

# WOODBERRY DOWN BAPTIST CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1189018

## Details

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**Other names** WOODBERRY DOWN CHAPEL

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2020-04-14

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

## Contact

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South Tottenham  
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**Website** <http://woodberrydownchapel.org/>

## Activities

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**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. 3.2 [NOTHING IN THIS CONSTITUTION SHALL AUTHORISE AN APPLICATION OF THE PROPERTY OF THE CHURCH FOR PURPOSES WHICH ARE NOT CHARITABLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 7 OF THE CHARITIES AND TRUSTEE INVESTMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005 OR SECTION 2 OF THE CHARITIES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2008.]

**Activities:** General charitable purposes, Education/training, Disability, The Prevention or Relief of Poverty, Religious Activities, Other Charitable Purposes

## Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- Burma
- Germany
- Ghana
- Jamaica
- Enfield
- Hackney
- Haringey

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£141,063	£104,217	-	-
2024-12-31	£159,028	£93,454	-	-
2023-12-31	£118,494	£86,833	-	-
2022-12-31	£108,620	£103,179	-	-
2021-12-31	£177,344	£93,611	-	-
2020-12-31	£90,126	£116,750	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Rev Charles Mugenyi</b>	Chair	2020-04-14
Bienvenu Nsukisa		2024-10-24
Bryan Sycamore		2020-04-14
Ernest Tenessee Toquie		2024-10-20
Trevor Davis		2020-04-14
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SANTANDER

### **Independent Examiner**

Mr Teshale Joba

### **Annual Report for 2025**

The trustees present their Annual Report for 2025

## **Structure, Governance and Management**

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

At the heart of the Church's mission and outreach is the organization of regular public Christian worship services. These services are held every Sunday. Additionally, there are occasional events, and rites of passage services at different times, which are announced on the church notice board and on the website at [woodberrydownchapel.org](http://woodberrydownchapel.org).

The Church aims to foster a friendly and welcoming environment, allowing any member of the public to attend these services freely. Throughout the week, the Church facilitates various small groups aimed at nurturing faith and discipleship, with further information available through public notices or during the Sunday worship services.

The Church has established procedures to ensure that all individuals working with children and vulnerable adults are properly vetted by the Disclosure and Barring Service.

The church has reviewed the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and is confident that the activities described above clearly illustrate that the charity is delivering a benefit to the public.

## **Achievements and Performance**

The Church evaluates the advancement and effectiveness of its programs not solely through numerical data, including financial metrics, but also through other ways such as provision of fellowship, pastoral care, outreach events, support for young people and adults, encouragement, and practical assistance. The Trustees acknowledge that these aspects can be difficult to quantify;

however, they are confident that 2025 was a fruitful year for the church, and they believe it will continue to pursue its mission and objectives in 2026 with vigour and enthusiasm.

One of the church's outreaches was through the Recovery programme which helped an average of 20 adults weekly facing addiction and other life-controlling challenges. The programme provided participants with compassionate care, spiritual and mental support to break destructive patterns and move toward emotional, relational, and spiritual wellbeing.

The Recovery programme hopes to expand into community venues, introduce creative therapy workshops, strengthen its befriending scheme, and develop into a dedicated recovery support centre.

Over the past year, six young adults declared their faith in Jesus Christ, were baptized, and embraced into the fellowship. Additionally, five new families became part of the church by moving from other locations. Unfortunately, we have experienced the loss of several regular attendees due to prolonged illnesses, two of whom passed away, while other members relocated to other areas. At 31 December 2025 the membership stood at 45 compared to 80 a year earlier. Average attendance at worship services fluctuated between 40 - 60 during the year, and similar patterns were shown in the children's work with up to 15 children attending on Sunday and 15-20 in the midweek club.

## **Financial Review**

Church members continued to contribute funds, allowing the church to sustain its activities through its own membership and congregation. Throughout the year, no broader public fundraising efforts were initiated. Income for 2025 fell to £141,063 from £159,028 in the previous year, primarily due to a reduction in committed tithes and donations.

The most considerable expense was associated with the church's activities, including Sunday Services, providing pastoral care for both the congregation and others, as well as equipping and encouraging members in their Christian life, witness, and service.

