

CAREY BAPTIST CHURCH, HEMEL HEMPSTEAD

England & Wales · Charity number 1188844

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2020-04-01

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

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Activities

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

Activities: The 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.

Classification

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

Geography

- Hertfordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£135,102	£166,191	-	-
2023-12-31	£186,561	£147,516	-	-
2022-12-31	£119,518	£112,867	-	-
2021-12-31	£49,495	£66,925	-	-
2020-12-31	£0	£0	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Colin Alexander Cartwright	Chair	2017-01-01
Bhagya Leeniyagoda		2023-11-10
COLIN WINSER HUGHES		2019-11-12
GILLIAN SUSAN BLUNDEN		2019-11-12
Kay Frances Gobby		2025-11-19
Margaret Lye		2019-11-12
OBED SARDAR		2019-11-12
RAPHAEL FEMI-OLA		2019-11-12

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**Trustees' Annual Report for the period
from 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024**
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INTRODUCTION

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This is the third Annual report by the CIO to the Charity Commission and the inspected accounts cover the period 1st January to 31st December 2024, since transitioning to a CIO in May 2021.

AIM

During 2024, following a review of the church's aims ahead of establishing a mission for the next five years, we agreed a new overall church mission statement: **'To be a Christ-centred people, in the heart of Hemel Hempstead, showing God's love to our community'**.

OBJECTIVES

We also agreed four mission objectives, developed into an acronym spelling 'LOVE':

- **Live out our faith**, providing Christ-centred, Bible-based ministry to nurture our spiritual growth.
- **Open our arms to our community**, using opportunities to share God's love.
- **Value children & young people**, nurturing their hearts in faith & wholeness in Christ.
- **Engage as good stewards of God's creation**, preserving our environment through our church actions & individual lifestyle choices.

Our objectives continue to be: -

- to promote the pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical mission of the Church
- to enable as many people as possible to worship at our Church and encourage membership
- refurbishment/redevelopment of our building for benefit of congregation and community
- have due regard to the commission's public benefit guidance

Other actions arising from the review include:-

- 1) Drawing up of a community profile to shape our thinking and prayers.
- 2) A new welcome team and newcomer adoption scheme, including cards recording visitors' details.
- 3) Obtain opinions of families with children who come to Carey, including attenders at our Baby & Toddler Group.
- 6) Wider planning of Sunday morning worship, making the most of outreach opportunities for the church around Christmas, Easter and Harvest.
- 7) A review of our church meetings, to attract more people to share in our decisions about Carey's life & mission.

Carey's Mission Action Plan (2026-2029) to be adopted early in 2025 aims to address the challenge of how both to nurture spiritually our diverse congregation, while also looking beyond them to our diverse community, with its significant and varied needs. One enduring positive foundation for this double challenge is the make-up of Carey's leadership, which is itself culturally diverse. Four of the ten current deacons are of African or Asian origin.

ACTIVITIES

Evangelical/Pastoral

Carey has in-person Sunday services followed by tea and coffee, as well as other Church activities, but continues to share these via Zoom for those who are either less mobile, needing to isolate temporarily, medically at risk, or even away from the area. We have continued to use Zoom to provide spiritual support and teaching through virtual prayer meetings, Bible Studies and Lent Studies. Obed Sardar runs a weekly Zoom Prayer Meeting on Wednesday evenings. Joan Bruce continues weekly prayer meetings at her home.

The opportunity continues for individuals to share prayers for healing and help with a prayer team after communion and other services.

Our monthly Hymn Café has been widely appreciated by people within and beyond our church. Robert Hoare has continued to support this on the keyboard. He continues to play the organ on special occasions such as Good Friday and the Church Anniversary. The Music Group led by Clifford Clarke on keyboard normally supports services, but we continued to enjoy visits by Andrew Cheale and Andrew Pennycook to play the organ.

Carey runs both a Children's and Youth church to share knowledge of the love of Jesus and to lead young people into a growing relationship with Him. Younger children can move to a play area with a parent from the normal service if they need a change of scene.

We continued to finance Tamzin Phillips as our Children's, Youth and Family Worker, initially financed by a generous donation from Trinity Baptist Church in Chesham (2022). Part has involved the leading and co-ordinating Carey's work with 0-16yr olds on a Sunday morning, and the Baby and Toddlers Group on Fridays. The latter's success has been such that it has expanded to use other rooms, with the help of other volunteers and parents who are also Carers and can help; We were happy to extend her contract. Continued finance of this beyond 2025 is being sought by applying for a Home Mission Fund grant, which, if awarded will cover half the cost. A group has been formed to explore possible money-raising events by the Church such as Quiz Nights and a Model Railway show. In June 2024, a sponsored walk from Carey to Dunstable Downs was an inaugural event, which raised over £1000. On 1st December, an Advent pilgrimage to St Albans was undertaken.

The annual Belmont Road and Carey Camp was held in August 2024 on the Isle of Wight. We again thank the Camp Officers, Warren, Rhiannon, and Martin, and all the staff for all the hard work that has gone into organising Camp. Rev Tim Keightley was chaplain. Tamzin Phillips was also present. Warren Pyke supported Colin at Carey during a camp review service on 13th October. Two teenage boys from our congregation, were again able to attend.

We baptised Milad, a young Iranian refugee. Since which time several young people have expressed interest in Church Membership, and in November Colin started sessions at the Manse.

In September we celebrated the birth of Rhiannon Storrie and Andrew Dunlop's son, Isaac Dunlop. He is Joan Bruce's first great-grandchild.

Alas, three long-term Church Members were called home: Trevor Breckell, not long after celebrating his Golden Wedding, Tony Upton, and Graham Tomkins.

Carey actively supports both local and global charities through donations and dedication of Communion offerings. We also support the BMS World Mission and Baptist Union Home Mission via Central Baptist Association. We continue to partner with mission workers in Bangladesh. Our World Development and Relief Fund (nominally 1% of our income) in 2024 was divided between Gaza via Christian Aid and Lebanon via the Disaster Emergency Committee.

Helping those in need is a demonstration of our faith. To this end, individuals' donations and offerings at Communion Services supported Christians Against Poverty, Bibles for Schools, among others. At Christmas we collected donations for Christian Aid and Spurgeon's Child Care.

Throughout the year we accepted donations of food and for other needs on DENS' list (Hemel's homeless charity). The gifts at the Harvest Festival Service were directed to these more than to flowers and produce. We also celebrated 30 years of the Fairtrade Foundation by donating the offering, while also keeping the option to donate to Operation Agri.

Baptist Union held a survey on members' response to a request from a group of churches on a change to the wording of what constituted gross misconduct in a Baptist minister (after which BU Council concluded that there would be no change). Members were evenly divided on this topic, and we followed this with listening days on faith and sexuality led by Rev Graham Clarke. The congregation requested that Deacons should discuss their positions on this topic; this is planned for early 2025.

Social and Community

One significant aspect of Carey's existing mission is in the way that our buildings provide a significant hub for our local community. Carey is host to a whole variety of community organisations including Heather Club, a day care centre that gives support to people living with memory loss and dementia. It meets twice a week. It was launched over 40 years ago with support from our church and our minister continues to serve as a Trustee. In November it was given the prestigious Kings Award for Voluntary Services: the equivalent of an MBE for voluntary groups. Warm congratulations to the current staff, volunteers, members and their carers and the Heather Club Trustees.

Other weekly groups include dancing classes and a U3A dancing group, Al-Anon, Gentle Yoga, Tai Chi, and Hemel Wargamers. Monthly users include Quilters, a group of retired PO workers in the National

Federation of Occupational Pensioners (NFOP), and Hemel Historical Society. We now host two other churches on Sundays, Zion Christian Fellowship and Bethel Living Stone Church.

Having a recently appointed Lettings Secretary, Aquila Leeniyagoda, Carey continues to build good relationships with what is one of our most immediate mission fields.

Throughout the week the church buildings are used by church sponsored groups including Baby & Toddler Group; Carey Ladies' Group meets monthly for lunches either at Carey or occasionally elsewhere. We continue to hold fellowship lunches after Sunday service. David Blunden leads a Table Tennis group mainly of congregation members.

We collected items for DENS at Harvest and for the local Food Bank throughout the year.

We again hosted Beds & Herts Historic Churches Bike and Hike participants in September, providing them with refreshment and a chance to see the church building. Their sponsorship is shared between participating churches, including ours, when in need of support in repairing the fabric of historic buildings. We have also added our details to the National Churches Trust's website listing of churches to visit.

