

RYE BAPTIST CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1188057

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2020-02-19

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

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Activities

Objects: THE PRINCIPAL PURPOSES OF THE CHURCH ARE:- 3.1.1 THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH ACCORDING TO THE PRINCIPLES OF THE BAPTIST DENOMINATION. 3.1.2 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 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. As the overseeing charity of Rye Foodbank, to further such charitable purposes that promote the alleviation of poverty and relief of need in the local area.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- East Sussex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£120,037	£162,582	-	-
2024-12-31	£140,890	£143,076	-	-
2023-12-31	£126,112	£164,089	-	-
2022-12-31	£246,207	£144,137	-	-
2021-12-31	£192,089	£72,767	-	-
2020-12-31	£0	£0	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Fiona Gill	Chair	2021-01-01
David Howard Archer		2026-04-20
Elisabeth Johanna Maria Harper		2024-04-29
Keith Ronald Haward		2023-04-24
Marguerite Ellen Kenward		2021-03-22
PENNY KINGHAM		2021-03-22
Sally Anne Moore		2025-04-28

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Accounts



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name			No (if any)		CC16a
Rye Baptist Church			1188057		
Receipts and payments accounts					
For the period from		Period start date	To	Period end date	
		1/1/24		12/31/24	

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	50,593	-	-	50,593	50,389
Gift Aid Refund from HMRC	9,397	-	-	9,397	10,577
Sales coffees/teas	6,285	-	-	6,285	4,767
Miscellaneous	8,183	-	-	8,183	445
Legacies	-	-	-	-	-
Interest	1,164	1,077	-	2,241	867
Fellowship Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Foodbank grants	-	20,845	-	20,845	19,823
Donations to foodbank	-	43,346	-	43,346	39,244
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	75,622	65,268	- 0	140,890	126,112
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	-
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	-
Sub total	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0
Total receipts	75,622	65,268	- 0	140,890	126,112
A3 Payments					
Ministry	39,119	-	-	39,119	37,084
Mission	626	-	-	626	1,424
Manse	4,952	-	-	4,952	13,056
Upkeep of Church	23,489	-	-	23,489	25,687
Administration	660	-	-	660	1,478
Miscellaneous	3,322	-	-	3,322	15,874
Fellowship Fund	150	-	-	150	22
Away Giving (Tithe)	7,165	-	-	7,165	8,119
Foodbank purchases	-	63,593	-	63,593	61,345
Sub total	79,483	63,593	- 0	143,076	164,089
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	-
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	-
Sub total	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0
Total payments	79,483	63,593	- 0	143,076	164,089
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 3,861	1,675	- 0	- 2,186	- 37,977
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	103,265	80,151	-	183,416	221,393
Cash funds this year end	99,404	81,826	- 0	181,230	183,416

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	HSBC (RBC Current Account)	63,064	-	-
	Kingdom Bank (RBC Savings Account)	36,340	-	-
	Barclays Bank (Foodbank Current Account)	-	1,058	-
	Barclays Bank (Foodbank Savings Account)	-	80,768	-
	Total cash funds	99,404	81,826	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name		Date of approval



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

RYE BAPTIST CHURCH

On accounts for the year
ended

31/12/2024

Charity no
(if any)

1188057

Set out on 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

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:

J. Anstead

Date:

12/05/24

Name:

JEREMY ANSTEAD

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

Address:

46B, CULVERDEN DOWN,
TUNBRIDGE WELLS
TN4 9SG

Section B

Disclosure

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

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

NO CONCERNS

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Independent
examiner's statement

Signed:

Name:

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

Address:

Rye Baptist Church (CIO)

Trustees' Annual Report on 2024

Aims & Purposes

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Objectives & Activities

The Trustees are committed to enable as many people as possible to be part of the RBC worshipping community, and also to provide service and support to the wider community of Rye and District, through our various groups and activities.

When planning our various activities, the Trustees have considered the Commission's advice on public benefit and in particular, the specific advice for charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we endeavour to enable people to live out their faith through:-

- Worship & Prayer, Bible Study and Teaching
- Baptism and Holy Communion
- Offering and Encouraging Pastoral Care
- Nurture of Christian disciples
- Missionary Outreach and Evangelism, locally, nationally, and internationally
- Welcome, inclusion and Christian nurture of young people
- Supporting and encouraging Christian Social Action in the UK and beyond
- Education & Training for Christian Community Service

To facilitate this work, it is essential that we maintain the fabric of the RBC church building and the manse at 86 Udimore Road.

Achievements & Performance

Worship & Prayer

During 2024, Sunday worship services have taken place each week, with church attendance gradually increasing and with a number of new people becoming regular attenders. Numbers on a Sunday averaged from 35-50. The summer season always brings in a number of visitors to our services. Our seating layout of semi-circles of chairs around coffee tables, giving a relaxed and informal feel to the worship service, has continued to be appreciated by regulars and visitors alike, although on some services, where we have expected much larger attendances e.g. funerals and the CTRD united morning services, we have occasionally reverted to the more traditional rows of chairs.

Preaching series during 2024 included an Old Testament series on the life of Jacob; a series on the shortest letters of the New Testament; a series on notable prayers in the Bible; some studies on

heroes of encouragement in the Bible; a series on Paul's Letter to the Philippians; and an Advent series on OT Messianic prophecies. During the minister's half- sabbatical (September to mid October) we also were blessed by a number of guest preachers bringing sermons on a variety of themes.

A special worship highlight during August was an open-air Songs of Praise evening service held in our Community Peace Garden.

Other worship highlights during 2024 included a Covenant New Year service; a Reflective Service for Good Friday; a Celebration of Easter which included 2 baptisms; a Church Anniversary celebration; an Olympic- themed service; a Harvest celebration; a Remembrance Service; and a Carols by Candlelight service. We also hosted and led the Churches Together United Service for Pentecost.

In addition to our regular Sunday worship, throughout 2024 we also continued holding our "Encountering God" evenings - a monthly midweek informal praise and prayer gathering.

Prayer is recognized as a very important element in the life of the church, and hence prayer takes place at almost all of the church's services, events and activities. The church's four well-populated house-groups all focus on prayer, as well as worship, Bible study and fellowship. Our main church prayer meeting is the monthly "Saturday Prayers" which takes place via Zoom. R4P (Request for Prayer)— our text/email prayer service has been used and appreciated extensively during 2024. Some 20 people are on the prayer team, responding to texts and messages about prayer needs, and have been greatly encouraged by the results. During Advent we held a Day of Prayer, on the themes of Advent, using a number of Prayer Stations and concluding with Holy Communion. In January 2024 members of the Church also participated in the local Churches Together "*Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*", which was held via Zoom.

- ***BU & SEBA membership***

Rye Baptist Church is part of the Baptist Union of Great Britain, and is a member church of the South Eastern Baptist Association.

- ***Church Buildings & Land***

It is the responsibility of the Trustees to ensure the church buildings are well maintained.

- Thanks to a church member's legacy, we were delighted to be able to complete the building of a new extended servery in our downstairs hall kitchen, which is much more attractive and makes the serving of refreshments much easier. We also put in new lighting in the downstairs hall which complements the servery.
- The thirty year old flat roofs at the front of the building were leaking and had to be replaced. The repairs to the damage to interior decoration will be carried out during 2025.
- Thanks to a grant, and some of the money raised at the Gift Day, we were also able to re-surface the car park, which has made a big difference especially in the winter.
- Work to redecorate the toilet corridor and replace the flooring there commenced at the end of 2024 and will be completed in 2025.

- The Manse has not needed any major work this year, but plans are in hand to re-paint the building during 2025.
- The Community Peace Garden (formerly the old burial ground of the original Baptist Church building) is still in the process of being developed. During 2024, after much negotiation, Rother District Council finally completed the repairs that should have been undertaken prior to the expiry of their lease of the ground. An arrangement has been made with Rye Town Council for the general maintenance of the garden in return for a contribution from the church towards the costs. Plans are underway for signage giving both information about the history of the space, and to include scriptures and texts which might aid visitors to the site in quiet prayer and reflection. In the meantime, our Butterflies Carer and Toddler group used the Garden for a Teddy Bears' Picnic in July 2024, and an evening 'Songs of Praise' outdoor worship service took place there in August.

Pastoral Care

- Pastoral Care of the church fellowship is overseen by the Minister, assisted by the team of Trustees, and the house-group leaders. In addition to this, the church family are encouraged to look out for, and care for one another, and this has worked very well.
- During 2024 four house-groups met regularly, maintaining a strong level of mutual pastoral care. Due to the size of the groups, three of them met in the church lounge, and one in the leaders' home which has plenty of space.

Church Membership etc. –RBC has a membership roll of people who have been baptised by immersion and who, after an interview process, have covenanted to support and serve the church here. During 2024, we were delighted to have two baptisms and to welcome in three new members. This brought our total number of active members at the end of the year to 47. The congregation also includes a number of 'fringe' folk and committed non-members who are very much part of the church family.

