation Road church building (nominal value)	200000.00	200000.00	
Grange Road church building (nominal value)	200000.00	200000.00	
8 Tower Road, Darlington (insured value)	275951.00	275951.00	
42 Kielder Drive, Darlington (insured value)	164115.00	164115.00	
	840066.00	840066.00	
Total Assets	926930.34	920290.07	
Liabilities			
Pension Scheme Liability	112800.00	72600.00	14
Total Liabilities	112800.00	72600.00	

Signed on behalf of Trustees of

Darlington Baptist Church



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name Darlington Baptist Church		
On accounts for the year ended	31 st December, 2021	Charity no (if any)	1186432
Set out on pages	1-2 <small>(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)</small>		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2021.

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: Julie Bell **Date:** 9.7.22

Name: Julie Bell

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

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DARLINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1186432

Accounts

Darlington Baptist church annual report 2020

Darlington Baptist Church

Registered Address

Grange Road, Darlington DL1 5NH
Corporation Road, Darlington DL3 6AR
Charity Registration Number 1186432

Trustees

The Revd V Thompson Minister
The Revd B Thompson Minister
Mr M Ithurralde Secretary (Term ended March 2020)
Mr C Hart Trustee (interim secretary due to covid) co-opted March 2020
Mr B Holt Trustee Treasurer
Ms M Bell Trustee (Term ended March 2020)
Mrs G Marshall Trustee
Mrs J Hughes Trustee
Mr C Marshall Trustee
Mr P King Trustee (Term ended March 2020)

Due to the pandemic no in person business meetings were held to appoint any further trustees in 2020.

Property Trustees

The Baptist Union Corporation Limited Baptist House, 129 Broadway, Didcot, Oxfordshire OX11 8RT

Bankers

Santander, Darlington

Independent Examiner

Mr Niran Adisa

Annual Report for 2020

The trustees present their Annual Report and financial statements for 2020.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity is governed by an Approved Governing Document. Members of the Church are accepted in accordance with the Constitution which requires them to meet the churches qualification on baptism.

The members Meeting normally takes place on not less than 4 occasions per year and has responsibility for the overall policy of the church. During 2020 the trustees were mostly unable to meet in person but held regular meetings online and the church was also unable to hold its usual church business meetings due to restrictions placed upon the charity by the government during the Coronavirus pandemic. In accordance with the Constitution, the members appoint a maximum of 15 trustees, who together with the Minister, Church Secretary and Treasurer (who are also appointed by the Members), are responsible for the day to day running of the church's work and witness, and the financial and legal aspects of the charity. All members are encouraged to take an appropriate part in the spiritual and practical tasks involved in the furtherance of the charitable objective.

Relevant matters may be submitted to the Church meeting by the Trustees for guidance or may be raised by members in Church meeting for further consideration by the Trustees. Though the Constitution permits decisions to be

made at Church meetings by appropriate majorities, the Church seeks to work by consensus wherever possible.

Objectives and Activities

The principal purpose of the charity is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination to include the advancement of education, community service and such other general charitable purposes in such parts of the United Kingdom and the world as the Church shall determine.

In order to achieve the principal objective, which is set out above, the Church provides a variety of activities both to its membership and to the community generally. The aim is to show the love of Jesus Christ in both word and deed and to bring people into a closer relationship with Him as living Lord.

Central to the work and witness of the Church is the provision of regular public services of Christian worship. These services take place each Sunday at both 10.30 am at the Grange Road site and 6.00 pm at the Corporation Road site.

There are also occasional services at other times which are advertised on the Church Notice Board and the website at www.darlingtonbaptist.org. There is a full children's programme during the morning services. The church seeks to be a friendly and welcoming community, and anybody is free to attend any of these services.

The Church runs a series of life groups for the growth of faith and discipleship in the homes of some members, and further details of these can be obtained from the Trustees on request, or at the Sunday services of worship.

The Church is responsible for a Toddler Group which meets in the Corporation Road Church premises on Wednesday mornings, with the purpose of assisting the community and demonstrating the love of Jesus Christ. From time to time the Church runs courses in parenting, and courses for people interested in discovering more about Christianity, entitled 'Christianity Explored' and 'Alpha'. The Church runs various events for families and for people in need of mental health support.

The church runs a regular soup kitchen and an addiction support service.

The Church operates systems to ensure that all people working with children and vulnerable adults are appropriately vetted with regard to the Disclosure and Barring Service.

The church has read the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and is satisfied that the activities outlined above clearly demonstrate that the charity is providing a benefit to the public.