Ecumenical

Carey is a member of Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead, which holds two forums per annum, engage in occasional events and have a public Easter Service of Witness, which follows our own Quiet Service on Good Friday.

Although the majority of services were led by Colin Cartwright, Church member Chamindra Leeniyagoda supported Colin in preaching in mid-February, early March, early October, and end November. On 29th December Gill Blunden arranged a "Songs of Praise" service similar to that at a previous New Year.

Among organisations that visited our services to tell of their work or gave an address was: in January, Boris Skvortsov, UK Director of Jews for Jesus; the Communion offering was given for the support of their work.

Others taking our services when Colin was elsewhere were: - Prof Les Ebdon at end February, Bob Little of Marshalswick Baptist Church St Albans in April, Rev. Ray Ashley-Brown, chaplain at St Francis Hospice in May, and Harold Liberty of Walsworth Road, Hitchin also in May. As part of Herts preacher exchange, Danny Smith from Marshalswick Baptist Church visited in June. In July, services were led by Rev. Simon Carver from Watford, formerly minister of Dagnall Street Baptist Church, St Albans, and Rev. Stephen Copson from CBA. Rev David Ronco came from Hoddesdon in August, Gill & Russell Ashley-Smith of Operation Agri celebrated our Covenant Service in October.

We thank them all for the variety of worship that they offered.

Our weekly newsletter is our main communication link. Edited by Rosemary Hall, this is emailed to members and available at services.

More data is also on our church website: <https://www.careybaptisthemel.org.uk/> which is a channel of contact for those new to Hemel seeking a Christian fellowship.

Worship

Weekly Sunday morning worship has continued generally in the main Sanctuary, with a monthly Communion service. Having begun to put weekly sound recordings and transcripts of sermons on the Church website during Covid, this continued, as did provision of a Zoom connection to live services. Some winter-time services were held in the Memorial Hall, but attendance numbers have improved such that we are close to the limit of that hall's capacity. We generally can achieve an acceptable level of warmth in the Sanctuary.

We continued to make available and post printed copies of the Sunday talks and the weekly newsletter for those who are not able to access modern technology. Along with texts of Colin's sermons and talks published on the church website, we also continue to record our services and make the recordings available there.

These hybrid media of worship ensured our objective of providing spiritual and practical support to those both within and beyond the church.

Our Music Group supports services by playing modern songs and traditional hymns on keyboard, piano or organ as appropriate, together with flute and guitar. We have a number of members able to lead the singing, especially when introducing new music to the congregation. On those Sundays when our Minister is elsewhere, visiting preachers' different preaching styles can be appreciated and their choice of music accommodated.

ACHIEVEMENTS & PERFORMANCE

Our CIO had a membership of 63 people in December 2024. Typical attendance at the main service of worship (including those via Zoom): 55 total, made up of 7 children up to age 11, 3 young people (age 12 - 17), 8 young adults (age 18 -30), 19 adults (age 31 – 64), and 18 seniors (age 65). During 2024 we gained four new Church Members by Baptism, transfer, or by profession of faith.

As part of his continuing ministerial development, our Minister Colin Cartwright has continued to research the life of William Carey, at the Angus Library in Oxford.

Eco friendly.

In keeping with a vital aspect of within our new Mission Statements, Creation care, Carey has a Bronze Eco Church Award. Our Green Team continues to work towards further reducing our carbon footprint and to achieve Silver. Recycling bins are now provided for a wider range of items, including old spectacles, pens, printer cartridges, postage stamps.

The Sanctuary heating with the new boilers' timer and temperature settings runs at a low level overnight (around 12°C). A similar level applies during the day in other areas when nobody is using our premises. We have been raising the Sanctuary temperature for Sunday worship, using the side entrance to retain warmth through the winter, with fewer services held in the Memorial Hall.

We have continued to replace lighting with LED units. Most of our fluorescent strip lighting units have now been replaced, along with the emergency lighting units.

We strive to ensure that the building remains as energy efficient as possible. During the winter, the main church doors have been kept closed and the Sanctuary accessed via the side door. We obtained a quotation to replace the windows in the Church Office, Dawson Room and Crèche which have leaky louvred ventilators, to complete our programme of replacing single with double -glazed units across the Halls.

Being a Listed Building, there are a number of grants available for building maintenance, as well as potential VAT refunds. We are grateful to Kathleen McLeod for investigating these potential sources for projects improving the buildings' insulation. Approximately £5,000 has been refunded from VAT paid.

Mission

2023's report mentioned discussions on how the church could further develop aspects of our new Mission Statement, under the headings of Nurture, Outreach, and Children's and Youth work

Continuing discussion resulted in further meetings, whose conclusions are summarised under Objectives earlier in the report.

The continuing outcomes from the 2023 discussions included the following.

- The launch of a new and improved website for our church, which is already seeing higher numbers of visitors to it. Use of the website for listing meetings and providing plans and capacities of our rooms so that potential users can see opportunities to use our buildings for their activities.
- Greater involvement of our young people in Sunday worship, particularly the monthly all-age services.
- Increased input by members to Sunday worship, to ensure that the cultural diversity of our church is more recognised and celebrated.
- More prayer meetings organised on Zoom, to deepen the prayer life of our church, as well as Bible studies to encourage our spiritual growth in Christ and to develop deeper fellowship.
- Prayers for help and healing at the end of all services.
- Appointment of a Children's, Youth and Families Worker. Initial finance for this came from a generous gift from Chesham Baptist Church. Its success has led us in 2024 towards applying for a grant to support for the worker for three years from 2025. This would only cover half the cost, so we are exploring other fundraising opportunities.

Other actions arising from the review included:

- 1) Extending our Church profile to include a community profile, to shape our thinking and prayers.
- 2) A revitalised welcome team, with a newcomer adoption scheme, including cards recording visitors' details.
- 3) Obtain opinions of families with children who come to Carey, including attenders at our Baby & Toddler Group.
- 6) Wider planning of Sunday morning worship, notably outreach opportunities for the church around Christmas, Easter and Harvest.
- 7) A review of our church meetings, to attract more people to share in our decisions about Carey's life & mission.

Refurbishment/Redevelopment

We keep on top of the refurbishment of the church and rear buildings.

We now have internet within the church premises, providing coverage in the majority of the meeting rooms, another feature widening the potential room usage. A new digital projector with better illumination has improved legibility of songs and video on screen.

We continue to keep expenditure on the buildings at a minimum, while dealing with critical repairs. Finding craftspeople to do the work has been challenging, but have several contractors on whom we can rely, thanks to our surveyor for our Quinquennial Report. Fortunately, Trinity Baptist Church Chesham, in releasing funds at its closure, granted us £20,000 to support our maintenance work. This has been used for work at the Manse, and replacement of electrical distribution boards to reduce fire risk. We have been successful in some grant applications and in having VAT refunded for Listed Building work.

The number of organisations using our buildings has almost returned to pre-Covid levels. We have two other churches that use the premises on Sundays. While increasing our income via more lettings is attractive, it places a more demanding modern approach to Health & Safety matters. This triggered the electrical distribution boards update following our 5-year survey. We are also following up on actions from a review of our fire risks and emergency lighting, signs and exits.

With additional grant support, we hope to replace the opening louvred windows in the Dawson and Crèche rooms (and in the Church Office) with sealed double-glazed units to make them both warmer and cheaper to heat. They will be suitable for letting for small groups.

We continued to maintain the Manse for our Minister. Aside from routine maintenance, we have dealt with water leaks in the lean-to section between the back door and the garage, as well as resealing the garage roof. We have renewed sealing and some units of the double glazing. The Belmont Road manse in Newell Road is being let through an agent to tenants. Current maintenance needs include: repainting of the roof and window soffits. The front garden wall foundations and need for kitchen refurbishment are being monitored.

FUTURE PLANS

It is intended that we continue with refurbishment and increasing the energy efficiency of the church in order to make it more comfortable and appealing to both the congregation and community.

We will look to increase the use of the sanctuary and other rooms by community groups. The availability of Internet facilities should be an attraction. We publicise the facilities we offer on our website.

We are working to improve our large Memorial Hall, either to replace the heating system or to improve the roof insulation. During 2024 the interior was repainted, the floor was sanded and sealed, and the roof exterior repaired following leaks.

These works would be financed by a combination of fund raising and grants for the larger projects.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The inspected Statement of Financial Activities 2024 is published in a separate document containing the details of Income and Expenses, and the Balance sheet. It is annexed to this one.

VOLUNTEERS

We would like to thank all our volunteers who work so hard to make our Church the lively and vibrant community it is.

STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Carey Baptist Church is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, and we adopted the Baptist Approved Governing Document as our Constitution.