The Church relies heavily on its members volunteering across all facets of its activities, many of which operate with minimal or no financial impact on the church's budget yet significantly contribute to fulfilling the church's goals. Total expenditure rose from £93,454 to £104,217 attributed to increased costs in utility bills and building maintenance and Recovery programme expenses.

The financial outcomes for the year, along with a summary of the accounting policies implemented, are detailed in the accompanying financial statements.

## **Reserves Policy**

The Trustees established a Reserves Policy to enable the church to function effectively and meet its obligations in the event of a decline in our income or a major cost. Having considered the relevant risks of changes in income and expenditure, the Trustees have determined that the appropriate level of reserves is in the range £18,000 to £20,000. As at 31 December 2024, the church held total reserves of £336,157 of which £93,578 were restricted. Reserves that were neither restricted nor designated amounted to £242,579.

Woodberry Down Baptist Church  
Receipts and Payments Account  
for the period ending 31 December 2025

	2025			2024
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
<b>Incoming resources</b>				
Tithes and Donations	37,195	33,000	70,195	114,842
Hall Hire	500		500	190
Recovery Projects		41,250	41,250	25,000
Gift Aid Refund	23,960		23,960	10,059
Other income	5,158	0	5,158	8,937
<b>Totals</b>	<b>66,813</b>	<b>74,250</b>	<b>141,063</b>	<b>159,028</b>
<b>Outgoing resources</b>				
Pastorate costs	36,002	0	36,002	33,935
Activities in relation to the work of WDBC	33,198	35,017	68,215	59,519
<b>Totals</b>	<b>69,201</b>	<b>35,017</b>	<b>104,217</b>	<b>93,454</b>
Net Incomings for the year	-2,388	39,233	36,846	65,574
Adjustment to total bank balance	0	0	0	0
Balances as at 1 January	244,967	54,344	299,311	233,738
<b>Balances as at 31 December</b>	<b>242,579</b>	<b>93,578</b>	<b>336,157</b>	<b>299,311</b>

**Assets as at 31/12/2025**

	2025	2024
Current bank account balance	302,927	266,496
Deposit bank account balance	32,988	32,647
<b>Total bank balances</b>	<b>335,915</b>	<b>299,144</b>

Pettycash on hand (31/12/2025) 241.48

**Fixed Assets**

	2,025	2,024
Church building (Insured Value)	5,106,396	5,106,396
Manse (Insured value)	249,132	249,132
Other assets (insured value of assets on register)	29,501	29,501

Approved by

Name

Charles Muregi

Designation:

Trustee

Date:

23/03/2026

## **Independent Examiner's Report**

### **Report to the trustees of Woodbury Down Baptist Church**

#### **On accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025**

#### **Basis of examiner's statement**

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#### **Independent examiner's statement**

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I report in respect of my examination of the church's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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:

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- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Date: 27 February 2026

Name: Teshale Joba

Address: 39 South Grove, London, N15 5QG

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**Members Meeting dated 27 April 2025**

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The Church has a number of systems in place to ensure that all individuals working with children and vulnerable adults are appropriately vetted by the Disclosure and Barring Service.

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## **Achievements and Performance**

The Church does not measure the success of its programmes only in numbers, including financial numbers, but also in less tangible areas like fellowship and encouragement. The Trustees recognise that these are complex to measure but believe that 2024 was a good year in the life of the church, and that it will be able to pursue its mission purposes in 2025 with renewed faith and passion.

The children's outreach was very successful last year and was, on some occasions, supported by the *Child Evangelism Fellowship*. The children's ministry ran clubs with up to 15-20 children in session. We saw new families come to the clubs. We hope to continue with this work and engage families who come to the clubs more. We recognise, though, that we need a younger group of volunteers to strengthen this work and run frequent clubs at term times as during half-term breaks.

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We give thanks to everyone who donates to this work, especially Jayne and Duncan as major donors, St Thomas's church, and other individuals who supply meals. Because of the generous income we received, which is restricted to this programme, we have two recovery workers. In total, the programme has seventeen volunteers in the recovery programme, including those who supply and prepare weekly meals and the mentors. Without the help of our dedicated and generous donors, volunteers, and the church's support and prayers, this work would not be possible. We thank all ministry groups for their dedication and service in offering their time, gifts and talents and giving funds to enable church ministry to continue in all its many facets including service to children, men, women and other groups that meet at church like the Karen and Turkish fellowships, Ebenezer Prayer, and community meetings.