Achievements and Performance

The Church does not measure the success of its programmes only in numbers, including financial numbers, but also in less tangible areas like fellowship and encouragement. The trustees recognise the difficulties faced during 2020 due to the Coronavirus pandemic and various periods of lockdown meaning that worship for some of the year had to be moved online and some of the regular activities of the church had to be suspended. Despite the disruption to normal activities the Trustees believe that 2020 was a positive year in the life of the church, and that it will be able to pursue its mission purposes in 2021 with renewed enthusiasm. At 31 December 2020 the membership stood at 108.

Average attendance at worship services both in person and online has increased during the year, and similar increases were shown in the children's work.

The Toddler Group was suspended from March 2020 due to the pandemic

An online Alpha course was well attended and three of the people began regular Sunday attendance.

The soup kitchen and foodbank were able to continue to operate albeit on a limited basis, there was a noticeable increase in use and need throughout 2020 and further links were made with other local foodbanks during this time.

The addiction support service was also able to operate during some of 2020 seeing increased numbers of people attending the support group and the "KEYS" rehab in the community programme.

Financial Review

The Church continues to raise the funds which it needs to carry on its activities from within its own membership and congregation. No wider public appeal was made for funds during the year.

The most significant expense related to the appointment of two part time community workers to run both the soup kitchen and addiction support service. The Church expressed its part in the life of the wider church by making grants to national and international Christian organisations and societies with Christian aims and objectives compatible with the church's own charitable purpose. During the year the church lost some regular income due to the suspension of room and hall hire as a result of the pandemic.

The Church is heavily dependent on its membership working as volunteers in all aspects of the church's activities, many of which run with little or no impact on the church's expenditure, but nevertheless contribute substantially to the achievement of the church's objectives.

The financial results for the year, together with a summary of the accounting policies adopted are set out in the accompanying financial statements.

The church is a participating employer within the Defined Benefit section of the Baptist Pension scheme and has been making ongoing deficit payments to cover the costs of past service of its employees within the scheme under a recovery plan. The church understands that if it had left the scheme at the year-end, it would have to have made a one-off payment estimated to be £112,800 to meet its statutory obligations to the scheme. The church has no plan to leave the scheme and expects to continue to make payments to the scheme in line with the recovery plan.

DARLINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH

Registered in England and Wales as Charity No. 1186432

Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2020

GENERAL FUND

Receipts

2020

Offerings	50518.50
Gift Day	0.00
Gift Aid (from HMRC)	14426.31
Donations (Church Flowers)	130.00
Donations (from others)	0.00
Church Organisations	1355.00
Church Events	0.00
Use of Premises by Others	23866.42
Bank Interest	300.64
Transfer from Darlington Baptist Tabernacle	0.00
Transfer from Baptist Union Corporation Fund	0.00
Raised for Other Causes	1226.20
Loan Repayments	150.00
Technical Post Office Error	0.00
Miscellaneous	<u>0.00</u>
Total Receipts	<u>91973.07</u>

Payments

Ministry	66057.10
Worship	1025.40
Church Organisations	1641.64
Events / Entertaining	338.57
Passed on to other Causes	5281.02
Cleaner's Pay	3092.04
Cleaners' Pensions	63.00
Upkeep of Premises	4231.51
Utilities and Rates	7298.62
Insurance	9587.91
Subscriptions	1775.09
Historic Pension Shortfall Contributions	5447.34
Professional Fees	2204.57
Administration	669.05
Loans	0.00
Rent Refund Church House	0.00
Technical Post Office Error	0.00
Miscellaneous	<u>30.00</u>
Total Payments	<u>108742.86</u>

Reconciliation for the year

Financial Balance at 1st January	81364.08
ADD Total receipts	<u>91973.07</u>
	173337.15
LESS Total Payments	<u>108742.86</u>
Balance at 31st December	64594.29

COMMUNITY WORK FUND

Receipts

2020

Donations	9674.74
Loan Repayment	90.00
Total Receipts	<u>9764.74</u>

Payments

Crisis / Pastoral Support	0.00
Food	1641.49
Loans	0.00
Other	232.13
Equipment	623.65
Removal costs	500.00
Total Payments	<u>2997.27</u>

Reconciliation for the year

Financial Balance at 1st January	7557.50
ADD Total receipts	<u>9764.74</u>
	17322.24
LESS Total Payments	<u>2997.27</u>
Balance at 31st December	<u>14324.97</u>

DRIVE IN CHURCH

Receipts

Donations	3972.02
Total Receipts	<u>3972.02</u>

Payments

Preaching fees	450.00
Expenses	735.18
Arena rent	1440.00
J H Smith	2410.00
R P Lodge	500.00
Total Payments	<u>5535.18</u>

Reconciliation for the year

Financial Balance at 1st January	0.00
ADD Total Receipts	<u>3972.02</u>
	3972.02
LESS Total Payments	<u>5535.18</u>
Balance at 31st December	<u>-1563.16</u>