The method of appointment for Trustees is set out in our Constitution. Each of the Trustees has been appointed by a vote of the membership at our Annual General Meeting. All those who attend our services are encouraged to become members of the Church.

The Trustees are responsible for making decisions on all matters of importance and general concern on behalf of the Church whilst ensuring that, where necessary, members' votes are required to decide important issues.

The Trustees have met face to face and on Zoom 12 times during the 12-month period of this Report, with an average level of attendance above 80%. Six Church members' meetings were held on Zoom and face to face during the same period.

All Trustees give their time freely with no remuneration being paid.

Administrative Information

The named Charity is Carey Baptist Church, Hemel Hempstead

Address: Marlowes, Hemel Hempstead, HP1 1LD, which is the correspondence address.

Charity Registration number 1188844.

The following members have served as elected Trustees through the reporting period:

Gill Blunden

Kay Gobby (from November 2024)

Hilary Donovan (resigned November 2024)

Raphael Femi-Ola

Colin Hughes

Aquila Leeniyagoda

Bhagya Leeniyagoda

Margaret Lye

Kathleen McLeod

Obed Sardar

Shirley Sebuliba

Reverend Colin Cartwright as Minister chairs the meeting

Approved by the Trustees on *June 18th*

Signed on their behalf by the following Trustees:

Colin W. Hughes

Obed

Margaret Lye



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/01/2024	To	31/12/2024
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Accrued Gift aid	-	586.25	-	586	
Camp income	-	15,637.01	-	15,637	17,071.99
Camp opening balance	-	-	-	-	12,444.57
Children's & Family worker	-	285.00	-	285	
Donations and Legacies	55,904.14	5,205.49	-	61,110	111,426.95
Grant income	-	5,519.34	-	5,519	1,000.00
Income from Newell Road	23,400.00	-	-	23,400	20,442.78
Lettings	24,546.10	-	-	24,546	18,521.20
Misc Income	2,036.18	696.71	-	2,733	3,834.61
Other	-	-	-	-	446.08
Interest	1,286.06	-	-	1,286	1,372
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	107,172	27,930	-	135,102	186,561
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	107,172	27,930	-	135,102	186,561
A3 Payments					
Books and Stationery	-	-	-	-	23
Camp Expenses	-	17,517.65	-	17,518	15,717
Church Activities	-195.60	693.86	-	498	607
Conference and Assembly fees	100.00	-	-	100	-
Donations	8,046.00	442.25	-	8,488	10,883
Ministry and direct costs	43,340.75	-	-	43,341	39,952
Miscellaneous	600.00	842.86	-	1,443	1,066
Newell Road Expenses	4,384.24	-	-	4,384	5,172
Operating Costs	16,113.32	-	-	16,113	15,211
Repairs, Maintenance and Redecorati	16,791.67	18,709.60	-	35,501	33,942
Subscriptions & Licenses	2,643.34	-	-	2,643	2,082
Sundries	293.20	180.00	-	473	12
Utilities	17,448.46	-	-	17,448	13,037
Charitable Activities	231.76	18,008.00	-	18,240	17,812
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	109,797	56,394	-	166,191	155,516
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	109,797	56,394	-	166,191	155,516
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 2,625	- 28,464	-	- 31,089	31,044
A5 Transfers between funds	- 700	700	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	17,191	1,362,372	-	1,379,563	-
Cash funds this year end	13,866	1,334,607	-	1,348,474	31,044

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	Current Account	13,866	-	-
	Deposit Accounts	-	71,476	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	13,866	71,476	-

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

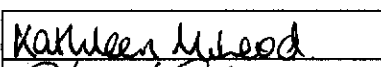

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	Rental property (Property held in Trust by BUC)	Restricted	-	400,000
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Church Premises (Property held in Trust by BUC)	Restricted	-	500,000
	Church Manse (Property held in Trust by BUC)	Restricted	-	376,000
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Other creditors	General Fund	7,428	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	KATHLEEN McLEOD	08'10'2025
	COLIN W HUGHES	08/10/2025

Independent examiner's statement

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In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the Trustees have not met the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 144 of the 2011 Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 2011

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Signed:



Date:



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Our Mission Statements are: -

Nurture faith - provide scripture-led, Christ-centred ministry for all members and generations of the church family, supporting growth in our faith and encouraging one another to live as Jesus would, in peaceful relation to God, to our community and to the whole of creation.

Outreach - identify opportunities within Hemel to reach out and build relationships with young adults (25-45), showing the message of Jesus is relevant to them today, through prayer and action, including prayer and action in response to our global environmental emergency.

Children & Young People - share knowledge of the love of Jesus and bring them to know Jesus personally, helping them to feel valued within God's family and the church family at Carey and encouraging them to play their part in God's purposes for all creation.

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Evangelical/Pastoral

Covid-19 is now seen as no more of a threat than influenza, social interaction is now normal. Carey now has in-person services followed by tea and coffee, as well as other Church activities, but continues to share these via Zoom for those who are either less mobile, needing to isolate temporarily, medically at risk, or even away from the area. We have continued to use Zoom to provide spiritual support and teaching through virtual prayer meetings, Bible Studies, Lent Studies and coffee mornings. Joan Bruce continues weekly prayer meetings in person at her home.

The opportunity continues for individuals to share prayers for healing and help with a prayer team after communion and other services.

Our monthly Hymn Café has been widely appreciated by people within and beyond our church. Robert Hoare has continued to support this on the piano. He continues to play the organ on special occasions such as Good Friday and the Church Anniversary. He also supported our Carol Service on the organ. The Music Group normally supports services, but we continued to enjoy visits by Andrew Cheale and Andrew Pennycook to play the organ. In June members of the North Hants Organ Association visited and played our organ, which has the basic structure of a Baroque organ.

Carey runs a Children, Youth and Family church to share knowledge of the love of Jesus and to lead young people into a growing relationship with Him. During the year, younger children were able to move to a play area with a parent from the normal service if they needed a change of scene.

Mentioned in the last report, a welcome opportunity for us has been that part of remaining funds arising from the closure of Trinity Baptist Church in Chesham were offered to Carey for financing a Children's, Youth and Family Worker. Following agreeing the Job Description, advertising the post and interviews, Carey member Tamzin Phillips has been in post since September 2022. Part has involved the leading and co-ordinating Carey's work with 0-16yr olds on a Sunday morning, and the Baby and Toddlers Group on Fridays. The success of the latter has been such that it has grown from around three families to over twenty. Fortunately, among the families have been parents who were also Carers and could help; also using other rooms has provided space also to share faith with parents. We were happy to extend her contract in September.

The annual Belmont Road and Carey Camp was held in 2023 in the week of 12th August at West Runton, Norfolk. We again thank the Camp Officers, Warren, Rhiannon, and Martin, and all the staff for all the hard work that has gone into organising Camp. Rev Tim Keightley was chaplain. Tamzin Phillips was also present. Rev Colin Cartwright had planned to attend but had been unable to do so. Three boys from our congregation, with some gifts from members of both money and equipment like sleeping bags, were able to attend and were enthusiastic about the experience, and are looking forward to next year. In October, Warren Pyke and other Camp officers led the service with 'Reflections on Super-powered Camp'.

We again arranged a day visit in July to Stanton House, a retreat centre near Oxford.

We had no Baptisms, but had Dedications: in July for four members of the same family: Caleb, Joshua, Joel & Eva, and in September Zahari Hue Clarke.

In keeping with our mission statement objective of sharing the good news of the Christian message with our community, although the December weather prevented us singing Christmas Carols outside, in May we ran an 'I Love Hemel' Festival at Carey, which also involved a number of organisations using our premises.

Carey actively supports both local and global charities through donations and dedication of Communion offerings. We also support the BMS World Mission and Baptist Union Home Mission via Central Baptist association. We continue to partner with mission workers in Bangladesh. Our World Development and Relief Fund (nominally 1% of our income) in 2023 was divided between Christian Aid for the Turkish and Syrian earthquake, and later in the year for the Moroccan earthquake and the Libyan floods via the Disaster Emergency Committee and the International Red Cross.

In January Carey hosted a Ukrainian Christmas Celebration. Our thanks to Irena and Andrey for suggesting this. The evening included visiting parties of Ukrainians and their friends from Holy Trinity Leverstock Green, St Johns Boxmoor, Bovingdon Baptist Church and Hemel Quakers. We were also blessed by the visit of friends of Andrey and Irena, Dmytro and his wife, Lida and their three children. Dmytro gave testimony and shared the Lord's Prayer and the blessing in Ukrainian.