Mission & Evangelism

- **Coffee Plus** – our Coffee Plus outreach activity opened from Easter to December 2024. Selling low priced refreshments and cakes in a comfortable welcoming environment, the friendly volunteers also offer opportunities for prayer and pastoral conversation if this is desired. Many positive contacts in the community have been made through this outreach.
- **Butterflies** -Throughout 2024, Butterflies - our Carer and Toddler group, opened from 9.30 to 11am on Fridays during school term-times and welcomed up to 20 carers and toddlers each week. Our welcoming and caring helpers, and the comfortable and safe environment we provide, has created positive connections and outreach opportunities with a good number of families in the community.
- **Rye Food Bank** operating from our building is also run with a Christian ethos, by a Christian manager, and with a team of volunteers including members of RBC and other local churches. Prayer is offered, and a listening ear, and signposting to agencies that can help with clients' problems with benefits, heating, housing and so on. Our CAP (Christians Against Poverty) Debt Advisor has continued to work in Rye one day a week alongside Foodbank (this appointment being funded by contributions from the churches of Churches Together in Rye & District and from Rye Foodbank). Through her work with a number of

clients who were struggling with debt, several of these have been able to become debt-free during 2024.

- **Messy Church** – begun in July 2024, and held on the first Saturday of each school holiday, this new initiative for RBC has been very successful so far in attracting a number of young families. With songs, stories, and craft activities planned around a biblical theme, and finishing up with snacks and light refreshments, up to 27 children plus their parents and carers have enjoyed the sessions and given really positive feedback.
- **Evangelistic Men's and Women's Breakfasts** – In May 2024, our outreach ideas group put on an evangelistic ladies' breakfast with a guest speaker. A similar event for men was held in November. Both were well attended and positively received, and further similar events are planned for 2025 for both men and ladies.
- **Personal Witness** - It has always been our practice to encourage our congregation to witness personally to their faith to friends and neighbours.
- **Connect and Engage** – Our monthly fellowship gatherings in a local pub (Connect for Ladies and Engage for men) provide an enjoyable evening out for church folk, and also serve as an opportunity for gentle evangelistic outreach to invited guests.
- **Oasis Bereavement Support group** – this group started up again during 2024 and ran once every month or so throughout the year, following a video course on dealing with loss, and offering support and companionship to Christians and non-Christians who have suffered bereavement.
- **R4P (Request for Prayer)** – this text/email prayer service has been greatly utilised by church folk and others outside the church who would like our prayer team to pray for particular needs or concerns. Many have been helped by this, and again it is a means of witness to the power of prayer and the God who cares for all.
- **Council Prayers** – During 2024, our minister Fiona was invited to lead prayers at several of the Rye Town Council Meetings – a great opportunity for witness and building connections with the Town Council.
- **School Assemblies** – During 2024 our minister Fiona led several assemblies both at Rye Primary School and at a school in Bexhill. She also helps lead the local Churches Together "Open the Book" team – a Bible Society initiative whereby a group of people from the various Rye churches go into school to enact and explain Bible stories to the children.
- **Rye Bonfire** – This is a big event in the community life of Rye, and RBC joined in again this year by opening our building, selling hot drinks, and allowing use of our toilet facilities, which was much appreciated by the public.
- **Rye Street Pastors** -a number of our members also serve as Street Pastors in Rye and District, reaching out to the night-time economy to listen, help and care. We are pleased to provide our church hall as the town centre base for their operations and prayer.
- **Website and Online Sermons:** -For some years RBC has maintained a website giving useful information about the church. The website also includes a page with recordings of sermons from our Sunday services. This enables us to present a clear Gospel message in an online presence, and provides an opportunity for people to be able to make a Christian commitment of faith.
- **Publicity in Rye Fixtures Magazine** – The church continues to have a monthly advertisement in the local Rye Fixtures magazine, highlighting both our upcoming and regular events. This has raised our profile in the community, and elicited positive comment and interest by various readers of the magazine.

- **Overseas Mission Support** - Through our tithes and various special collections during the year, we have sent financial help to those in need following natural disasters, conflicts etc. and supported a number of overseas mission agencies and ministries, e.g. Hope Home in Thailand; the BMS Harvest Appeal; Tearfund; and Bible Society.

Ecumenical relationships

Rye Baptist Church plays an active role in Churches Together in Rye & District. Our minister and two of our trustees represent RBC on the Executive Committee. During 2024, the churches in Rye have engaged in various worship and outreach activities together. Representatives from all the congregations participated in a Walk of Witness on Good Friday. Three congregations joined together for a United Morning Service in January and September at the Anglican church and in May at RBC. In July we celebrated Sea Sunday with an open-air service at Rye Harbour. We also joined together in a series of Zoom Prayer and Discussion Meetings during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in January. The committee and church leaders met several times during the year to plan our ecumenical worship and outreach activities.

Rye Food Bank

During 2024 Rye Food Bank has continued to operate as an independent Food Bank under the charitable oversight of Rye Baptist Church CIO, on behalf of Churches Together in Rye & District. Rye Baptist Church therefore owns all Food Bank assets, and the Church Trustees are responsible for the governance and oversight of the financial affairs and operations of the Rye Food Bank. Rye Food Bank operations are carried out from the Rye Baptist Church building by a team of volunteers, headed up by the Food Bank manager, Robert Harper, who supplied the following report:-

Summary Report on Rye Food Bank Operations 2024 to end November

- The operation of the Food Bank has not essentially changed during the year.
- It remains under the charitable oversight of Rye Baptist Church CIO, who also provide the premises and undertake the accounts (as opposed to treasury functions), all at zero cost to the Food Bank. We are indebted to the CIO for their willing support and generosity.
- The Food Bank remains open to clients on Wednesdays as before, though the open hours changed from 12 noon to 3pm to 12 noon to 2pm. This was because there were hardly any clients coming in during the 2pm to 3pm period.
- Expenditure was twice as much as income for the first three months of 2024. Even though it is usual for us to fall back onto reserves in the first quarter because of increased demand because of extra costs at Christmas and limited grant funding input, the scale of shortfall this year was unusual. Accordingly, we stopped making up food parcels in advance and started making them up on client arrival, including only those items that clients ask for. Costs dropped, and by April revenue was increasing and we ended the year in a sound financial state.
- We also increased the frequency and scope of periodic triage so that we are more aware of situations where clients are not really in need of food assistance, or would benefit from referral to our partner benefits and debt advisors (That's HARC, who attend the Food Bank every session, or CAP, who work to relieve debt and help people to avoid falling into debt again). This has kept client numbers in control and has released several into independence from Food Bank assistance.
- We continue to deliver food parcels to homes where that is strictly necessary, though it is

typically running at only between 3 and 9 deliveries per week. The van continues to perform well.

- The Food Bank remains 100% volunteer run, with two teams operating alternate weeks, which works extremely well. The willingness of volunteers to devote time and effort, working extremely hard and physically moving dozens of tons of food in a year is wonderful.
- Financial donations from Jan 1st to Oct 31st are split between private donors (31.3%), donation from local businesses and foundations (36.2%) and grant funding and gift aid (32.5%). We continue to be amazed and so encouraged by the generosity of the local community. Grant funding has held up quite well but there is increasing demand from more charities and the amount of money available looks set to drop.
- Food donations continue and constitute almost 20% of all food allocated to clients. There are four especially significant donors, these being Jempsons of Rye, Jempsons of Peasmarsh, Pett WI and Rye & Winchelsea Rotary. However there are a large number of other donors who give faithfully and regularly and all these donations are hugely appreciated and important.
- Jempsons has continued to support our operations with great generosity. They supply and deliver weekly in accordance with our orders and at their cost price. They collect donations of several thousand pounds a year through the Jempsons' Foundation. We are very grateful.

Metrics

Rye Food Bank maintains rigorous accounting and collects data on a range of performance measures, summarised below:

Operational Metrics

Total number of households that have received help since 2018: 405

Average number of households receiving support in 2024: 43/week

Number of individuals provided for between Jan 1st and Dec 31st 2024:

Total: 5157, of which

Adults: 3404 (66%)

Children: 1753 (34%)

Children 0-4 yrs: 536 (10.4%)

Children 5-9 yrs 701 (13.6%)

Children 10-15 yrs 516 (10%)

Note - the breakdown of children's ages is an estimate.

Weight of Food supplied between Jan and Dec 2024: 42,227kg

Summary Financial Metrics - note these are for January to December 2024:

Total Income: £65,268

Total Expenditure: £63,593

Income split:

Private donors 31.3%

Local Organisations/Businesses 36.2%

Grants and Gift Aid 32.5%

RBC Financial Review

During 2024, total receipts on RBC unrestricted funds were £75,562 (including £1164 interest). We further received restricted funds of £65,268 (including £1077 interest) for the Food Bank activities. Planned giving by way of bank transfers, standing orders and

cheques to the unrestricted funds were up by 2% during this period, and the total income of this fund increased by 18% year over year.

From the unrestricted funds Rye Baptist Church spent £79,483 in providing Christian ministry, and the upkeep of the church building and the manse. This figure is including contributions to the Baptist Union and the Baptist Missionary Society. We currently have a savings account holding £36,340. The final result at year end was that our unrestricted fund had a net of receipts over payments of -£3861. Adding this minus figure to the balance brought forward at the beginning of the year of £103,265 gives us a balance of £99,404 carried forward on the 31st December 2024 across both current and savings accounts.

The restricted fund for the Food Bank is split between a current account and a savings account. This allows the savings account to be used as a buffer for any monthly shortfalls. The receipts including interest were £65,268, the payments were £63,593. The net of receipts over payments was £1,675. Adding these to the balance brought forward at the beginning of the year of £80,151 gives us a balance of £81,826 carried forward on the 31st December 2024 across both current and savings accounts.