ROOTS

Receipts

Donations	5750.00
Grant	10000.00
Total Receipts	<u>15750.00</u>

Payments

Salaries	5408.58
Pensions employer	165.96
Expenses	2120.05
Keys Project	225.00
Total Payments	<u>7919.59</u>

Reconciliation for the year

Financial balance at 1st January	0.00
ADD Total Receipts	<u>15750.00</u>
	15750.00
LESS Total Payments	<u>7919.59</u>
Balance at 31st December	<u>7830.41</u>

FUND SUMMARY BALANCES

General Fund	64594.29
Community Work Fund (Restricted Fund)	14324.97
Drive In Church	-1563.16
Roots	<u>7830.41</u>
	<u>85186.51</u>

DARLINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH

Assets and Liabilities at 31st December 2020

Assets

Bank and other Cash Balances

Santander Current Account	4363.13	
Santander Deposit Account	80823.38	
Cash	0.00	85186.51

Other Monetary Assets

Debtors (unpaid invoices)	0.00	
Unpaid Rent (Church House)	1677.83	
Outstanding Loans	0.00	1677.83

Properties held for the Church's own use

Corporation Road church building (nominal value)	200000.00	
Grange Road church building (nominal value)	200000.00	
8 Tower Road, Darlington (insured value)	275951.00	
42 Kielder Road, Darlington (insured value)	164115.00	<u>840066.00</u>

Total Assets **926930.34**

Liabilities

Pension Scheme Liability		<u>112800.00</u>
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Total Liabilities **112800.00**

Assets held for the Church's own use

All properties are owned legally by the Baptist Union Corporation Limited (BUC), as trustee. The Church is the current beneficiary under the trusts and will remain so while the Church continues to operate as a member church of the Baptist Union. The residuary beneficiaries under the trusts are various 'Baptist related' organisations.

As a trust beneficiary, the church has no right to dispose of any of the properties and use the sale proceeds freely. Any such proceeds would be held by the BUC in accordance with the terms of the trusts.

The properties are shown below with their current insured value. The actual values of the two church buildings and their contents will be substantially lower than their insurance values. The actual values of 8 Tower Road and 42 Kielder Drive are likely to be somewhat lower than their insurance values.

No 'sale' valuations have been obtained for any of the properties.

Nominal valuations of £200,000 for each of the church buildings have been included in the Accounts. It must be stressed that these are nominal values and no 'sale' valuations have been obtained.

The insurance values for 8 Tower Road and 42 Kielder Drive have been included in the Accounts.

The Grange Road church building incorporates Church House.

Church House, 8 Tower Road and 42 Kielder Drive are let on assured shorthold tenancies.

Current Insured Values

Corporation Road church building, Darlington		
Building	5433592.00	
Organ	277172.00	
Contents	<u>243912.00</u>	5954676.00
Grange Road church building, Darlington		
Building	4657555.00	
Contents	<u>146601.00</u>	4804156.00
8 Tower Road, Darlington		275951.00
42 Kielder Drive, Darlington		<u>164115.00</u>
		11198898.00

14. Pension Scheme Liability

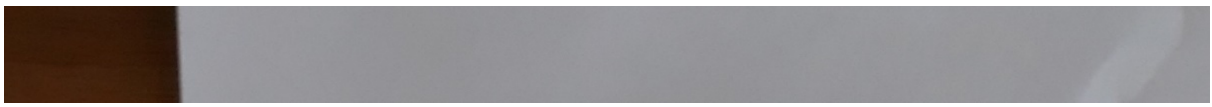
The Church is an employer participating in a pension scheme known as the Baptist Pension Scheme ("the Scheme"), which is administered by the Pension Trustee (Baptist Pension Trust Limited). The Scheme is a separate legal entity and the assets of the Scheme are held separately from those of the Church the other participating employers.

Benefits in respect of service prior to 1 January 2012 are provided through the Defined Benefit (DB) Plan within the Scheme. The Scheme, previously known as the Baptist Ministers' Pension Fund, started in 1925, but was closed to future accrual of defined benefits on 31 December 2011.

The Church and the other employers supporting the DB Plan are collectively responsible for funding the Scheme deficit and the Church makes a payment in respect of the DB Scheme deficit each month; the total of these payments for 20 (£5447.34) is shown within the main 'Payments' section of the accounts. The monthly payment sum is subject to change at any time.

It is anticipated that the Church will continue making monthly payments until 2035 or thereabouts, although the Pension Trustee has been pursuing ways of reducing the currently anticipated payment period.

The Church has been advised that the cost for the church to buyout their Pension Scheme liabilities at 18th December 2020 was approximately £112800 and this figure has been included in the accounts.



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DARLINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("DBC") for the year ended 31st December 2020.

As the charity trustees of DBC, 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 DBC's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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.

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

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- 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.

Date: 28 February 2021

Signed: Ademiran Adisa

Name and Address of the Independent Examiner:

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Darlington.
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