The offering that was collected helped some of the thousands of people trying to survive the winter in the liberated territories of Ukraine.

In February, Colin Cartwright & Owen Cooper did an indoor virtual 24-hour bike ride from Hemel to Edinburgh at Liberty Tea Rooms to raise money to break the cycle of poverty and isolation in our community (over £7000 was raised).

Helping those in need is a demonstration of our faith. To this end, individuals' donations and offerings at Communion Services supported Operation Agri (Transforming Farms in Tanzania), Christians Against Poverty, Bibles for Schools, among others. At Christmas we collected donations for Christian Aid and Spurgeon's Child Care.

Throughout the year we accepted donations of food and for other needs on DENS' list. The gifts at the Harvest Festival Service were directed to these more than to flowers and produce.

In August, Colin Cartwright announced a plan to start a series of evenings on Church Membership, having had three people expressing interest. Unfortunately other circumstances meant that these did not start until 2024; but we thank God that this is moving forward.

Social and Community

Throughout the week the church buildings are used by church sponsored groups including Baby & Toddler Group, Carey Ladies' Group met for lunches either at Carey or occasionally elsewhere. We continue to hold some after-service lunches. David Blunden leads a Table Tennis group mainly of congregation members. The community service provided by Heather Club, which gives support to people living with memory loss and dementia, continues. This started as a church-led endeavour, but is now an independent operation. We now also have AIAnon weekly sessions.

Other weekly users include:- National Federation of Occupational Pensioners (NFOP), and Hemel Wargamers. Dancing classes continue, as well as a U3A dancing group, Yoga and Tai Chi. Dacorum Historical Society, and a Quilters group meet monthly. Towards the end of the year 'Living Well' started counselling sessions.

We thank Judy Seth for managing our lettings over many years; she will have retired at the end of March, handing over to Aquila Leeniyagoda.

We collected items for DENS at Harvest and for the local Food Bank throughout the year, totalling 91Kg of food.

Donations and grants have funded the purchase of a defibrillator, which has now been installed. Also a donation allowed the replacement of our failed heating boilers.

We again recorded Herts Historic Churches Bike and Hike participants in September, providing them with refreshment and a chance to see the church building. Their sponsorship is shared between participating churches, including ours.

Ecumenical

Carey is a member of Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead, which holds two forums per annum, engage in occasional events and have a public Easter Service of Witness, which follows our own Quiet Service on Good Friday.

Among local organisations that visited our services to tell of their work or gave an address were: Mike Wallis of Dacorum Street Pastors in January, Youth Across Hemel in March. In June, Dr Carolyn Kirk (formerly of Beechen Grove BC, Watford) led a service, with input from our BMS Mission Partners in Bangladesh, Peter and Louise Lynch. This was followed by a fellowship picnic in the Church Lounge as the weather prevented holding it in Gadebridge park. Our Church Anniversary Covenant & Communion Service in October was led by Rev Lisa Kerry, Team Leader of the Regional Team for our Central Baptist Association. She also dedicated a plaque celebrating the lives of Ray & Win Clarke. Andrew Masters of Discovery Schools ministry visited in November.

Other visiting preachers have included Harold Liberty of Walsworth Road, Hitchin in February, Bob Little from St Albans in April, and Rev David Ronco from Hoddesdon in June. In July we had Rev Graham Clarke from Wheathampstead, and Tony Graham, from Hitchin. Dr Carolyn Kirk visited again in August, and at the end of October, Paul Tucker, from Kings Langley. Some services have been led by our members, notably Chamindra Leeniyagoda. We thank them all for the variety of worship that they offered.

During the year, as a result of its editor Hilary Donovan's indisposition, Carey's monthly magazine 'Grapevine' has no longer been published except for a final review edition at the end of the year. We have been publishing 'News of the Fellowship' instead in conjunction with Belmont Road Baptist Church and Church of the Resurrection Grovehill, and expanded our weekly newsletter, edited by Rosemary Hall, which is emailed to members and available at services.

Worship

Sunday morning worship has continued generally in the main Sanctuary, with a monthly Communion service. Having begun to put weekly sound recordings and transcripts of sermons on the Church website during Covid, this continued, as did provision of a Zoom connection to live services. Especially when one of our two heating boilers failed, most winter-time services were held in the Memorial Hall. The different 'feel' of the Memorial Hall has suited more informal service styles, such as 'Christingle mingle' café church worship on 10th December.

We continued to make available and post printed copies of the Sunday talks and the weekly newsletter for those who are not able to access modern technology. Although recordings of services continue, we also publish on our website the texts of Colin's sermons and talks.

These hybrid media of worship ensured our objective of providing spiritual and practical support to those both within and beyond the church.

Our Music Group supports services by playing modern songs and traditional hymns on keyboard, piano or organ as appropriate, together with flute and guitar. We have a number of members able to lead the singing, especially when introducing new music to the congregation. On those Sundays when our Minister is elsewhere, visiting preachers' different preaching styles can be appreciated and their choice of music accommodated.

For New Year, when finding a preacher has been a challenge, we held a 'Songs of Praise' Service in the Memorial Hall with New Year and Epiphany themed hymns/carols/songs, prayers, and readings, with refreshments available.

ACHIEVEMENTS & PERFORMANCE

Our CIO had a membership in *January 2023 (Latest estimate needed)* of 67 people, while being in regular contact with 124 adults, 4 secondary school age young people and 26 children through its weekly activities. Typical attendance at the main service of worship (including those via Zoom): 58 adults, 4 secondary school age; 4 younger children. We had some deaths of older members and friends, including Brian Jones and Colin Lyons.

As part of his continuing ministerial development, our Minister Colin Cartwright has continued to research the life of William Carey.

Eco friendly.

In keeping with a vital aspect of within our new Mission Statements, Creation care, Carey has a Bronze Eco Church Award. Our Green Team continues to work towards further reducing our carbon footprint and to achieve Silver. Recycling bins are now provided for a wider range of items, including old spectacles, pens, printer cartridges, postage stamps.

The Sanctuary heating with the new boilers' timer and temperature settings runs at a low level overnight (around 10°C). A similar level applies during the day in other areas when nobody is using our premises. We have been raising the Sanctuary temperature for Sunday worship, but after Christmas through the winter we have been holding most services in the Memorial Hall.

We have continued to replace lighting with LED units. Most of our fluorescent strip lighting units have now been replaced, along with the emergency lighting units.

We strive to ensure that the building remains as energy efficient as possible. During the winter, the main church doors have been kept closed and the Sanctuary accessed via the side door. As part of a gift from Chesham Baptist Church of £20,000 for maintenance items, we have had a quotation to replace the windows in the Church Office, Dawson Room and Crèche which have leaky louvered ventilators.

Mission

Last year's discussions on how the church could further develop aspects of our new Mission Statement, under the headings of Nurture, Outreach, and Children's and Youth work were completed by a review of the opportunities in Nurture.

The continuing outcomes from these included the following which are now part of our church's life.

- The launch of a new and improved website for our church, which is already seeing higher numbers of visitors to it. Use of the website for listing meetings and providing plans and capacities of our rooms so that potential users can see opportunities to use our buildings for their activities.
- Greater involvement of our young people in Sunday worship, particularly the monthly all-age services.
- Increased input by members to Sunday worship, to ensure that the cultural diversity of our church is more recognised and celebrated.
- More prayer meetings organised on Zoom, to deepen the prayer life of our church, as well as Bible studies to encourage our spiritual growth in Christ and to develop deeper fellowship.
- Prayers for help and healing at the end of all services.
- Appointment of a Children's, Youth and Families Worker. The success of this has raised the possibility of obtaining a grant to extend support for the worker and to increase hours of employment.

Refurbishment/Redevelopment

We keep on top of the refurbishment of the church and rear buildings.

We now have internet within the church premises, providing coverage in the majority of the meeting rooms, another feature widening the potential room usage. A new digital projector with better illumination has improved legibility of songs and video on screen.

We continue to keep expenditure on the buildings at a minimum, while dealing with critical repairs. Finding craftspeople to do the work has been challenging. Our surveyor for our Quinquennial Report has suggested some potential companies. Fortunately, Trinity Baptist Church Chesham, in releasing funds at its closure, granted us £20,000 to support our maintenance work. This has been allocated to some of the work at the Manse, as well as scheduled larger repairs.

The number of organisations using our buildings has almost returned to pre-Covid levels. Increasing our income by more lettings is attractive, but more demanding of a modern approach to Health & Safety matters. We have had all of the electrical distribution boards updated following our 5-year survey. We are also following up on a review of our fire risks and emergency lighting, signs and exits.