The total balance of unrestricted and restricted funds carried forward at year end was £181,230

Reserves Policy

The reserves policy of Rye Baptist Church is to hold three months of all necessary expenditure plus a further three months staff costs to allow the church to adapt to any changes in the income or expenditure of the church. The trustees currently believe this amount to be £23,087. There is currently sufficient funding in our general account to meet the policy.

This policy will be reviewed annually.

Volunteers

The Trustees would like to thank all of the volunteers from our congregation who work so hard to make RBC the loving, lively and vibrant congregation it is. Fiona, our Minister, would like to also thank our Trustees and house-group leaders for all their hard work. Particular mention should go to Geoff Austin, our Church Secretary; Penny Kingham our Treasurer; Paul Kingham, our Financial Lead; Gillian Jarrett and Sally Moore of the Finance team; Geoff Haynes for oversight of the website and recordings; and Marguerite Kenward, Ellis Harper and Keith Haward for their help in so many areas of church life.

Structure, Governance & Management

The Board of Trustees is currently made up of the Minister, the Church Secretary and the Treasurer, plus three other Trustees, all elected by the membership in accordance with the procedures detailed in our Constitution. The Trustees are authorised by the church meeting to make decisions on smaller matters relating to the running of RBC, whilst larger matters, and larger items of expenditure are brought to the Church Meeting for approval.

During 2024, Church Members' Meetings were held in January, April, July and October, to update members on general church business, and to discuss and agree plans for the immediate future. At the AGM in April, Marguerite Kenward and Penny Kingham were re-elected to serve a further

term as Trustees, and Ellis Harper was elected as a new Trustee. Throughout 2024, The Trustees met monthly for church business and pastoral prayer.

Administrative Information

Rye Baptist Church is situated in Cinque Ports Street, Rye, East Sussex. It is part of the South Eastern Baptist Association within the Baptist Union of Great Britain. The Church is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, registered with the Charities' Commission of England and Wales with the Charity Number 1188057.

The Trustees, serving at least until the date this report is approved, are as follows:-

Chair - Revd. Fiona Gill, Minister
Secretary – Geoffrey Austin
Treasurer – Penny Kingham
Trustee – Geoffrey Haynes
Trustee - Marguerite Kenward
Trustee – Keith Haward
Trustee – Ellis Harper

Approved by the RBC Annual Church Meeting on 28th April 2025

Signed by:-

RYE BAPTIST CHURCH

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Accounts

Rye Baptist Church (CIO)

Trustees' Annual Report on 2023

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A special worship highlight during August was an open-air evening service held in our old burial ground to re-dedicate the space to God as a Community Peace Garden.

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Having taken legal advice, the RBC Trustees are now the registered owners of this piece of land through the Land Registry.

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- **School Assemblies** – We continue our connections with the local primary School via school assemblies. During 2023 our minister Fiona led several assemblies both at Rye Primary School and at a school in Bexhill. She also helps lead the local Churches Together “Open the Book” team – a Bible Society initiative whereby a group of people from the various Rye churches go into school to enact and explain Bible stories to the children.
- **Rye Bonfire** – This is a big event in the community life of Rye, and RBC joined in again this year by opening our building, selling hot drinks, and allowing use of our toilet facilities, which was much appreciated by the public.
- **Rye Christmas Festival** – In December 2023 we participated in Rye Christmas Festival by providing our rear hall to be used as “Santa’s Grotto”. Some 200 children came through our doors, and we utilised this opportunity to also promote the Christian understanding of the real meaning of Christmas, by giving out booklets in party bags, and through displays, films and refreshments in our main hall.

- **Rye Street Pastors** -a number of our members also serve as Street Pastors in Rye and District, reaching out to the night-time economy to listen, help and care. We are pleased to provide our church hall as the town centre base for their operations and prayer.
- **Rye Homes for Ukraine** – Since the war began in the Ukraine RBC has sought to offer what support we could for Ukrainian guests and those hosting them in our area. To that end, during 2023, we have hosted regular meetings for Ukraine guests, hosts, and support services to network and socialise together, which have been much appreciated.
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- **Publicity in Rye Fixtures Magazine** – Since April 2023, the church agreed to a year's trial of placing an advertisement highlighting both our upcoming and regular events in the local Rye Fixtures magazine. This has raised our profile in the community, and elicited positive comment and interest by various readers of the magazine.
- **Overseas Mission Support** - Through our tithes and various special collections during the year, we have sent financial help to those in need following natural disasters, conflicts etc. and supported a number of overseas mission agencies and ministries, e.g. Hope Home in Thailand; the BMS Harvest Appeal; Tearfund; Bible Society, and Samara's Aid Appeal.

Ecumenical relationships

Rye Baptist Church is part of Churches Together in Rye & District, and our minister, the Revd. Fiona Gill, has been Chair of the Executive Committee of CTRD for the last five years. In May 2023 she felt the time had come to step down from that role, although she remains on the Executive Committee. During 2023, the churches in Rye have engaged in various worship and outreach activities together. Representatives from all the congregations participated in a Walk of Witness on Good Friday. Three congregations joined together for a United Morning Service in January and May at the Anglican church and in September at RBC. In July we celebrated Sea Sunday with a service at Rye Harbour Church led by our minister Fiona. We also joined together in a series of Zoom Prayer and Discussion Meetings during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in January. The committee and church leaders met several times during the year to plan our ecumenical worship and outreach activities.

Rye Food Bank

During 2023 Rye Food Bank left the franchise of the Trussell Trust, but continues to operate as an independent Food Bank under the charitable oversight of Rye Baptist Church CIO, on behalf of Churches Together in Rye & District. Rye Baptist Church therefore owns all Food Bank assets, and the Church Trustees are responsible for the governance and oversight of the financial affairs and operations of the Rye Food Bank. Rye Food Bank operations are carried out from the Rye Baptist Church building by a team of volunteers, headed up by the Food Bank manager, Robert Harper, who supplied the following report:-

Summary Report on Food Bank Operations in 2023

2023 was another year of progress in meeting the growing needs of a community, part of which knows very well the hardship of financial insufficiency, poor housing and inadequate local services.

Demand on our foodbank remains consistent at about 100 clients (households) each week and a demand trend that is 25% up on equivalent months in 2022. It is an ongoing ambition to combine food provision with face to face advisory services especially covering matters of benefit entitlement, financial planning and debt management and control. These services run shoulder to shoulder with the Food Bank and support a healthy turnover of clients, with the newly needy coming in and the actively helped no longer needing food on a regular basis.

Our clients comprise all individuals – singles, couples and families with children of all ages, pensioners, and disabled people. We are also supporting a small number of homeless people. We continue to make the most of resources available to us, and all incoming funds are only used for food-associated items, and deliveries to those unable to visit the Food Bank.

The Food Bank is supported financially through grant funding, and support from mainly local private individuals and businesses. Being wholly voluntary without directly attributable premises costs, all of our outgoing spend directly benefits those who need our help. The provision of premises without charge and additional donated food items are a big help – the latter comprises some 20% of the total food supplied. Our local supermarket supplies food at cost price which is a tremendous help.

Our total spend in 2023 was a little under £70,000. Income is spent entirely on food and makes a significant difference to all whom come to visit us. As before, the difference made is not easy to quantify. We notice we are increasingly seen as an essential 'port in a storm' and our clients tell us how much they appreciate a warm welcome and supportive listening ear. Perhaps the most important benefit we provide is hope.

The number of beneficiaries, as opposed to households, during 2023 was 5,006 - comprising 3,002 adults and 2,004 children.

There are challenges ahead and some risks to operations that are being actively considered with a view to mitigation. And there are opportunities in plenty for enhancing the services provided. We are confident that we can rise to these challenges and opportunities with the ongoing good will of our community.

Bob Harper, Manager, Rye Food Bank

RBC Financial Review

During 2023, total receipts on unrestricted funds were £64,744. We further received restricted funds of £61,368 for the Food Bank activities.

Planned giving by way of bank transfers, standing orders and cheques to the unrestricted funds were up by 11% during this period, although the total income of this fund fell by 61% compared to the previous period due to that previous period being inflated by legacies received.

From the unrestricted funds Rye Baptist Church spent £102,744 in providing Christian ministry and the upkeep of the church building and the manse. This figure is including contributions to the Baptist Union and the Baptist Missionary Society. We also put £35,000 into a new savings account. The net result for the end of the year was that our unrestricted fund had a net of receipts over payments of -£38,000. Adding this minus figure to the balance brought forward at the beginning of the year of £141,265 gives us a balance of £103,265 carried forward on the 31st December 2023.

The restricted fund for the Food Bank was split between a current account and a savings account at the start of the year. This allows the savings account to be used as a buffer for any monthly shortfalls. The net of receipts over payments was minus £668. The net interest on the savings account was £691. Adding these to the balance brought forward at the beginning of the year of £80,128 gives us a balance of £80,151 carried forward on the 31st December 2023 across both current and savings accounts.

The total balance of unrestricted and restricted funds carried forward at year end was £183,416

Reserves Policy

The reserves policy of Rye Baptist Church is to hold three months of all necessary expenditure plus a further three months staff costs to allow the church to adapt to any changes in the income or expenditure of the church. The trustees currently believe this amount to be £23,206. There is currently sufficient funding in our general account to meet the policy.