## **Financial Review**

The Church continues to raise funds to support its activities through its membership and congregation. No wider public appeal was made for funds during the year.

Income in 2024 increased by 34% to **159,027.61** from **118,494.58** in the previous year. This is mainly due to generous donations to the recovery work.

The most significant expenses related to the church's activities include the Sunday Services, and the Recovery programme to provide pastoral care for the congregation and participants, and to equip and encourage the membership in their life, Christian witness, and service.

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

Total expenditure increased by 8% from **£86,832.62** to **£93,454.02** due to increases in Recovery Project costs and monthly subscribers.

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**On account for the year ended 31 December 2024**

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Signed:



Date: 24 May 2025

Name: Teshale Joba

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Receipts and Payments Account  
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	2024			2023
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
<b>Incoming resources</b>				
Tithes and Donations	81,841	33,000	114,842	67,335
Hall Hire	190		190	420
Recovery Projects		25,000	25,000	3,992
Gift Aid Refund	10,059		10,059	39,734
Other income	8,937	0	8,937	7,013
<b>Totals</b>	<b>101,028</b>	<b>58,000</b>	<b>159,028</b>	<b>118,495</b>
<b>Outgoing resources</b>				
Pastorate costs	33,935	0	33,935	33,405
Activities in relation to the work of WDBC	26,951	32,569	59,519	53,427
<b>Totals</b>	<b>60,885</b>	<b>32,569</b>	<b>93,454</b>	<b>86,833</b>
Net Incomings for the year	40,142	25,431	65,574	31,662
Adjustment to total bank balance	0	0	0	0
Balances as at 1 January	204,825	28,913	233,738	202,076
<b>Balances as at 31 December</b>	<b>244,967</b>	<b>54,344</b>	<b>299,311</b>	<b>233,738</b>

**Assets as at 31/12/2024**

	2024	2023
Current bank account balance	266,496	201,402
Deposit bank account balance	32,647	32,335
<b>Total bank balances</b>	<b>299,144</b>	<b>233,738</b>

Pettycash on hand (31/12/2025) **167.24**

**Fixed Assets**

Church building (Insured Value)	5,106,396
Manse (Insured value)	249,132
Other assets (based on asset register)	29,501

**Approved by**

Name CHARLES MUGENYI

Designation: TRUSTEE

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**Trustees Report 2023**

Principal Trustees:

Lola Maselino, Jennifer Jones, Bryan Sycamore, Trevor Davis

Rev. Charles Mugenyi

**190 Vartry Road London N15 6HA**

The Woodberry Down Baptist Church (Church) 's principal purpose is advancing the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptists. The Church also advances education and carries out other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and/or other parts of the world.

In fulfilling the Purpose of the Church, we engage in a range of activities and sometimes partner with other organisations to fulfill the church's vision and plan. These will vary from time to time with activities being initiated, expanded, or closed, as appropriate.

The church's principal activities include:

- regular public worship, prayer, Bible study, preaching and teaching;
- baptism by immersion, child dedication, wedding, funeral.
- evangelism and mission, locally, regionally, nationally and internationally;
- the teaching, encouragement, and welcoming of children and young people;
- education and training for Christian and community service;
- supporting and encouraging charitable social action in the United Kingdom and abroad;
- offering pastoral care, encouraging relationships with and supporting both other Christians and those of no faith.

We give thanks to God who has gathered us to serve Him, as we seek to serve one another and the wider community. As a community of faith, we are still reeling from the pandemic lockdowns that have impacted church commitment and attendance in general. Having said that however, the church continues to strive thanks to its committed members and visitors. Over the past year, the church welcomed some new families and returning adherents into membership which is indeed a sign of renewal.

### **A Culture of Care**

Our main objective in 2023 was to build a culture of care and support, encouraging people to return to normality following the most difficult seasons of life where many, up and down the country, were coerced through public opinion into isolation. Several members are still not confident enough to take active roles in the life of the church. Sadly a few are still not willing to return to public worship and or other church life activities.