To make safer parking of cars and to reduce trip hazards, the loose paving to the side of the Memorial Hall has been removed and replaced with a plastic grid filled with shingle. This also gives better drainage and reduces water run-off against the buildings' walls. We are grateful to Heather Club for contributing part of the cost. We have rebuilt the steps at the side, deepening the treads.

We continued to maintain the Manse for our Minister. Work has been put in hand to deal with water leaks in the lean-to section between the back door and the garage, as well as resealing the garage roof. We have renewed sealing and some glazed units of the double glazing. The Belmont Road manse in Newell Road is being let through an agent to tenants. Maintenance needs will be assessed on the front garden wall foundations, and kitchen refurbishment is a longer term likelihood.

FUTURE PLANS

It is intended that we continue with refurbishment and increasing the energy efficiency of the church in order to make it more comfortable and appealing to both the congregation and community.

We will look to increase the use of the sanctuary and other rooms by community groups. The availability of Internet facilities should be an attraction. We will publicise the facilities we offer on our website.

We are working to improve our large Memorial Hall, specifically to replace the heating system in time for its Centenary in 2025. Meanwhile we have scheduled sanding and sealing its floor, and repairs to the roof exterior following leaks.

These works will be financed by a combination of fund raising and grants for the larger projects.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The inspected Statement of Financial Activities 2023 is published in a separate document containing the details of Income and Expenses, and the Balance Sheet. It is annexed to this one.

VOLUNTEERS

We would like to thank all our volunteers who work so hard to make our Church the lively and vibrant community it is.

STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Carey Baptist Church is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, and we adopted the Baptist Approved Governing Document as our Constitution.

The method of appointment for Trustees is set out in our Constitution. Each of the Trustees has been appointed by a vote of the membership at our Annual General Meeting. All those who attend our services are encouraged to become members of the Church.

The Trustees are responsible for making decisions on all matters of importance and general concern on behalf of the Church whilst ensuring that, where necessary, members' votes are required to decide important issues.

The Trustees have met face to face and on Zoom 12 times during the 12-month period of this Report, with an average level of attendance above 80%. Six Church members' meetings were held on Zoom and face to face during the same period.

All Trustees give their time freely with no remuneration being paid.

Administrative Information

The named Charity is Carey Baptist Church, Hemel Hempstead

Address: Marlowes, Heme! Hempstead, HPI ILD, which is the correspondence address.
Charity Registration number 1188844.

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Raphael Femi-Ola
Colin Hughes
Aquila Leeniyagoda
Bhagya Leeniyagoda
Margaret Lye
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Reverend Colin Cartwright as Minister chairs the meeting

Approved by the Trustees on 3rd September 2024 Signed on their behalf by the following Trustees

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Approved by the Trustees on (date) and signed on their behalf by (Chairman).

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Colin W. Hughes

Kathleen McLeod.

Carey Baptist Church Hemel Hempstead
Income & Expense - Detail
January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023

	<i>Income</i>	
	Income and Endowments	186,561
	Total Income	<u>186,561</u>
	<i>Expenses</i>	
	Expenditure	155,516
	Total Expenses	<u>155,516</u>
	Operating Profit(Loss)	<u>31,044</u>
	Total Other Income(Expenses)	<u>0</u>
	Net Profit(Loss)	<u>31,044</u>

Carey Baptist Church Hemel Hempstead
Charity Commission Registration Number 1188844
Balance Sheet - Detail
As at December 31, 2023

<i>Fixed Assets</i>		
Tangible Assets	1,284,381	
<i>Current Assets</i>		
Stocks	327	
Debtors	180	
Cash At Bank And In Hand	99,732	
<i>Creditors</i>		
Other Creditors	-5,058	
Net Assets	1,379,563	
<i>Funds & Reserves</i>		
Endowment Capital Funds	1,284,000	
Restricted Funds	78,372	
Unrestricted General Funds	17,191	
Funds Provided	1,379,563	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees	Carey Baptist Church Hemel Hempstead		
On accounts for the year ended	31/12/2023	Charity no (if any)	
	Set out on pages		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did 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 this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: *Annrose Olima* **Date:** 09/09/2024

Name: ANNROSE OLIMA

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA)

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CAREY BAPTIST CHURCH, HEMEL HEMPSTEAD

England & Wales - Charity number 1188844

Accounts

**Trustees' Annual Report for the period
from 1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022**
Charity name: CAREY BAPTIST CHURCH HEMEL HEMPSTEAD
Charity registration number: 1188844
SECOND ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE CHARITY COMMISSION

INTRODUCTION

Carey Baptist Church has existed as a charity for over 40 years since the amalgamation of Boxmoor and Marlowes Baptist Churches, as an unincorporated association affiliated to the Baptist Union of Great Britain, which permitted us to act independently according to guidelines provided by BUGB.

In response to UK government legislation requiring small Church charities to register with the Charity Commission, the church agreed at a special Church Members' Meeting in July 2019 to establish a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) for itself. The unincorporated association transferred all its assets, debts, and liabilities across to the CIO on the 1st May 2021 and Carey Baptist Church Hemel Hempstead CIO became fully functional as of that date. At the Church's first Annual General Meeting as a CIO, on 9th March 2022, the Trustees/Deacons resigned *en bloc* and were re-appointed as Charity Trustees for the CIO.

This is the second Annual report by the CIO to the Charity Commission and the inspected accounts cover the period 1st January to 31st December 2022.

AIM

The Church aims "TO KNOW JESUS BETTER AND TO MAKE HIM BETTER KNOWN" It does this by being open to all members of the local community joining the activities on the Church premises in Marlowes, Hemel Hempstead, HP1 1LD, elsewhere in the town and online.

Our Mission Statements are: -

Nurture faith - provide scripture-led, Christ-centred ministry for all members and generations of the church family, supporting growth in our faith and encouraging one another to live as Jesus would, in peaceful relation to God, to our community and to the whole of creation.

Outreach - identify opportunities within Hemel to reach out and build relationships with young adults (25-45), showing the message of Jesus is relevant to them today, through prayer and action, including prayer and action in response to our global environmental emergency.

Children & Young People - share knowledge of the love of Jesus and bring them to know Jesus personally, helping them to feel valued within God's family and the church family at Carey and encouraging them to play their part in God's purposes for all creation.

OBJECTIVES

Our objectives are: -

- to promote the pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical mission of the Church
- to enable as many people as possible to worship at our Church and encourage membership
- refurbishment/redevelopment our building for benefit of congregation and community
- have due regard to the commission's public benefit guidance

ACTIVITIES

Evangelical/Pastoral

Mask wearing and social distancing at services continued at the start of the year, but conditions were relaxed as it progressed. Although congregation members do occasionally catch Covid-19, social interaction is now almost normal. Carey returned to in-person services followed by tea and coffee, as well as other Church activities, but has continued to share these via Zoom for those who are either less mobile, needing to isolate temporarily, medically at risk, or even away from the area. We have continued to use Zoom to provide spiritual support and teaching through virtual prayer meetings, Bible Studies, and coffee mornings. Joan Bruce has resumed weekly prayer meetings in person at her home.

The resumption of our monthly Hymn Café has been widely appreciated by people within and beyond our church. Robert Hoare continued to support this on the piano. In May, he celebrated his 90th birthday with

an organ recital at Carey in the presence of his family. Although he retired from being our regular organist at services on 28th August, he continues to play on special occasions such as the Church Anniversary. We welcomed Andrew Pennycook as organist once a month, and, later in the year Andrew Cheale. On occasions when neither of them was available, the Music Group has supported services.

Carey runs a Children, Youth and Family church to share knowledge of the love of Jesus and to lead young people into a growing relationship with Him. Also later in the year, a play area in the Church foyer was provided for parents/carers with babies, where they could listen to the service.

A welcome opportunity for us was that part of remaining funds arising from the closure of Trinity Baptist Church in Chesham, the previous church of our Minister Colin Cartwright, were offered to Carey for financing a Children's, Youth and Family Worker. Following agreeing the Job Description, advertising the post and interviews, Carey member Tamzin Phillips was appointed for the year starting 1st September 2022. An informal induction on Sunday 4th September welcomed her to this new role.

Belmont Road and Carey Camp, having restarted in 2021 at Prestatyn, was held in 2022 for the week of 13th August on the Isle of Wight. We again thank the Camp Officers, Warren, Rhiannon, and Martin, and all the staff for all the hard work that has gone into organising Camp. Rev Tim Keightley was chaplain.

In 2022, Carey introduced the opportunity for individuals to share prayers for healing and help with a prayer team after communion services; this can now be requested after all services.