This policy will be reviewed annually.

Volunteers

The Trustees would like to thank all of the volunteers from our congregation who work so hard to make RBC the loving, lively and vibrant congregation it is. Fiona, our Minister, would like to also thank our Trustees and house-group leaders for all their hard work. Particular mention should go to Geoff Austin, our Church Secretary; Penny Kingham our Treasurer; Paul Kingham, our Financial Lead; Gillian Jarrett and Sally Moore of the Finance team; Geoff Haynes for oversight of the website and recordings; and Marguerite Kenward and Keith Haward for their help in so many areas of church life.

Structure, Governance & Management

The Board of Trustees is currently made up of the Minister, the Church Secretary and the Treasurer, plus three other Trustees, all elected by the membership in accordance with the procedures detailed in our Constitution. The Trustees are authorised by the church meeting to make decisions on smaller matters relating to the running of RBC, whilst larger matters, and larger items of expenditure are brought to the Church Meeting for approval.

During 2023, Church Members' Meetings were held in January, April, July and October, to update members on general church business, and to discuss and agree plans for the immediate future. At the AGM in April, Ruby Stoodley stepped down as Trustee; Geoffrey Haynes was re-elected to serve a further term as Trustee, and Keith Haward was elected as a new trustee.

Throughout 2023, The Trustees met monthly on Zoom, for church business, and also regularly, in person, throughout the year for pastoral prayer meetings.

Administrative Information

Rye Baptist Church is situated in Cinque Ports Street, Rye, East Sussex. It is part of the South Eastern Baptist Association within the Baptist Union of Great Britain. The Church is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, registered with the Charities' Commission of England and Wales with the Charity Number 1188057.

The Trustees, serving at least until the date this report is approved, are as follows:-

Chair - Revd. Fiona Gill, Minister
Secretary – Geoffrey Austin
Treasurer – Penny Kingham
Trustee – Geoffrey Haynes
Trustee - Marguerite Kenward
Trustee – Keith Haward

Approved by the RBC Annual Church Meeting on 29th April 2024
Signed by:-



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name

Rye Baptist Church

No (if any)

1188057

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

Period start date

1/1/23

To

Period end date

12/31/23

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	50,389	-	-	50,389	53,063
Gift Aid Refund from HMRC	8,967	1,610	-	10,577	12,023
Sales coffees/teas	4,767	-	-	4,767	5,234
Miscellaneous	445	-	-	445	1,750
Legacies	-	-	-	-	83,640
Interest	176	691	-	867	32
Fellowship Fund	-	-	-	-	2,500
Foodbank grants	-	19,823	-	19,823	24,887
Donations to foodbank	-	39,244	-	39,244	63,077
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	64,744	61,368	-	126,112	246,207
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	-
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	-
Sub total	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
Total receipts	64,744	61,368	- 0	126,112	246,207
A3 Payments					
Ministry	37,084	-	-	37,084	34,450
Mission	1,424	-	-	1,424	586
Manse	13,056	-	-	13,056	5,666
Upkeep of Church	25,687	-	-	25,687	8,016
Administration	1,478	-	-	1,478	1,370
Miscellaneous	15,874	-	-	15,874	4,230
Fellowship Fund	22	-	-	22	2,525
Away Giving (Tithe)	8,119	-	-	8,119	8,727
Foodbank purchases	-	61,345	-	61,345	78,566
Sub total	102,744	61,345	-	164,089	144,137
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	-
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	-
Sub total	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
Total payments	102,744	61,345	- 0	164,089	144,137
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 38,000	23	-	- 37,977	102,070
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	141,265	80,128	-	221,393	119,323
Cash funds this year end	103,265	80,151	-	183,416	221,393

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	HSBC (RBC Current Account)	68,089	-	-
	Kingdom Bank (RBC Savings Account)	35,176	-	-
	Barclays Bank (Foodbank Current Account)	-	4,460	-
	Barclays Bank (Foodbank Savings Account)	-	75,691	-
	Total cash funds	103,265	80,151	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name		Date of approval



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

RYE BAPTIST CHURCH

On accounts for the year
ended

31/12/2023

Charity no
(if any)

1188057

Set out on pages

1 & 2

(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 DD/MM/YYYY.

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:

J. Anstead

Date:

17/06/24

Name:

JERRY ANSTEAD

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

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Section B

Disclosure

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

**Give here brief details of
any items that the
examiner wishes to
disclose.**

RYE BAPTIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1188057

Accounts

Rye Baptist Church (CIO)

Trustees' Annual Report on 2022

Aims & Purposes

The Trustees of Rye Baptist Church work together to advance the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination; to promote the whole mission of the church, through worship and pastoral care; evangelism; social care and ecumenical involvement; to advance education and carry out charitable purposes both in the UK and in other parts of the world; and as the overseeing charity for Rye Foodbank, to promote the alleviation of poverty and relief of need in the local area.

The Trustees are also responsible for the maintenance of the Rye Baptist Church building and the manse at 86 Udimore Rd, Rye, East Sussex.

Objectives & Activities

The Trustees are committed to enable as many people as possible to be part of the RBC worshipping community, and also to provide service and support to the wider community of Rye and District, through our various groups and activities.

When planning our various activities, the Trustees have considered the Commission's advice on public benefit and in particular, the specific advice for charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we endeavour to enable people to live out their faith through:-

- Worship & Prayer, Bible study and Teaching
- Baptism and Holy Communion
- Offering and Encouraging Pastoral Care
- Nurture of Christian disciples
- Missionary Outreach and Evangelism, locally, nationally, and internationally
- Welcome, inclusion and Christian nurture of young people
- Supporting and encouraging Christian Social Action in the UK and beyond
- Education & Training for Christian Community Service

To facilitate this work, it is essential that we maintain the fabric of the RBC church building and the manse at 86 Udimore Road.

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- **R4P (Request for Prayer)** – this text/email prayer service has been greatly utilised by church folk and others outside the church who would like our prayer team to pray for particular needs or concerns. Many have been helped by this, and again it is a means of witness to the power of prayer and the God who cares for all.
- **Council Prayers etc** – During 2022, our minister Fiona was invited to be involved in the Mayor Making ceremony; to lead prayers at one of the Town Council Meetings; and to preach at the Civic service marking the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II – all great opportunities.
- **School Assemblies** – We continue our connections with the local primary School via school assemblies. In the early months of 2022, when there were still some Covid concerns, Fiona could not go into schools to take assemblies, so instead she produced a number of filmed

assemblies which were much appreciated by staff and children alike. During the autumn months, however, she returned to going in to school to do some assemblies 'in person'.

- **Rye Bonfire** – This is a big event in the community life of Rye, and RBC joined in again this year by opening our building, selling hot drinks, and allowing use of our toilet facilities, which was much appreciated by the public.
- **Rye Street Pastors** -a number of our members also serve as Street Pastors in Rye and District, reaching out to the night-time economy to listen, help and care. We are pleased to provide our church hall as the town centre base for their operations and prayer.
- **Rye Homes for Ukraine** – Since the war began in the Ukraine RBC has sought to offer what support we could for Ukrainian guests and those hosting them in our area. To that end, since May, we have hosted regular meetings for Ukraine guests, hosts, and support services to network and socialise together, which have been much appreciated.
- **Rye Arts Festival** – During this two week event in September we hosted several talks, attended by good numbers from the community. Our facilities were much appreciated by both the organisers and attenders, and some good connections made. .
- **Overseas Mission Support** - Through our tithes and various special collections during the year, we have supported a number of overseas mission agencies and ministries e.g. Hope Home in Thailand; the BMS Harvest Appeal; Tearfund; and Samara's Aid Appeal. Helping those in need is also part of our mission, so when Russia invaded Ukraine, we had a special collection for the needs of the Ukrainian people, and also sent money to a church we had connections with in Poland, who were seeking to support a huge number of Ukrainian refugees as they passed through.

Ecumenical relationships

Rye Baptist Church is part of Churches Together in Rye & District, and our minister, the Revd. Fiona Gill, is currently Chair of the Executive Committee of CTRD. Now that Covid concerns have receded, the churches in Rye have returned to their practice of engaging in worship and outreach activities together. Representatives from all the congregations participated in a Walk of Witness on Good Friday. Three congregations joined together for a United Morning Service in May at the Anglican church and in September at RBC. In July we celebrated Sea Sunday with a picnic and service at Rye Harbour Church led by our minister Fiona. We also joined together in a series of Zoom prayer and discussion Meetings during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in May. Throughout the year the committee and church leaders have also kept in touch via regular Zoom meetings.