### **The Generational Gap**

Another aspect of our objectives is to address the widening generational gap in church attendance, activity, and involvement.

Seniors were and still are gripped by the pandemic fear of crowds and choose to stay away from community-facing projects. The young generation seems to have found new ways of connecting to others socially through the internet instead of the traditional physical presence and engagement. This new reality engagement (post-pandemic and lockdown) is challenging the church on how to include young people meaningfully in the life of the church. A significant number of our young people show signs of diminished communication skills and interaction abilities.

### **Engaging the whole Church**

Part of our culture of care and diminishing the generational gap in church life is to develop and promote community-facing activities and ministry. These events or activities offer contacts the opportunities for development and challenge aspects of isolation and abandonment. These activities are two-pronged in that they offer platforms for engagement and serving others and in so doing offering caring for both the service givers and beneficiaries.

### **Events and Activities**

- Community Outreach provides opportunities to meet with people from diverse backgrounds and talk about life issues and battles that affect families and communities.

The outreach offers invitations to consider the Christian faith and worldview in addressing life battles of right and wrong.

- The Recovery Program provided an opportunity and activities to reach out to the community who are suffering from life-controlling addictions and habits.
- Hosting groups like Teen Challenge to address issues of addictions of all sorts, crime, and punishment, and support for those who are choosing to walk away from destructive and criminal lifestyles. Hearing testimonials of radical transformation.
- The Children's Club offers opportunities for parents and families to meet and provide a needed service for the children to engage in stimulating games, play schemes, and learn new skills.
- Sunday School – this popular weekly provision is more than a beautiful bible story time. It includes kids doing group activities, and singing imaginative songs. It is a platform for children to develop social skills and other abilities.
- Advocating for and inviting friends to the Men/ Women and Health/Wellness events to inform, educate, equip, and strengthen communities with positive living and respect for healthy lifestyles.
- Giving to missions that are reaching out with God's love to their respective audiences.
- Food Parcels - the church donates small food parcels and hygiene products to individuals in need.
- Pastoral visitations to those in distress and their families, usually following a long illness, etc or bereavement.
- Vartry community residents – we support our local community and its social action events which aim to bring neighbours together through the “Know Your Neighbour” and care for our community and residents.

These and other activities constitute some of the work that we have undertaken to fulfill our mission, goals, and purpose.

### **Children's Club – Lego**

These are kids' day clubs that we run with our partners during the school half-term weeks and around Bank holidays. These clubs are for primary school kids and their families, where children get to play with a range of legos, and crafts, sing and take part in the bible story times, and receive prizes.

### ***The Recovery Program.***

The Recovery Program has been running since September 2018. It is a ministry for those who are struggling with destructive and unwanted life-controlling habits and are seeking to turn away from them so they can live a more abundant and useful life. This program is based on the 12-step program for alcoholics. However, the key component is that it is for those who believe that or want to try out God through Jesus as the “higher power”.

The programme is run by compassionate workers and volunteers who all experienced at some point in their lives, some of the issues that those who they are seeking to help are struggling with. The team aims to lead participants in a way that honors God and brings them out of bondage from destructive habits into a better way of living. Leading them to be able to manage life well and be a blessing to their families and communities.

The programme runs Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday with an average attendance of 20 - 25 people each week.

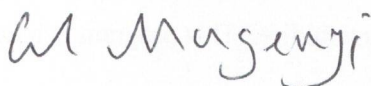
### Feedback from some of the Recovery Program Participants

- *“Helped me to train my mind to be more self-aware “*
- *“The course was accessible and relatable, it helped me to evaluate my own life”*
- *“I liked working in smaller groups as it made it easier to talk in smaller groups, we had more time for conversations and we were less self-conscious”*

The pastor on behalf of the trustees and members appreciates everyone who supported, participated, and prayed for one or a number of these activities and events.

You will note from the accompanying accounts and the Independent Examiner's report that the church's accounts are in good stead. However, note that the general income has dipped from the previous year due to irregular giving and attendance, and the general economic downturn following the pandemic. However, overall the church is in a good financial position to continue its mission and activities. The trustees and church administrators (who compiled our accounts) are managing the church funds prudently.