We again arranged day visits to Stanton House, a retreat centre near Oxford in July and August.

We had no Baptisms, but welcomed into membership Rosemary Hall, as well as our Ukrainian friends Andrey and Iryna Blahyi. We had three dedications: - in March, Augustina Forkuo's daughter Afriyie; Olivia Mansfield brought Lucas in May; Prince and Prisca Nwosli brought their baby daughter, Amy Amara.

We organised carol singing early in December outside the church, in keeping with our mission statement objective of sharing the good news of the Christian message with our community.

Carey actively supports both local and global charities through donations and dedication of communion offerings. We also support the BMS World Mission and continue to partner with mission workers in Bangladesh. We also have a World Development and Relief Fund (nominally 1% of our income) which in 2022 was divided equally between Bangladesh, Afghanistan, and Pakistan flooding via the Disaster Emergency Committee.

Helping those in need is a demonstration of our faith. To this end, individuals' donations and offerings at Communion Services supported Christian Aid, Operation Agri, Christians Against Poverty, Bibles for Schools, amongst others. At Christmas we collected donations for Spurgeon's Child Care.

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Throughout the week the church buildings are used by several groups including Baby & Toddler Group, Table Tennis, National Federation of Occupational Pensioners (NFOP), and Hemel Wargamers. Dancing classes also began again. Carey Ladies' Group met for lunches either at Carey or occasionally elsewhere. Reflecting our diverse community, we held some after-service lunches: 'Food from around the World,' although we needed to remind people that that included UK. Obed & Rifat Sardar also offered us breakfast and a time of fellowship at their home.

Two valuable community services restarted: Heather Club, which provides support to Vulnerable Adults, and the Child Contact Centre offered opportunities for separated parents to meet their children, as well as providing legal advice to them. Alas, removal of funding and reduced support by families caused the latter to close at the end of 2022.

The Baby & Toddler Group had run in a small way on Zoom, which was appreciated by those parents and children who could regularly attend. In-person meetings resumed when permitted, initially with limited numbers, pre-booking, and measures to reduce virus transmission. Olivia Mansfield left her role of leading the Toddler Group at the end of March. She was succeeded by Debbie Forty, who helped out until mid-July. Tamzin Phillips has led this work from September.

Large developments of flats are being built opposite the church and Carey has been instrumental in reaching out to the community by including our church details in the developers' purchaser information packs. We hosted directions on our front noticeboards to Bellway Homes development opposite the church in exchange for new boards.

We collect items for DENS at Harvest and for the local Food Bank throughout the year.

Donations and grants have funded the purchase of a defibrillator, which has now been received. Its installation awaits other electrical jobs, which will be combined. Once installed, volunteers will be trained in its use.

We recorded Herts Historic Churches Bike and Hike participants in September, providing them with refreshment and a chance to see the church building. Their sponsorship is shared between participating churches, including ours.

Early in the year, Colin and Chris Cartwright had taken in Andriy, a Ukrainian Baptist working locally who had become homeless. His wife Iryna and their two children joined him in April having left Ukraine in March. After some time in the Manse, they have now found a house of their own, thanks to another church member.

Ecumenical

Carey is a member of Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead, which holds two forums per annum, engage in occasional events and have a public Easter Service of Witness, which followed our own Quiet Service on Good Friday.

We hosted the CT AGM in June. The availability of First Saturday mornings, freed up by the closure of Contact Centre will again allow us to host CT 'Pray Hemel.' Carey produces a monthly magazine 'Grapevine' in conjunction with two other churches; this is distributed to the congregations and visitors.

Worship

Initially, when the church was closed, weekly recordings of Sunday morning worship were put on our website. We progressed to home-based Zoom worship, including quarterly Communion services, while continuing to put the sound recordings on the church website.

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Eco friendly.

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Last year, on our surveyor's recommendation, we ran the Sanctuary heating in winter continuously at a low level, raising the temperature for services. The recent failure of one of our boilers has prevented us continuing this, although we are maintaining low-level heat on those nights and days during the week, when other areas do not need heating.

When replacing lighting, we do so with more efficient light bulbs; as well, complete lighting units are also due for upgrading.

We strive to ensure that the building remains as energy efficient as possible. To that end we have had an energy audit undertaken and our knowledge of the current heating load should point us to the most effective solutions, either in more efficient heating or better insulation, such as double-glazing.

Mission

Last year's discussions on how the church could further develop aspects of our new Mission Statement, under the headings of Nurture, Outreach, and Children's and Youth work were completed by a review of the opportunities in Nurture.

Outcomes from these included the following.

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- Appointment of a Children's, Youth and Families Worker.

Refurbishment/Redevelopment

We keep on top of the refurbishment of the church and rear buildings.

We now have internet within the church premises, providing coverage in the majority of the meeting rooms. A new digital projector with better illumination has improved legibility of songs and video on screen.

We continue to keep expenditure on the buildings at a minimum, while dealing with critical repairs. Finding craftspeople to do the work has been challenging.

The number of organisations using our buildings has still not returned to pre-Covid levels, which has lowered our income and limits our budget for maintenance.

Having repaired the street frontage retaining wall of our property, a recent car collision has damaged a different section, but these repairs will be covered by the motorist's insurance.

To make safer parking of cars and to reduce trip hazards, the loose paving to the side of the Memorial Hall has been removed and replaced with a plastic grid filled with shingle. This also gives better drainage and reduces water run-off against the buildings' walls. We are grateful to Heather Club for contributing part of the cost.

We also continued to maintain the Manse for our Minister, with some redecoration, replacement of ineffective radiators, and shrub trimming in the garden. The Belmont Road manse in Newell Road is being let through an agent to tenants. Maintenance needs will be the front garden wall foundation, and kitchen refurbishment.

FUTURE PLANS

It is intended that we continue with refurbishment and increasing the energy efficiency of the church in order to make it more comfortable and appealing to both the congregation and community.

We will look to increase the use of the sanctuary and other rooms by community groups. The availability of Internet facilities should be an attraction. We will publicise the facilities we offer on our website.

We are working to improve our large Memorial Hall, specifically to replace the heating system in time for Centenary in 2025.

These works will be financed by a combination of fund raising and grants for the larger projects.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

(The inspected Statement of Financial Activities 2022 is published in a separate document)

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The Trustees are responsible for making decisions on all matters of importance and general concern on behalf of the Church whilst ensuring that, where necessary, members' votes are required to decide important issues.

The Trustees have met face to face and on Zoom 13 times during the 12-month period of this Report, with an average level of attendance above 80%. Six Church members' meetings were held on Zoom during the same period.

All Trustees give their time freely with no remuneration being paid.

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Charity Registration number 1188844.

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Approved by the Trustees on (date) and signed on their behalf by (Chairman).

Carey Baptist Church Hemel Hempstead
Statement of Financial Activities (Income & Expense)

January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total
<i>Income</i>				
Income and Endowments	118,017.86	1,500.00		119,517.86
Total Income	118,017.86	1,500.00	0.00	119,517.86
<i>Expenses</i>				
Expenditure	108,437.38	4,430.00	8,000.00	120,867.38
Total Expenses	108,437.38	4,430.00	8,000.00	120,867.38
Net Resource Movement	9,580.48	-2,930.00	-8,000.00	-1,349.52
Net Movement in Funds	9,580.48	-2,930.00	-8,000.00	-1,349.52
Total Funds Brought Forward	8,498.00	41,370.00	1,300,000.00	1,349,868.00
Total Funds Carried Forward	18,078.48	38,440.00	1,292,000.00	1,348,518.48



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees	Carey Baptist Church Hemel Hempstead		
On accounts for the year ended	31/12/2022	Charity no (if any)	
Set out on pages			

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did 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 this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: *Annrose Olima* **Date:** 12/07/2023

Name: ANNROSE OLIMA

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA)

Address: 39 Dowling Court
Hemel Hempstead
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CAREY BAPTIST CHURCH, HEMEL HEMPSTEAD

England & Wales - Charity number 1188844

Accounts

**Trustees' Annual Report for the period
from 1st May 2021 to 31st December 2021**
Charity name: CAREY BAPTIST CHURCH HEMEL HEMPSTEAD
Charity registration number: 1188844
FIRST ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE CIO

INTRODUCTION

Carey Baptist Church has existed as a charity for over 40 years since the amalgamation of Boxmoor and Marlowes Baptist Churches as an unincorporated association, affiliated to the Baptist Union of GB and Ireland which permitted us to act independently according to guidelines provided by the BU. In respect of the Charities Act, we were permitted to be excepted from individual registration, through the affiliation with BU, while our income was less than £100,000 per annum. This option is not open to us under the new legislation as our income exceeds the new £5,000 limit.