Rye Foodbank

Since November 2021 Rye Foodbank has operated within the franchise of the Trussell Trust, and under the charitable oversight of Rye Baptist Church CIO, on behalf of Churches Together in Rye & District. Rye Baptist Church therefore owns all Foodbank assets, and the church Trustees are responsible for the governance and oversight of the financial affairs and operations of the Rye Foodbank. Rye Foodbank operations are carried out from the Rye Baptist Church building by a team of volunteers, headed up by the Foodbank manager, Robert Harper, who supplied the following report:-

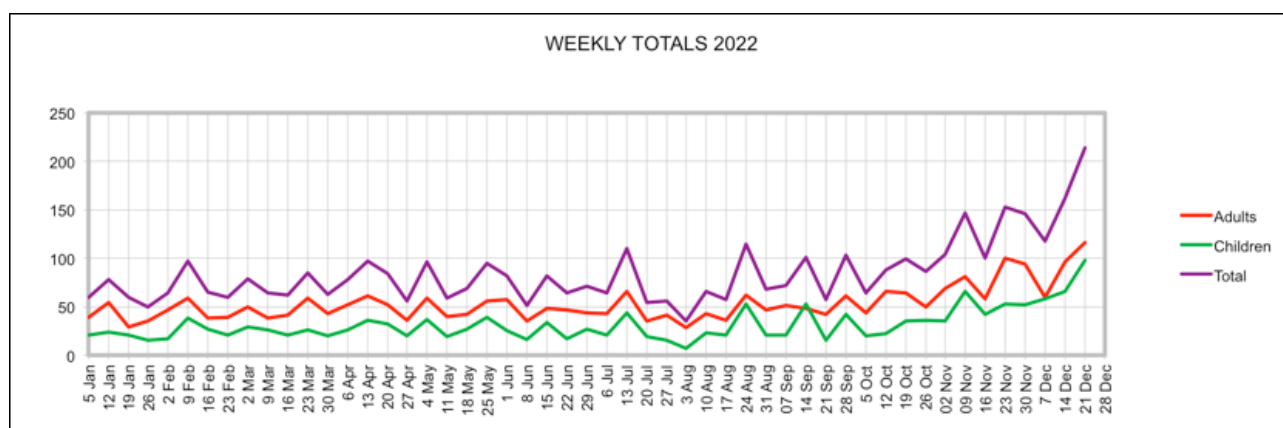
Rye Foodbank Operations, January to 31st December 2022

1. HEADLINE CHANGES

Rye Food Bank became an independent Food Bank in November 2021 and is no longer operating as part of the Bexhill and District Food Bank. It remains a charitable organisation and is overseen by Rye Baptist Church CIO, operating under the authority of their Trustees. It is ultimately guided by Churches Together in Rye and District.

As at this date it is operating as a franchisee of the Trussell Trust, but in 2022 we started the process of stepping away from Trussell. Rye is a very different community from that which most Food Banks operate in, and we found it increasingly difficult to operate within Trussell's mould. We use literally none of Trussell's services, and don't follow their very bureaucratic methods of working - though we have been entering all our activity data into their systems. This takes many hours each week with no benefit to us. We are developing new branding and our systems need review – see para 4 overleaf.

We have appointed a volunteer deputy manager, Penny Downes, and she has been a tremendous asset to the Food Bank. An ex head teacher in a London secondary school, she has brought team building and management skills of a high order, and she has embraced and improved the systems we operate. In addition the volunteer team has expanded. We do not take on volunteers who are unable to commit to working at least once every fortnight, and we have built two teams (to give resilience in the event of illness), both of which are



awesomely capable and dependable and fun to work with. Since there are 26 volunteers it is impossible to name them all, but what an asset and a blessing they all are. They are all familiar with the tasks that need to be done, and do them cheerfully and supremely well.

2. ACTIVITY

The Food Bank experienced on-going increase in demand through 2022. Though activity levels in individual weeks varied widely, the trend was strongly up. Please see the graph of activity levels below.

Rye Foodbank succeeded in providing food as required throughout the year, with no shortfalls in stock. It distributed over £10,000 worth of food vouchers in lieu of the one week in the year we were closed – 28th December 2022.

(Please Note : The graph shows the total number of people who have benefited from the Food Bank, *not* the number of food parcels given out

The weekly weight of food given reached a maximum of 1663kg on 21st December, a similar weight of food is brought in each week.)

There has been an almost complete cessation of the use of referral vouchers. If someone is without or is struggling they simply come in and we interview them, provide for them and introduce them to partner advisors as appropriate. It is heart-warming that some people

continue to come in even though they don't need food from us any more, they value the company and the encouragement they receive.

The key partner advisors are the Hastings Advice and Representation Centre (HARC), which gives benefits advice but in fact considerably exceeds that brief, and Rother District Council, who are available to give face to face advice on all council related and housing issues via video link. Both have been extremely successful, especially HARC who have unlocked benefits for many people and released them from dependency.

We greatly look forward to working together with the CAP Debt Centre in Rye, which works under the oversight of Churches Together in Rye and District and was funded by the Food Bank for the first year. We regularly receive requests from other organisations that want to work with us, but we tend not to concede to this unless there is genuine mutual benefit.

3. RESOURCING

The Food Bank enjoys tremendous support from local residents and businesses, due in no small part to the representation in the local Rye News, for which we are very grateful. We collect food donations from several collection points, and have had some huge donations delivered. Financial donations are made directly to our bank accounts and also through the Jempson's Foundation.

We have received sufficient grant funding to purchase and run the delivery vehicle, as well as privacy screens and a premium coffee maker - which has been greatly appreciated by clients and volunteers alike.

The Food Bank utilises Rye Baptist Church premises, and greatly appreciates the wonderful support in so many ways of the Trustees. We have lost the use of the Methodist Store, but perhaps this has made us even more sharp on stock control and ordering, and reduced the workload of warehousing. The majority of our food supplies come from Jempsons, who have proved to be a reliable and valued partner who deliver faithfully and apply significant discounts.

4. FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

We are anticipating further increases in demand, which could put a little strain on space, but we are fairly confident we will be able to cope with regular demand rising to 60 clients. Movement away from Trussell demands a new identity and branding. It will then require launch so that all referrers, benefactors and clients understand the change. This is ongoing.

Our systems fall into two functional parts. The first is designed to capture client details, with a particular view to being able to provide the optimum help. The second links with that and is designed to support very accurate stock control and compile data. The stock control and data element remains workable and is in some ways very advanced. However the client systems have reached the limit of what one can realistically do on a spreadsheet running on low powered laptop computers, and we will have to develop an alternative approach. Initial research is being undertaken.

Bob Harper -Rye Food Bank

RBC Financial Review

During 2022, total receipts on unrestricted funds were £158,243. Included in the unrestricted funds are legacies totalling £83,640. We further received restricted funds of £87,964 for the Food Bank activities.

Planned giving by way of bank transfers, standing orders and cheques to the unrestricted funds were up by 8% during this period, and the total income of this fund rose by 151% compared to the previous period due to the legacies received.

From the unrestricted funds Rye Baptist Church spent £65,571 in providing Christian ministry and the upkeep of the church building and the manse. This figure is including contributions to the Baptist Union and the Baptist Missionary Society. There was £78,566 spent by the Rye Foodbank from the restricted funds.

The net result for the year was that our unrestricted fund had an excess of receipts over payments of £92,672. Adding this to the balance brought forward at the beginning of the year of £48,593 gives us a balance of £141,265 carried forward on the 31st December.

In the restricted fund for the Food Bank, the excess of receipts over payments was £9,398. Adding this to the balance brought forward at the beginning of the year of £70,729 gives us a balance of £80,128 carried forward on the 31st December.

The total balance of all funds carried forward at year end was £221,393.

Reserves Policy

The reserves policy of Rye Baptist Church is to hold three months of all necessary expenditure plus a further three months staff costs to allow the church to adapt to any changes in the income or expenditure of the church. The trustees currently believe this amount to be £21,800. Currently there is currently sufficient funding in our general account to meet the policy.

This policy will be reviewed annually.

Volunteers

The Trustees would like to thank all of the volunteers from our congregation who work so hard to make RBC the loving, lively and vibrant congregation it is. Fiona, our Pastor, would like to also thank our Trustees and house-group leaders for all their hard work. Particular mention should go to Geoff Austin, our Church Secretary; Penny Kingham our Treasurer, Paul Kingham, our Financial Lead, and the ladies who assist him on the Finance team; Geoff Haynes for oversight of the website and recordings; and Ruby Stoodley and Marguerite Kenward for their help in so many areas, of church life. especially pastoral care.

Structure, Governance & Management

The Board of Trustees is currently made up of the Minister, the Church Secretary and the Treasurer, plus three other Trustees, all elected by the membership in accordance with the procedures detailed in our Constitution. The Trustees are authorised by the church meeting to make decisions on smaller matters relating to the running of RBC, whilst larger matters, and larger items of expenditure are brought to the Church Meeting for approval.

During 2022, Church Members' Meetings were held in January, April, July and November, to update members on general church business, and to discuss and agree plans for the immediate future. The January meeting was held via Zoom Video Conferencing due to bad weather and Covid

concerns, but the rest were held in person. At the AGM in April, our Church Secretary, Geoff Austin was re-elected to serve a further term as Trustee. Following the AGM and CM in April, a Special Church Meeting was held to approve the change to our Constitution to enable church meetings to be via Zoom in future should special circumstances make that necessary (as had been the case during the pandemic).

Throughout 2022, The Trustees met monthly on Zoom, for church business, and also regularly, in person, throughout the year for pastoral prayer meetings. .