Signed:



Trustee

Name: Charles Mugenyi, Pastor

Date: 06/04/2024

Woodberry Down Baptist Church  
Receipts and Payments Account  
for the period ending 31 December 2023

	2023			2022
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
<b>Incoming resources</b>				
Tithes and Donations	62,104	5,231	67,335	81,746
Hall Hire	420		420	0
Recovery Projects		3,992	3,992	26,875
Gift Aid Refund	39,734		39,734	0
Other income	5,339	1,674	7,013	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>107,598</b>	<b>10,897</b>	<b>118,495</b>	<b>108,621</b>
<b>Outgoing resources</b>				
Pastorate costs	33,405		33,405	32,055
Activities in relation to the work of WDBC	35,094	18,334	53,427	71,125
<b>Totals</b>	<b>68,499</b>	<b>18,334</b>	<b>86,833</b>	<b>103,180</b>
Net Incomings for the year	39,099	-7,437	31,662	5,441
Adjustment to total bank balance	0	0	0	19,290
Balances as at 1 January	165,726	36,350	202,076	177,345
<b>Balances as at 31 December</b>	<b>204,825</b>	<b>28,913</b>	<b>233,738</b>	<b>202,076</b>

**Assets as at 31/12/2023**

	2023	2022
Current bank account balance	201,402	169,825
Deposit bank account balance	32,335	32,250
<b>Total bank balances</b>	<b>233,738</b>	<b>202,076</b>

**Fixed Assets**

Church building (estimated)	3,000,000
Manse (estimated)	450,000
Other assets (based on asset register)	32,046

Approved by Charles Mugenyi  
Name \_\_\_\_\_

Designation: Trustee  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date: 21 / 04 / 2024  
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## **Independent Examiner's Report**

### **Report to the trustees of Woodbury Down Baptist Church**

#### **On accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023.**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above church for the year ended 31 December 2023

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

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

I report in respect of my examination of the church's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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:

- 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 to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Date: 08 March, 2024

Name: Teshale Joba

Address: 39 South Grove, London, N15 5QG

**WOODBERRY DOWN BAPTIST CHURCH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1189018

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# Accounts

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# Woodberry Down Baptist Church CIO

Trustee Report 2022

## **Reference and Administrative Details**

**Charity Registration Number - 1189018**

### **Trustees**

Rev Charles Mugenyi  
Mr Trevor Davis  
Mrs Jen Jones  
Mrs Lola Maselino  
Mr Bryan Sycamore

### **Principal Address**

190 Vartry Road  
South Tottenham  
London N15 6HA

### **Property Trustees**

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

### **Independent Examiner**

Mr Teshale Joba  
39 South Grove  
London  
N15 5QG

## **Report**

The Trustees present the annual report together with the Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 December 2022.

### **Objectives and aims.**

The CIO's aims are to promote the worship of God, according to Baptist principles, in and around the area of Woodberry Down and further afield. The Church may also advance education and other charitable purposes.

### **Public Benefit**

The objectives and activities undertaken by the CIO are set with the public benefit in mind. We provide a venue for the worship of Almighty God which is itself beneficial for people's wellbeing and for the Community as a whole. We also provide opportunities for social interaction together with pastoral and practical support to those who need such help. Apart from normal rites of Weddings and Funerals we also arrange Recovery Groups for people suffering from addictions such as drugs, alcohol, and other controlling issues. We also provide meals for the disfranchised groups including the homeless, etc.

### **Achievements and performance**

We are pleased that in a very difficult year we were able to open our doors for many support and Recovery groups and each group was attended by about twelve people. We were also able to provide outdoor activities for many teenagers.

### **Financial Review**

This has been a challenging year, with a loss and transfer of key members. The charity has experienced a dip in the overall income compared to the previous year from £135,648 to £108,620. However, the total of funds at the year-end in 2022 was higher than the previous year due to lesser spending which helped buffer the dip in weekly donations. Restricted funds however, received a boost due to some big donations which will ensure continuity of our community projects.

Our premises in Vartry Road are substantial and were built in 1882 and as such always in need of repair and renovation. The trustees are aware of their responsibilities and regularly review the situation so that the site can continue to be a means of blessing in the future.

One of the trustees is the Rev. Charles Mugenyi who also is the Minister of Woodberry Down Baptist Church. The payments shown in the Receipts and Payments Account for Ministry are for his services as the Minister of the Church. He, in common with the other trustees, are not paid any remuneration for their roles of being.