In response to UK government legislation requiring small Church charities to register with the Charity Commission, the unincorporated church agreed at a special Church Members' Meeting in July 2019 to establish a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) for itself. The unincorporated association of members Church transferred all its assets, debts and liabilities across to the CIO on the 1st May 2021 and Carey Baptist Church Hemel Hempstead CIO became fully functional as of 1st May 2021. The CIO held a number of short Trustee and Church meetings between July 2019 and 1st May 2021, but all substantial decisions and all financial matters were handled by the unincorporated association of members Church until 1st May 2021.

This is the first Annual report by the CIO to the Charity Commission and the audited accounts only cover the period 1st May 2021 (when the assets of the UAM were transferred to the CIO) to 31st December 2021, which is the end of the Church's financial year. Future reports will cover a full 12-month period from 1st January to 31st December.

AIM

The Church aims "TO KNOW JESUS BETTER AND TO MAKE HIM BETTER KNOWN" It does this by being open to all members of the local community joining the activities on the Church premises in Marlowes, Hemel Hempstead, HP1 1LD, elsewhere in the town and online.

Our Mission Statements are: -

Nurture faith - provide scripture-led, Christ-centred ministry for all members and generations of the church family, supporting growth in our faith and encouraging one another to live as Jesus would, in peaceful relation to God, to our community and to the whole of creation.

Outreach - identify opportunities within Hemel to reach out and build relationships with young adults (25-45), showing the message of Jesus is relevant to them today, through prayer and action, including prayer and action in response to our global environmental emergency.

Children & Young People - share knowledge of the love of Jesus and bring them to know Jesus personally, helping them to feel valued within God's family and the church family at Carey and encouraging them to play their part in God's purposes for all creation.

OBJECTIVES

Our objectives are: -

- to promote the pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical mission of the Church
- to enable as many people as possible to worship at our Church and encourage membership
- refurbishment/redevelopment our building for benefit of congregation and community
- have due regard to the commission's public benefit guidance

ACTIVITIES

Evangelistic/Pastoral

To ensure the continued promotion of our whole mission during Covid lockdowns, Carey used Zoom to hold church meetings, deacons' meetings, and provide spiritual support and teaching through virtual prayer meetings, bible studies, coffee mornings, and Book Club meetings. This was coupled with individual visiting as appropriate, sometimes in people's gardens, on the doorstep, whilst following Covid regulations regarding mask wearing, hand-washing, etc. Our approach helped to relieve social isolation.

Additionally, a system of regular phone calls to the more isolated and vulnerable in the fellowship was put in place in 2020, which continued during the lockdown early in 2021. During periods of easing Covid restrictions, Carey organised short social walks in the park, limited to bubbles of six people, with the groups of six following different routes. This helped ease social isolation, but encouraged exercise and time appreciating God's creation. Similarly, the resumption of our monthly Hymn Café, since September 2021, has been widely appreciated by people within and beyond our church. The Ladies' Group also resumed in September with occasional lunchtime meetings at the church.

Carey runs a Junior church/Youth church to share knowledge of the love of Jesus and to lead them into a growing relationship with Him. Separate Zoom sessions were run during Lockdowns. With more families attending the church, it is intended to start another group for young children after Easter.

In 2021, Carey was pleased to be able to celebrate two Baptisms, one in September and one in December. We also organised carol singing outside the church, in keeping with our mission statement objective of sharing the good news of the Christian message with our community. Over Advent, Sunday worship was conducted mostly in-person: the all-age Christmas service included Carey's Youth Church doing a drama sketch about the Shepherds, as well as a communion service celebrating Christmas around the world.

Carey actively supports both local and global charities through donations and dedication of communion offerings. We also support the BMS World Mission and currently partner with mission workers in Bangladesh.

Helping those in need is a demonstration of our faith. To this end, Carey supports Christian Aid, Operation Agri, Christians Against Poverty amongst others.

Social and Community

Throughout the week the church is used by several groups including Baby & Toddler, Table Tennis, National Federation of Occupational Pensioners (NFOP), and Hemel Wargamers. Two valuable community services have restarted: Heather Club, which provides support to older people with memory problems, and Child Contact Centre, which offers opportunities for separated parents to meet their children, as well as providing access to legal advice to them from a visiting solicitor.

The Baby & Toddler Group had run in a small way on Zoom, which was appreciated by those parents and children who could regularly attend. In-person meetings resumed when permitted, initially with limited numbers, pre-booking, and measures to reduce virus transmission. The increasing numbers attending since September 2021 show that the group has been appreciated by the wider community. Its positive contribution was recognised with a Locality Budget grant from our Local Councillor in 2021.

Large developments of flats are being built opposite the church and Carey has been instrumental in reaching out to the community by including our church details in the developers' purchaser information packs.

Ecumenical

Carey is a member of Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead, who hold two forums per annum, engage in occasional events and have an Easter Walk of Witness.

Carey produces a monthly magazine in conjunction with two other churches; this is distributed to the congregations and visitors.

Worship

Initially, when the church was closed, weekly recordings of Sunday morning worship were put on our website. We progressed to home based zoom worship, including quarterly communion services.

This reached a larger audience, although those who were not able to access this technology were still sent printed copies of the Sunday talks and the weekly newsletter.

When Carey returned to meeting in person on 6th December 2020, we developed a hybrid form of worship which included on Zoom those unable or unwilling to meet in person. With a break due to the third Lockdown, this started again on Good Friday 2021, and this approach has since been significantly improved, thanks to our tech team and to people donating money and equipment to improve the Zoom experience.

This hybrid form of worship ensured our objective of providing spiritual and practical support to both those within and beyond the church.

ACHIEVEMENTS & PERFORMANCE

Our CIO had a membership at 31st December of 67 people, and we were in regular contact with up to 124 adults, 4 secondary school age young people and 26 children under 11, through our weekly activities and email circulation of newsletters etc. We had two Believers' Baptisms.

By the end of the year the typical attendance in the church at the main service of worship was 40-45, including 4 secondary school age and 2 children under 11, with up to 12 accessing the service via Zoom.

As part of his continuing ministerial development, our minister Colin Cartwright, was released by Carey for a time of sabbatical study, from May-August 2021. During this period, a number of local preachers and members of Carey led Sunday worship.

Eco friendly

In keeping with a vital aspect of one of our new Mission Statements, Creation care, Carey attained a Bronze Eco Church Award in June 2021, having registered as an Eco Church in September 2020.

To continue to remain as green as possible, and on our surveyor's recommendation, we have been running the Sanctuary heating continuously at a low level, raising the temperature for services.

When we have to replace lighting, we do so with more efficient light bulbs.

We strive to ensure that the building remains as energy efficient as possible. To that end we have had an energy audit undertaken and currently await the report.

Mission

Three groups were established to discuss how the church could further develop aspects of our new Mission Statement, under the headings of Nurture, Outreach, and Children's and Youth work.

Outcomes from these included the following.

- The launch of a new and improved website for our church, which is already seeing higher numbers of visitors to it.
- Greater involvement of our young people in Sunday worship, particularly the monthly all-age services.
- Increased input by members to Sunday worship, to ensure that the cultural diversity of our church is more recognised and celebrated.
- More prayer meetings organised on Zoom, to deepen the prayer life of our church, to encourage our spiritual growth in Christ and to develop deeper fellowship.
- Introducing prayers for help and healing at the end of monthly communion services).

Refurbishment/Redevelopment

We keep on top of the refurbishment of the church and have decorated and built cupboards in the Youth Church lounge.

We continue without an internet connection within the church premises, but our location provides an excellent mobile phone service, allowing creation of a Wi-Fi Hotspot for a laptop connected to the projector at the front of church.

We have been keeping expenditure on the buildings at a minimum. Fortunately, during lockdowns our cleaner was making regular visits to do necessary thorough cleans relating to Covid, which lowered our risk of break-ins and avoided insurance cost increases.

The number of organisations using our buildings has not returned to pre-Covid levels, which has substantially lowered our income and limits our budget for maintenance.

A necessary expenditure has been repairs to the street frontage retaining wall of our property, damaged by careless parking.

We also continued to maintain the Manse for our Minister, and at the retirement of Belmont Road Baptist Church's Minister, have taken back maintenance responsibility for its manse, which we own. Following some major work, it was re-let at the end of August.

FUTURE PLANS

It is intended that we continue with refurbishment and increasing the energy efficiency of the church in order to make it more comfortable and appealing to both the congregation and community.