Administrative Information

Rye Baptist Church is situated in Cinque Ports Street, Rye, East Sussex. It is part of the South Eastern Baptist Association within the Baptist Union of Great Britain. The Church is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, registered with the Charity Commission of England and Wales with the Charity Number 1188057

The Trustees, serving at least until the date this report is approved, are as follows:-

Chair - Revd. Fiona Gill, Minister

Secretary – Geoffrey Austin

Treasurer – Penny Kingham

Trustee – Geoffrey Haynes

Trustee - Marguerite Kenward

Trustee – Ruby Stoodley

Approved by the RBC Annual Church Meeting on 24th April 2023



Receipts and payments account

For the period
from

Period start date
01/01/2022

To

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £
A1 Receipts			
UIO funding passed to CIO	-	-	-
Foodbank funding passed to church	-	-	-
Donations	53,063	-	-
Gift Aid Refund from HMRC	12,023	-	-
Sales coffees/teas	5,234	-	-
Miscellaneous	1,750	-	-
Legacies	83,640	-	-
Interest	32	-	-
Fellowship Fund	2,500	-	-
Foodbank grants	-	24,887	-
Donations to foodbank	-	63,077	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	158,243	87,964	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).			
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-
Total receipts	158,243	87,964	-
A3 Payments			
Ministry	34,450	-	-
Mission	586	-	-
Manse	5,666	-	-
Upkeep of Church	8,016	-	-
Administration	1,370	-	-
Miscellaneous	4,230	-	-
Fellowship Fund	2,525	-	-
Away Giving (Tithe)	8,727	-	-
Foodbank purchases	-	78,566	-
Sub total	65,571	78,566	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)			
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-
Total payments	65,571	78,566	-

Net of receipts/(payments)	92,672	9,398	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	48,593	70,729	-
Cash funds this year end	141,265	80,128	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	HSBC (RBC)	141,265
	Barclays Bank (Foodbank)	-
		-
	Total cash funds	141,265

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

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	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-
		-
		-
		-
		-
		-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs
B3 Investment assets		-
		-
		-
		-
		-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		-
		-
		-
		-
		-

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		-

B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates
	Manse Insurance Excess	Unrestricted fund

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print N
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Period end date
12/31/2022

Total funds	Last year
to the nearest £	to the nearest £

-	47,855
-	58,392
53,063	54,726
12,023	8,608
5,234	2,684
1,750	3,084
83,640	
32	30
2,500	-
24,887	7,181
63,077	9,530
246,207	192,089

-	-
-	-
-	-

246,207	192,089
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34,450	34,150
586	1,123
5,666	6,708
8,016	15,441
1,370	2,131
4,230	1,302
2,525	50
8,727	7,487
78,566	4,374
144,137	72,767

-	-
-	-
-	-

144,137	72,767
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102,070	119,322
-	-
119,322	-
221,393	119,322

the period

Restricted funds	Endowment funds
to nearest £	to nearest £

-	-
80,128	-
-	-
80,128	-

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Restricted funds	Endowment funds
to nearest £	to nearest £

-	-
-	-
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Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

RYE BAPTIST CHURCH

On accounts for the year
ended

31/12/2022

Charity no
(if any)

1188057

Set out on pages

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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:

J. Anstead

Date:

28/04/2023

Name:

J. ANSTEAD

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

Address:

46B, CULVERDEN DOWN, TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT
TN4 956

Section B

Disclosure

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

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

NONE

RYE BAPTIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1188057

Accounts

Rye Baptist Church (CIO)

Trustees' Annual Report on 2021

Aims & Purposes

The Trustees of Rye Baptist Church work together to advance the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination; to promote the whole mission of the church, through worship and pastoral care; evangelism; social care and ecumenical involvement; to advance education and carry out charitable purposes both in the UK and in other parts of the world; and as the overseeing charity for Rye Foodbank, to promote the alleviation of poverty and relief of need in the local area.

The Trustees are also responsible for the maintenance of the Rye Baptist Church building and the manse at 86 Udimore Rd, Rye, East Sussex.

Objectives & Activities

The Trustees are committed to enable as many people as possible to be part of the RBC worshipping community, and also to provide service and support to the wider community of Rye and District, through our various groups and activities.

When planning our various activities, the Trustees have considered the Commission's advice on public benefit and in particular, the specific advice for charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we endeavour to enable people to live out their faith through:-

- Worship & Prayer, Bible study, Teaching
- Baptism and Holy Communion
- Offering and Encouraging Pastoral Care
- Nurture of Christian disciples
- Missionary Outreach and evangelism, locally, nationally, and internationally
- Welcome, inclusion and Christian nurture of young people
- Supporting and encouraging Christian social action in the UK and beyond
- Education & training for Christian community Service

To facilitate this work, it is essential that we maintain the fabric of the RBC church building and the manse at 86 Udimore Road.

Achievements & Performance

- ***Worship & Prayer***

2021 began with the third national lock-down of the Coronavirus pandemic, during which in-church worship and all activities (except Foodbank) were suspended. Churches were not actually forbidden to meet but in solidarity with other organisations and businesses in the community and for health and safety reasons, we deemed it best to return to online operations until the situation had improved. Worship services were recorded each week, and broadcast online via the RBC website. CDs of the worship services were also produced and distributed to those without internet access. All other meetings, including house-groups, Trustees' and prayer meetings took place via Zoom Video Conferencing.

On 25th April we re-opened for weekly Sunday worship, maintaining 2 metre social distancing and stringent Covid precautions as recommended by the government and the Baptist Union of Great Britain. All other activities (except the Foodbank which used our building) remained suspended or online until later in the year.

From July when restrictions were eased, we changed our seating layout to a more informal 'cafe-style' arrangement of seats in semi-circles round coffee tables. This was very positively received by both the regular congregation and visitors. The new seating layout facilitated the different style of worship, teaching, and discussion times that we had planned for August on various topical issues. Although numbers attending after the lock-down were low initially, due to reticence about returning to church when the Covid risk in the community was high, our online viewing numbers remained very encouraging. As the months went on, physical attendance numbers have increased to between 30 and 49 most weeks, and online numbers have remained high with people listening in from all over the world.

From September, some house-groups returned to homes, and other church activities to the church building, although some meetings and one house-group continued online. House-groups have mostly been studying the same passage preached on in church, which has aided understanding, and life application.

Worship highlights for this year have included a live-streamed service from the Baptist Assembly, and one from Tearfund on the Climate Change Summit; 2 services on Creation Care; a Harvest Celebration; the reception of a new church member; a Christingle service, a traditional Carols by Candlelight; and a Family Christmas Day celebration. Easter fell during the period the church was in lock-down and so was celebrated online and via pre-recorded CDs.

- ***BU & SEBA membership***

Rye Baptist Church is part of the Baptist Union of Great Britain, and a member church of the South Eastern Baptist Association.

- ***Church Buildings***

Although the church building was closed for worship during the early months of 2021, the building remained in use several days a week throughout that time, by the Rye Branch of the Bexhill Foodbank which operates from our building. The Trustees also checked on the building regularly to ensure it remained in good working order. After our Anniversary Gift day service in June, a sizeable sum was gifted to the church which enabled us to replace the last five windows in the sanctuary (the other five having been replaced two years previously.) This work was completed in December and improves both the appearance and the insulation of the sanctuary.

Sadly, in November some cracking was noticed in the manse, which has necessitated the investigation of a structural engineer to diagnose some subsidence of the building. Further monitoring will take place in the New Year and our insurance company has been notified.

Pastoral Care

- Pastoral Care of the church fellowship is overseen by the Minister, assisted by the team of Trustees, and the house-group leaders. In addition to this, the church family are encouraged to look out for, and care for one another, and this has worked very well, especially during the lock-down months, when the elderly and single folk might have felt very isolated and lonely.

- Three house-groups operated on Zoom from January to August maintaining a strong level of mutual pastoral care. From September, two of these returned to in-person meeting, and a fourth began in September, meeting in the church lounge.

Church Membership etc. –RBC has a membership roll of people who have been baptised by immersion and who, after an interview process, have covenanted to support and serve the church here. During 2021 two members sadly passed away, but we were delighted to welcome a new member in October. This brought our total membership numbers at the end of the year to 42 members. The congregation also includes a number of ‘fringe’ folk and committed non- members who are very much part of the church family.

Mission & Evangelism

- **Online Services:** -Although during the lock-down, much of our outreach activity was curtailed, by having to remain in homes, we were delighted that our online services were accessed by many people in the UK and overseas – reaching a far wider audience than our previous congregation sizes. Numerous opportunities were taken during these services to present a clear Gospel message and for people to make a Christian commitment. This message was backed up by clear information on our website.
- **Personal Witness** - It has always been our practice to encourage our congregation to witness personally to their faith to friends and neighbours, and the lock-down produced further opportunities for this.
- **Coffee Plus** – from September to December 2021 – our Coffee Plus outreach activity re-opened. Selling low priced refreshments and cakes in a comfortable welcoming environment, the friendly volunteers also offer opportunities for prayer and pastoral conversation if this is desired. Many positive contacts in the community have been made through this outreach.
- **Butterfly Club** – Similarly, from September, our Carer and Toddler group also opened up again- and during the period September to December welcomed up to 15 carers and toddlers each week. Our welcoming and caring helpers, and the comfortable and safe environment we provide, has created positive connections and outreach opportunities with a good number of families in the community.
- **The Foodbank** operating from our building is also run with a Christian ethos, by Christian managers, and a number of our church folk are on the team of volunteers. Prayer is offered and a listening ear, and signposting to agencies that can help with clients’ problems with benefits, heating, housing and so on.
- **Council Prayers** – our minister Fiona was invited twice this year to lead prayers at the online Town Council Meetings – a great opportunity.
- **Filmed School Assemblies** – Since the pandemic, while Fiona could not go into schools to take assemblies, she has produced a number of filmed assemblies which have been much appreciated by staff and children alike.
- **Rye Bonfire** – This is a big event in the community life of Rye, and RBC joined in this year by opening our building, selling hot drinks, and allowing use of our toilet facilities, which was much appreciated by the public.
- **Street Pastors** - Before the pandemic, the local Street Pastors used our church as a base for their outreach. Covid precautions sadly necessitated our withdrawing this facility for a

while. However, towards the end of the year, SPs returned to RBC for to use it as their base on Rye Bonfire Night, and on the late Christmas shopping evening.