### **Policy on reserves**

It is the policy of the Trustees to maintain sufficient funds to enable them to continue and indeed expand the work of the Church. The Trustees consider the current level of reserves to be adequate for this purpose.

### **Structure, governance, and management**

Woodberry Down Baptist Church is a Trust, constituted and governed by its Trust Deed and Constitution. These documents are overseen by its Trustees and vetoed by members. New Trustees are appointed by the Church Members as per constitution and at properly convened Church Meeting.

## **Examiners Report: Financial Instruments**

### **Objectives and policies**

The charity's activities expose it to some financial risks including credit risk, cash flow risk and liquidity risk.

**Credit Risk** - The Charity's principal financial assets are bank balances. The Charity does not have a credit risk as it has no trade receivables. The credit risk on liquid funds and derivative financial instruments is limited because the counterparties are banks with high credit-ratings assigned by international credit-rating agencies.

**Cash Flow risk** -The Charity's activities do not expose it to the financial risks as commitment to expenditure is only made when funds are available.

**Liquidity risk** - To maintain liquidity, funds are only committed when available.

### **Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities**

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The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Independent Examiner has advised that the accounts for 2022 do not pose any standard risks.

### **Approval**

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on and signed on its behalf by:  
Rev C Mugenyi.

Independent Examiner: Teshale Joba, External Examiner and Accountant

Woodberry Down Baptist Church  
Receipts and Payments Account  
for the period 1 January to 31 December 2022

	2022			2021
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
<b>Incoming resources</b>				
Tithes and Donations	72,768.40	8,977.40	81,745.80	68,742.13
Hall Hire	0.00		0.00	12,100.00
Recovery Projects		26,875.00	26,875.00	53,879.80
Other income			0.00	746.54
<b>Totals</b>	<b>72,768.40</b>	<b>35,852.40</b>	<b>108,620.80</b>	<b>135,468.47</b>
<b>Outgoing resources</b>				
Pastorate costs	32,055.06		32,055.06	30,704.54
Activities in relation to the work of WDBC	43,773.52	27,351.07	71,124.59	62,907.13
<b>Totals</b>	<b>75,828.58</b>	<b>27,351.07</b>	<b>103,179.65</b>	<b>93,611.67</b>
Net Incomings for the year	-3,060.18	8,501.33	5,441.15	41,856.80
Adjustment to total bank balance	19,289.62	0.00	19,289.62	
Balances as at 1 January 2022	149,496.51	27,848.29	177,344.80	135,488.00
<b>Balances as at 31 December 2022</b>	<b>165,725.95</b>	<b>36,349.62</b>	<b>202,075.57</b>	<b>177,344.80</b>

**Assets as at 31/12/2022**

Current bank account balance	169,825.47
Deposit bank account balance	32,250.10
<b>Total bank balances</b>	<b>202,075.57</b>

**Fixed Assets**

Church building (estimated)	3,000,000.00
Manse (estimated)	450,000.00
Other assets (based on asset register)	30,786.00

Approved by Rev. Charles Mugenyi  
Name

Designation: Minister

Date: 25/08/2023

# Woodberry Down Baptist Church CIO

Trustee Report 2022

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Mr Bryan Sycamore

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One of the trustees is the Rev. Charles Mugenyi who also is the Minister of Woodberry Down Baptist Church. The payments shown in the Receipts and Payments Account for Ministry are for his services as the Minister of the Church. He, in common with the other trustees, are not paid any remuneration for their roles of being.

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### **Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities**

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The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Independent Examiner has advised that the accounts for 2022 do not pose any standard risks.

### **Approval**

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on and signed on its behalf by:  
Rev C Mugenyi.