We will look to increase the use of the sanctuary by community groups and install new sound and vision systems.

We are working to improve our large Memorial Hall, specifically to replace the heating system and the parking area next to it.

These works will be financed by a combination of fund raising and grants for the larger projects.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Total Income was £49,495 with Expenditure of £66,925 as detailed in the audited accounts for the period.

Donations were made as follows:

£2,000 to the Home Mission Fund (Central Baptist Association); £2,050 to the Baptist Missionary Society; £363 – Baptist World Relief Fund; £662 – Embrace Middle East (Gaza Appeal); £1,104 – Christian Aid (Annual Appeal); £756 - Operation Agri (Harvest Appeal); £409 – Spurgeons (Christmas Appeal).

The balances carried forward are:

General I&E Fund (unrestricted) - £-70.26

Designated:

Building Fund - £1,513. *Monies for urgent repair works, outside budgeted maintenance.*

Forward Steps Fund - £2,357. *Funds raised for use in supporting Refurbishment/ Redevelopment objective.*

Children & Families Worker - £24,000. *Gift from Trinity Church to support our aims with Youth ministry.*

Flower Fund - £3,143. *Legacy gift to be used to decorate the Church with fresh flowers.*

Restricted: Lord's Supper Fund - £1,505. *Monies used to support the needy in the town (Hemel Hempstead).*

Legacies & In Memoriam - £1,7370. *Funds can be used to improve the premises or services of the Church but not for regular maintenance.*

Total Balance carried forward: £49,867

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Approved by the Trustees on 9th March 2022 and signed on their behalf by (Chairman)



COLIN CARTWRIGHT

CAREY BAPTIST CHURCH - HEMEL HEMPSTEAD
CIO ACCOUNTS May - Dec 2021

General Fund

UAM Closing Balance		Actual May - Dec	BUDGET May - Dec
<i>BREAKDOWN</i>	RECEIPTS:	2021	2021
17190	Weekly and monthly offerings	31335	28000
0	Annual gifts	0	0
17190	TOTAL OFFERINGS	31335	28000
10340	Gift Aid Tax refunds	0	4000
270	Special Appeals (Pew Bibles)	1	270
370	Restricted Monies for C&F Worker	900	0
1860	Donations	3407	333
180	Lettings	3895	4667
0	Wedding and funeral fees	0	0
1	Interest on Current and Deposit Accounts	43	0
4500	Rent for 55 Newell Road (gross)	9325	10500
520	Miscellaneous	588	33
0	Transfer to General Fund	0	0
35231	TOTAL INCOME	49495	47803
	PAYMENTS:		
12757	Ministry and direct costs	27115	29333
0	Pulpit supply	565	1200
71	Office and Secretarial services	291	200
0	Junior Church and Youth Work	95	467
1300	Children and Families Worker	1625	2600
0	Organist	0	0
2740	Cleaning and Janitorial Supplies	5648	6281
-255	Water charges	140	120
979	Electricity	663	933
3250	Gas	5593	2667
237	Refuse disposal	482	833
2746	Repairs, Maintenance and Redecoration	4542	5333
0	Furniture and Equipment	354	333
163	Subscriptions	882	1000
1000	Baptist Missionary Society	2050	2000
1000	BU Home Mission Fund	2000	2000
0	Conference and Assembly fees	120	67
0	Insurances	4059	3000
44	Catering	0	67
48	Telephone	94	133
112	Miscellaneous	1001	233
0	World Development and Relief	713	475
3133	Donations to others / Newell Road Costs	8463	3200
176	Transfer Gift Aid tax refunds to other funds	428	333
0	Transfer to other funds	0	0
0	Transfer interest to other funds	0	0
29501	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	66925	62810
5730.50	Income (Deficit) for the period	-17429.77	-15007
12066.55	Balance brought forward 1 May 2021	17629.53	11899
168	<i>Balance C/fwd for Pew Bibles</i>	270.02	
17630	Balance carried forward end of period	-70	-3107

UAM Closing
Balance
Apr-21

CIO ACCOUNTS May-Dec 2021 - Other Funds

	Lord's Supper Fund		Dec-21
3055	Balance brought forward	2555	
0	Income during the period	250	
500	Expenses during the period	1300	
<u>2555</u>	Balance carried forward end of period		1505
	Flower Fund		
892	Balance brought forward	892	
0	Income during the period	0	
0	Expenses during the period	100	
<u>892</u>	Balance carried forward end of period		792
2351	Flower Investment Fund	2351	2351
0	Children & Families Worker Fund	24000	24000
	Legacies and In Memoriam Fund		
17820	Balance brought forward	17820	
0	Income during the period	0	
0	Expenses during the period	450	
<u>17820</u>	Balance carried forward end of period		17370
	Building Fund		
513	Balance brought forward	1513	
1000	Income during the period	0	
0	Expenses during the period	0	
<u>1513</u>	Balance carried forward end of period		1513
	Carey Forward Steps Fund		
7543	Balance brought forward	7543	
0	Income during the period	154	
0	Expenses during the period	5340	
<u>7543</u>	Balance carried forward end of period		2357
	Special Appeals	Collected	Sent
0	Christian Aid (2020 donation from WDF)	1104	1104
0	Bibles for Schools	0	0
0	Operation Agri	806	756
0	Spurgeons	409	409
	End-of-Year Balance		
4916	Assets: CAF Bank current account	1937	
24834	CAF Bank deposit account	27335	
20552	BU Corp Deposit	20594	
<u>50302</u>			<u>49867</u>
17629.53	Commitments: General Fund	-70	
0.00	Children and Families Worker Fund	24000	
2351.00	Flower Investment Fund	2351	
2554.92	Lord's Supper Fund	1505	
17819.63	Legacies & In Memoriam	17370	
1512.81	Buildings Fund	1513	
7542.68	Carey Forward Steps Fund	2357	
891.85	Flower Fund (money held)	792	
0.00	Appeals Balance c/fwd	50	
<u>50302</u>			<u>49867</u>

**CAREY BAPTIST CHURCH - HEMEL HEMPSTEAD
(CIO)**

ACCOUNTS May - Dec 2021

Balance Sheet at end of period

Opening Balance May-21		Closing Balance Dec-21	
	ASSETS:		
	Funds		
4,916	CAF Bank current account	1,937	
24,834	CAF Bank deposit account	27,335	
20,552	BU Deposit account	20,594	
<u>50,302</u>		<u>49,867</u>	
	Petty Cash Accounts		
84	Weekly Flowers	132	<i>£100 Tfr from Flower Fund</i>
192	Catering Committee	192	<i>No Catering Activity</i>
<u>276</u>	Petty Cash sub total	<u>324</u>	
	Property		
500,000	Church Premises	500,000	
400,000	Cemmaes Court Road Manse	400,000	
400,000	Newel Road Manse	400,000	
		<u>1,300,000</u>	
<u>1,350,302</u>	TOTAL	<u>1,349,867</u>	
	LIABILITIES:		
0	Debtors	0	
35,400	Pension Deficit @ 20/12/21	27,200	
<u>35,400</u>	TOTAL	<u>27,200</u>	
<u>1,314,902</u>	Balance	<u>1,322,667</u>	

Independent examiners' statement

I have examined the accounts and relevant documents presented to me by the Trustees of Carey Baptist Church - Hemel Hempstead (CIO), together with clarifying explanations and, in my view, the accounts present a true and fair view of the financial affairs of said Church for the period 1 May to 31 December 2021.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the Trustees have not met the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 144 of the 2011 Charities Act: and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 2011

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

Signed: *Barbara Dye* 6th March 2022

Barbara Dye
Independent Examiner

CAREY BAPTIST CHURCH, HEMEL HEMPSTEAD

England & Wales - Charity number 1188844

Accounts

**Trustees' Annual Report for the period
from 1st April 2020 to 31st December 2020**
Charity name: CAREY BAPTIST CHURCH HEMEL HEMPSTEAD
Charity registration number: 1188844

ORGANISATION DORMANT

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To this end, the new legal entity was established with the Charities Commission on 1st April 2020 to enable the transfer of activities and assets to the CIO. However, due to the COVID19 pandemic and the fluctuations in the markets, it was not possible to obtain a valuation of the BU Pension Deficit, to complete the Transfer of Assets to the CIO in 2020 as planned.

The unincorporated association of members Church transferred all its assets, debts and liabilities across to the CIO on the 1st May 2021.

Thus, for the current reporting period, Carey Baptist Church, Hemel Hempstead (the CIO) was dormant and carried out no activities.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Nil Return – Charity Dormant

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COLIN CARTWRIGHT