- **Overseas Mission Support** - Through our tithes and various special collections during the year, we have supported a number of overseas mission agencies and ministries e.g. Hope Home in Thailand; the BMS Harvest Appeal; Tearfund; Open Doors; and Samara's Aid Appeal. Helping those in need is also part of our mission so when special needs occur such as natural disasters then the church will often have a special collection and send that money to help.

Ecumenical relationships

Rye Baptist Church is part of Churches Together in Rye & District, and our minister the Revd Fiona Gill, is currently Chair of the Executive Committee of CTRD. In normal times the churches in Rye engage in worship and outreach activities together. However, during the pandemic, many of the regular joint activities and worship events had to be curtailed due to Covid precautions. Two events that did take place during 2021 were a United Morning Service at St Mary's led by our minister; and a series of Zoom prayer and discussion Meetings during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in May. Throughout the pandemic the committee and church leaders have kept in touch via regular Zoom meetings.

Rye Foodbank

The Foodbank operating in our building was, up until November, the Rye Branch of the Bexhill Foodbank. However, during 2020-21, the operations of the Rye Branch expanded to such a degree that it was felt right for the Rye branch to become an independent Foodbank, operating within the franchise of the Trussell Trust, and under the charitable oversight of Rye Baptist Church CIO, on behalf of Churches Together in Rye & District. This proposal was agreed by RBC at the July church meeting, and also by Churches Together in Bexhill, and by Churches Together in Rye & District at their committee meetings. The transition to independence was completed on November 8th 2021, when the new Rye Foodbank commenced operations under the charitable oversight of RBC. From this date, Rye Baptist Church owned all Foodbank assets, and the church trustees are responsible for the governance and oversight of the financial affairs and operations of the Rye Foodbank. The Foodbank operations are carried out by a team of volunteers, headed up by the joint Foodbank managers, Christine Emson and Robert Harper, who supplied the following report:-

Rye Foodbank Operations, 8th November to 31st December 2021

Activity Levels

The Foodbank in Rye opens every Wednesday, and supplies food against emergency requirements as the needs arise. We routinely support more adults than children. From November 8th-30th, 152 adults and 142 children were fed, being given 2552 kg of food. During December 2021, 222 adult and 140 children were fed, with 3219 kg of food. Although the trend is steady, there are marked variations in weekly demand. The Food Bank holds around a week's worth of excess stock to cover the unexpectedly busy weeks.

Staffing

We have worked fairly consistently with 12 to 14 staff. Two entirely separate teams work alternate weeks to give resilience against failure due to Covid infection. This has been effective, and we have

never had to close due to Covid or other illness. However we have experienced loss of volunteers as they have returned to work, and are struggling to recruit suitable replacements, especially to leadership roles and roles relating to IT and systems.

Stockholding

All our stock is now held in a small storage area in the Lower Baptist Hall. This has demanded a high degree of rigour in the control of stock, and permits little leeway in terms of what we supply clients, but we have developed sophisticated systems and it has worked very well, especially since we have been successful in encouraging people to give money, not food donations. We have excellent relations with Jempson's Supermarkets, who are deeply committed to helping us, and we normally order so that we have 2 weeks worth of stock at the start of a Food Bank session.

Deliveries

We have many clients in surrounding villages, and some find it difficult to travel into the Food Bank – and get back home with heavy bags, hence a number of deliveries take place each week.

Reception of Clients and Services provided

After the strict lockdown, clients are once again received into the hall. The key service provided is, of course, emergency food supplies, but in order to lift clients out of dependency we initiated in-house consultation services on all aspects of benefits with the Hastings Advice and Representation Centre. This was initially only via a virtual link, but as the number of people using it increased it is commonly face to face. The service has been extended to all housing matters via a link with Rother District Council. Advice on heating and fuel grants is also available and many clients have passed through dependency to independence as a result. We are in communication with Citizens Advice to restore local services from them in the town.

Marketing, Public Relations and Funding

Rye Food Bank is extremely well projected through Rye News, and has been promoted by the delivery of 7500 flyers within the Fixtures publications. The Food Bank is well known and respected both locally and in the region and we are fortunate to be supported by a large number of private and corporate donors.

The Future

It is clear that advice services that are only available in a crowded hall and for two hours on a Wednesday are not fully adequate to meet the demand. It is likely that the further development of partnerships will be required. The identity of the Food Bank as a Christian mission, offering hope to those who are losing hope and reassuring people in desperate circumstances that they are loved, is very basic but still quite hard to maintain given that many volunteers are not Christians. The Food Bank depends on ongoing prayer and the involvement of Christians.

RBC Financial Review –

During 2021, total receipts on unrestricted funds were £69,131. When the oversight of Rye Foodbank was taken over by Rye Baptist Church in early November 2021 we received restricted funds of £58,392 from the previous overseeing charity. During the remainder of the year we

received a further £16,711 on the restricted funds, of which £7,181 was a grant from East Sussex County Council. This brought the restricted fund total for Foodbank to £70,729.

Planned giving by way of bank transfers, standing orders and cheques to the unrestricted funds were up by 12% during this period, and the total income of this fund rose by 8% compared to the previous period.

Rye Baptist Church spent £68,393 in providing Christian ministry and the upkeep of the church building and the manse. This figure is including contributions to the Baptist Union and the Baptist Missionary Society. £4,374 was spent by the Rye Foodbank.

The net result for the year was that our unrestricted fund had an excess of receipts over payments of £738. Adding this to the balance brought forward at the beginning of the year of £47,855 gives us a balance of £48,593 carried forward on the 31st December. In the restricted fund, the starting balance of £58,392 was brought forward on the 8th November when we took ownership of the Foodbank. For this we had an excess of receipts over payments of £70,729. The total balance of all funds carried forward at year end was £119,322.

Reserves Policy

The reserves policy of Rye Baptist Church is to hold three months of all necessary expenditure plus a further three months staff costs to allow the church to adapt to any changes in the income or expenditure of the church. The trustees currently believe this amount to be £21,000, there is currently sufficient funding in our general account to meet the policy. We will also hold reserve in a separate bank account for unexpected building repair or maintenance. This policy will be reviewed annually.

Volunteers

We would like to thank all of the volunteers from our congregation who work so hard to make RBC the loving, lively and vibrant congregation it is. Fiona, our Pastor, would like to also thank our Trustees and house-group leaders for all their hard work. Particular mention should go to Geoff Austin, our Church Secretary; Penny Kingham our Treasurer, Paul Kingham, our Financial Lead, and Gillian Jarrett and Sally Moore of the Finance team; Geoff Haynes for oversight of the website and recordings; and Ruby Stoodley and Marguerite Kenward for their help in so many areas, of church life. especially pastoral care.

Structure, Governance & Management

The Board of Trustees is currently made up of the Minister, the Church Secretary and the Treasurer, plus three other Trustees, all elected by the membership in accordance with the procedures detailed in our Constitution. The Trustees are authorised by the church meeting to make decisions on smaller matters relating to the running of RBC, whilst larger matters, and larger items of expenditure are brought to the Church Meeting for approval.

During 2021, an inaugural AGM was held on Zoom on March 22nd to elect the trustees for the new RBC CIO. A Special Church Meeting was held in church on 16th May; and then, two further church

meetings were held in church on July 18th (to agree RBC taking on the charitable oversight of Rye Foodbank), and also on October 18th.

Throughout 2021, The Trustees met monthly on Zoom, for church business, and also regularly throughout the year for pastoral prayer meetings.