Independent Examiner: Teshale Joba, External Examiner and Accountant

**WOODBERRY DOWN BAPTIST CHURCH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1189018

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# Woodberry Down Baptist Church – Trustee Report

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**Charity Number: 1189018**

31 December 2021

## **Trustees**

Rev Charles Mugenyi (Chair)

Mr Bryan Sycamore (Secretary)

Ms Jen Jones

Mrs Lola Maselino

Mr Trevor Davis

## **Management Personnel**

Norma McIntosh – Administration and Finance

Audrey Smith – Secretary to Pastor

## **Property Trustees**

The Baptist Union Corporation Limited

Baptist House, 129 Broadway

Didcot, Oxfordshire

OX11 8RT

## **Principal Address**

190 Vartry Road

South Tottenham

London

N15 6HA

## **Independent Examiner**

Teshale Joba

Accountant

## **Bankers**

Santander UK Plc BBAM

Bridle Road,

Bootle Merseyside

L30 4GB

## Woodberry Down Baptist Church (CIO)

### Trustees' Report

The Trustees present the annual report together with the Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 December 2021.

### Objectives and aims

The CIO's aims are to promote the worship of God, according to Baptist principles, around Woodberry Down and further afield. The church and the congregation may also promote education and other charitable purposes.

The objectives and activities undertaken by the CIO are set with the public benefit in mind. The church venue is for worship of Almighty God which is itself beneficial for people's wellbeing and for the Community as a whole.

We also provide opportunities for special interaction together with pastoral and practical support to those who need such help.

Apart from normal rites of passages: Dedications, Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals and other religious rites and celebrations, we also arrange Recovery Groups for the safeguarding and relief from addictions such as drugs, alcohol, gambling, and other life controlling habits.

We also provide weekly drop-in session with cooked meals, and food packages to relieve distress and hunger of the needy and homeless.

### Achievements and performance

We continue to provide spiritual and practical support for those coming out of addiction. Our caring volunteers run groups that help those in recovery to recognise the patterns of addiction and support them on their journey to recovery, to take the right steps and decisions to overcome the pitfalls that lead into destructive habits and practices.

We provide weekly support to young people for their wellbeing, keeping them engaged in positive mental and physical activities.

We run groups for seniors, women, and other interests to combat isolation, loneliness and offer on going physical, emotional, and spiritual support.

### Financial Review

In general, our net income over 2021 was higher than the previous year. However, our general giving is still below pre-covid giving. Also, our expenditure in 2021 was higher due to works undertaken for building maintenance. The recovery work continues to grow thanks to dedicated donations that we receive directly for the project. The recovery project is led by a dedicated worker and volunteers who oversee the project and associated activities.

Our premises in Vartry Road were built in 1882 and as such always in need of repair and renovation. The trustees are aware of their responsibilities and review regularly the situation so that the site can continue to be a means of blessing in the future

The chair of trustees is the Rev. Charles Mugenyi who also is the Minister of Woodberry Down Baptist Church.

The payments shown in the Receipts and Payments Account for Ministry include his services as the Minister of the Church. He, in common, with the other trustees are not paid any remuneration for their roles of being.

## **Policy on Reserves**

It is the policy of the Trustees to maintain sufficient funds to enable them to continue and indeed expand the work of the Church. The Trustees consider the current level of reserves to be adequate for this purpose

## **Structure, governance, and management**

Woodberry Down Baptist Church is a Trust, constituted and governed by its Trust Deed and Constitution. These are overseen by its Trustees. New Trustees are appointed by the Church Members at a properly convened Church Meeting.

## **Nature of governing document**

Woodberry Down Baptist Church is registered with the Charity Commission.

## **Financial Instruments**

### **Objectives and Policies**

The charity's activities expose it to a few financial risks including credit risk, cash flow risk and liquidity risk.

**Credit Risk** -The Charity's principal financial assets are bank balances. The Charity does not have a credit risk as it has no trade receivables. The credit risk on liquid funds and derivative financial instruments is limited because of the counterparties are banks with high credit-ratings assigned by international credit-rating, agencies.

**Cash flow risk** - The charity's activities do not expose it to the financial risk as commitment to expenditure is made when funds are available.

**Liquidity risk** – The charity works on a principle that to maintain liquidity, funds are only committed when available.

### **Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities**

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- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
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- prepare the accounts on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue to operate.

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011, and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities

The Independent Examiner has advised that the accounts for 2021 meet these standards.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 30 October 2022

And signed on its behalf by

Name: Charles Mugenyi

Signature

Position Trustee / Minister

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Mugenyi', written in a cursive style.