Administrative Information

Rye Baptist Church is situated in Cinque Ports Street, Rye, East Sussex. It is part of the South Eastern Baptist Association within the Baptist Union of Great Britain. The Church is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, registered with the Charity Commission of England and Wales with the Charity Number 1188057

The Trustees, most serving since 1st January 2021, confirmed by election on 22nd March, and serving until the date this report is approved, are as follows:-

Chair - Revd. Fiona Gill, Minister

Secretary – Geoffrey Austin

Treasurer – Penny Kingham

Trustee – Geoffrey Haynes

Trustee - Marguerite Kenward (New in March 2022)

Trustee – Ruby Stoodley

Approved by the RBC Annual Church Meeting on 25th April 2022

Signed by:-



Receipts and payments account

For the period
from

Period start date
01/01/2021

To

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £
A1 Receipts			
UIO funding passed to CIO	47,855	-	-
Foodbank funding passed to church	-	58,392	-
Donations	54,726	-	-
Gift Aid Refund from HMRC	8,608	-	-
Sales coffees/teas	2,684	-	-
Miscellaneous	3,084	-	-
Interest	30	-	-
Fellowship Fund	-	-	-
Foodbank grant from East Sussex C.C.	-	7,181	-
Donations to foodbank	-	9,530	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	116,986	75,103	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).			
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-
Total receipts	116,986	75,103	-
A3 Payments			
Ministry	34,150	-	-
Mission	1,123	-	-
Manse	6,708	-	-
Upkeep of Church	15,441	-	-
Administration	2,131	-	-
Miscellaneous	1,302	-	-
Fellowship Fund	50	-	-
Away Giving (Tithe)	7,487	-	-
Foodbank purchases	-	4,374	-
Sub total	68,393	4,374	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)			
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-
Total payments	68,393	4,374	-

<i>Net of receipts/(payments)</i>	48,593	70,729	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-
<i>Cash funds this year end</i>	48,593	70,729	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	HSBC (RBC)	22,250
	Hodge Bank (RBC)	26,343
	Barclays Bank (Foodbank)	-
	<i>Total cash funds</i>	48,593

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

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	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-
		-
		-
		-
		-
		-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs
B3 Investment assets		

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		

B5 Liabilities

Details

**Fund to which
liability relates**

Driveway Repairs

Unrestricted fund

Hope Home Donation

Unrestricted fund

Manse Insurance Excess

Unrestricted fund

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

Signature

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Period end date
12/31/2021

Total funds	Last year
to the nearest £	to the nearest £

47,855	-
58,392	-
54,726	-
8,608	-
2,684	-
3,084	-
30	-
-	-
7,181	-
9,530	-
192,089	-

-	-
-	-
-	-

192,089	-
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34,150	-
1,123	-
6,708	-
15,441	-
2,131	-
1,302	-
50	-
7,487	-
4,374	-
72,767	-

-	-
-	-
-	-

72,767	-
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119,322	-
-	-
-	46,364
119,322	46,364

the period

Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
-	-
-	-
70,729	-
70,729	-

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-	-
-	-
-	-

Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
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2,000

2,437

1,000

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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

RYE BAPTIST CHURCH

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31/12/2021

**Charity no
(if any)**

1188057

Set out on pages

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(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 31/12/2021.

**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:

J. Anstead

Date:

07/02/2022

Name:

JEREMY ANSTEAD

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

Address:

46B, COLVERDEN DOWN, TUNBRIDGE WELLS
TN4 9 5G

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

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

RYE BAPTIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1188057

Accounts

The Pastor's Report

Rye Baptist Church in 2020

I am writing this report in 2021, following the conversion of RBC to being a CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation). Therefore this report will form one of the last records of RBC (Unincorporated).

I am sure 2020 will go down in history as being one of the most extraordinary years experienced by every single person on the planet. The Coronavirus pandemic extended to every corner of the globe, and made necessary restrictions in every aspect of life, and of course this included every aspect of life in the church.

At the beginning of 2020 there were some mentions in the news about this illness affecting people in China, and some other areas but no-one imagined that in just a few weeks it would come to affect all of our lives, and cause the deaths of well over 120,000 people in the UK alone. We are blessed that only three people in our congregation (to date) have caught the virus, and only one passed away as a result of it.

2020 began as usual with our Covenant Service, and January, February and early March progressed much as normal, with all church activities taking place, including Coffee Plus; Butterfly Club; the "Encountering God" worship evenings, the Connect/Engage meals out, a United Service at St Mary's; the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity; house-groups in homes; and worship services in church.

We were very sad in mid-January to learn that Sally Liley had passed away, and a number of the fellowship attended her funeral in February.

Then David Anstead, who had been battling a life-limiting illness for many months finally went to be with His Lord in mid March. By then, the number of Coronavirus cases had begun to escalate rapidly, causing much anxiety about transmission risks and so no proper funeral was able to take place. In February, Alan Strudwick also became very poorly, going

into hospital, and from there into a care home where he passed away in mid April.

A nationwide lockdown had been announced from 16th March 2020. Visiting was suspended in care homes and hospitals and we were devastated to be unable to support Alan in person in his final weeks. Funeral services were not happening at the time of Alan's death so he too was cremated without a proper service, to our great sadness. To date, we have still not yet been able to organise a memorial service for these two dear brothers, but hope to organise this when lock-down restrictions are finally completely lifted.

Once lockdown commenced in the UK we closed our doors for worship and commenced recording audio services to be available online via our website each week. From the start we were astonished at the numbers accessing our website and 'tuning' in – this quickly rose to average approximately 1100 hits per week, and this number has continued to rise in 2021. For those church members who did not have internet facility we produced CDs which were sent out by post each week. We are so grateful to Geoff Haynes for his expertise in editing the recordings, managing the website, and producing the CDs – also grateful thanks to all church members who have contributed recordings of readings and prayers so a variety of voices could be heard each week.

During the rest of the year most 'in-church' regular activities and 'in home' meetings were not allowed, so Zoom Video Conferencing technology came into its own, being used for leadership meetings, Prayer Breakfasts and house-group meetings. 3 out of our 4 house-groups continued to meet via Zoom to keep in touch, pray for each other and to study and discuss scripture.

Our church building was not completely closed, however. We were so glad to be able to bless our community via Foodbank which continued, from our facilities, to prepare and supply food parcels

to needy families in the area. This need escalated dramatically during the pandemic and the Foodbank Team rose to the challenge magnificently, often feeding 200 people a week from RBC's halls.

In July, the first lockdown came to an end, and the RBC leadership team began to make preparations to re-open for Sunday services. A risk assessment was carried out, and plans and precautions for making the building Covid-safe according to government and BUGB guidelines were applied. Thanks to our members who volunteered to help as cleaners and stewards, we re-opened on 2nd August for our first service. We were able to accommodate just under 50 with the new seating arrangements. Being seated 2 metres apart, all wearing masks, and with no congregational singing, no coffee/ fellowship time, and no lingering in the church after services, all felt very strange at first, but most persevered and started to get used to this new way of 'doing church'. We continued our online services for those who felt unable to attend, and also for our anonymous online congregation who continued to tune in to our website in sizeable numbers.

Astonishingly, during this time, God continued to build his church in Rye. In June we were delighted to welcome Bob and Ellis Harper as new members, via Zoom. In September at our Harvest service, we baptised and welcomed Annette Englefield into membership. This baptism was our only baptism by affusion in living memory – this being the only method allowed by the government and BU at that time. Then in December, on the week we returned to church after the second national lockdown, we also welcomed Joan Powell into membership. So, that made four new members during a pandemic - for which we praise God!

In November a second lockdown meant that 'in-Church' services had to cease again for four weeks, then we re-started in December, but again cases of infections in the area rose alarmingly with the advent of

the 'Kent' variant of Coronavirus. The leadership team felt it necessary to close on 20th December and this decision was confirmed as correct when our area was put into Tier 4 over Christmas, and families were not allowed to meet in homes to celebrate Christmas or New Year. This situation was followed swiftly by the third national lockdown.

In December we held a Day of Prayer asking members to pray in their homes for a number of Prayer Pointers. We very quickly saw a number of answers to prayer – including a new Financial Lead (Paul Kingham) to replace Eric, who is planning to move away; the successful conclusion of the process to make RBC a CIO by 1st January; and we were delighted to be contacted by a new couple, planning to move into the area in January, who were keen to become part of the RBC church family.

It has been a strange year, but we have continued to feel connected as a fellowship due to our online services, Zoom meetings, and members making an effort to stay in touch and look out for one another. We have been astonished to see God building His church even during this difficult period, and we are also so grateful for His provision through the continued generous financial giving of our faithful members during this season. This has meant we have remained in a relatively healthy financial position as we begin in our new season as a CIO. A huge Thank you to the leaders who have worked so hard, and supported and encouraged me during this year, and to all of you who have prayed, supported us, and served God in whatever way you could. We look forward to God doing 'a new thing' in 2021 as He walks with us into whatever exciting and different times the future holds.

Trusting the Lord for "*Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow*", and praising and thanking Him for His Faithfulness over an extraordinary and challenging year, we are confident in His

continued accompanying Presence with us,
guiding and blessing us all at RBC as we
continue from 2021 as a CIO.

Fiona



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Rye Baptist Church

No (if any)

1188057

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date

19/02/2020

To

Period end date

31/12/2020

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Charity not operating in this period	-0	-	-	-	-
	-0	-	-	-	-
	-0	-	-	-	-
	-0	-	-	-	-
	-0	-	-	-	-
	-0	-	-	-	-
	-0	-	-	-	-
	-0	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	-0	-	-	-	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-0	-0	-0	-	-
	-0	-0	-0	-	-0
Sub total	-0	-0	-0	-	-0
Total receipts	-0	-0	-0	-	-0
A3 Payments					
Charity not operating in this period	-0	-	-	-	-
	-0	-	-	-	-
	-0	-	-	-	-
	-0	-	-	-	-
	-0	-	-	-	-
	-0	-	-	-	-
	-0	-	-	-	-
	-0	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-0	-	-	-	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Charity not operating in this period	-0	-0	-0	-	-
	-0	-0	-0	-	-
Sub total	-0	-0	-0	-	-0
Total payments	-0	-0	-0	-	-0
Net of receipts/(payments)	-0	-	-	-	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-0	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-0	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	-0	-	-	-	-

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Total cash funds	-	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		G.R. AUSTIN	9/9/21	
	Fiona Cill	FLONA CILL	10.9.21	