Woodberry Down Baptist Church  
Receipts and Payments Account  
for the period 1 January to 31 December 2021

	2021		2020	
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
<b>Incomings</b>				
Tithes and Donations	57,903.29		57,903.29	78,007.00
Hall Hire	12,100.00		12,100.00	5,000.00
Recovery Projects		53,879.80	53,879.80	
Loan repayments			0.00	52.00
Other Donations	10,838.84		10,838.84	6,874.00
Other income	693.50		693.50	
Bank Interest	53.04	0.00	53.04	193.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>81,588.67</b>	<b>53,879.80</b>	<b>135,468.47</b>	<b>90,126.00</b>
<b>Outgoings</b>				
<b>Ministry Expenditure</b>				
Salary and Wages	16,911.84		16,911.84	21,218.00
Pension contributions (incl arrears)	8,482.42		8,482.42	4,652.00
PAYE NI	5,310.28		5,310.28	
Recovery project - wages		23,720.38	23,720.38	0.00
Recovery project - other expenditure		2,311.13	2,311.13	0.00
Grants paid			0.00	9,000.00
Visiting Speakers			0.00	700.00
Donations			0.00	3,448.00
Loan repayments	1,290.00		1,290.00	50,000.00
Utilities	11,683.80		11,683.80	8,491.00
Insurance	4,030.10		4,030.10	3,448.00
Property Maintenance & Equipment	11,498.56		11,498.56	7,765.00
Mission	5,895.58		5,895.58	
Church activities	946.97		946.97	2,668.00
Manse Expenses			0.00	3,552.00
Church Administration	1,530.61		1,530.61	808.00
Loans Granted			0.00	1,000.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>67,580.16</b>	<b>26,031.51</b>	<b>93,611.67</b>	<b>116,750.00</b>
Net Incomings for the year	14,008.51	27,848.29	41,856.80	-26,624.00
Balances as at 1 January 2021	135,488.00	0.00	135,488.00	180,488.00
<b>Balances as at 31 December 2021</b>	<b>149,496.51</b>	<b>27,848.29</b>	<b>177,344.80</b>	<b>153,864.00</b>

**Assets as at 31/12/2021**

Current bank account balance 164,384.32  
Deposit bank account balance 32,246.88

**Fixed Assets**

Church building (estimated) 3,000,000.00  
Manse (estimated) 450,000.00  
Other assets (based on asset register) 30,786.00

Approved by Charles Muzangi  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Designation: Minister  
Date: 30/10/2022



# Woodberry Down Baptist Church – Trustee Report

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**Charity Number: 1189018**

31 December 2021

## **Trustees**

Rev Charles Mugenyi (Chair)

Mr Bryan Sycamore (Secretary)

Ms Jen Jones

Mrs Lola Maselino

Mr Trevor Davis

## **Management Personnel**

Norma McIntosh – Administration and Finance

Audrey Smith – Secretary to Pastor

## **Property Trustees**

The Baptist Union Corporation Limited

Baptist House, 129 Broadway

Didcot, Oxfordshire

OX11 8RT

## **Principal Address**

190 Vartry Road

South Tottenham

London

N15 6HA

## **Independent Examiner**

Teshale Joba

Accountant

## **Bankers**

Santander UK Plc BBAM

Bridle Road,

Bootle Merseyside

L30 4GB

## Woodberry Down Baptist Church (CIO)

### Trustees' Report

The Trustees present the annual report together with the Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 December 2021.

### Objectives and aims

The CIO's aims are to promote the worship of God, according to Baptist principles, around Woodberry Down and further afield. The church and the congregation may also promote education and other charitable purposes.

The objectives and activities undertaken by the CIO are set with the public benefit in mind. The church venue is for worship of Almighty God which is itself beneficial for people's wellbeing and for the Community as a whole.

We also provide opportunities for special interaction together with pastoral and practical support to those who need such help.

Apart from normal rites of passages: Dedications, Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals and other religious rites and celebrations, we also arrange Recovery Groups for the safeguarding and relief from addictions such as drugs, alcohol, gambling, and other life controlling habits.

We also provide weekly drop-in session with cooked meals, and food packages to relieve distress and hunger of the needy and homeless.

### Achievements and performance

We continue to provide spiritual and practical support for those coming out of addiction. Our caring volunteers run groups that help those in recovery to recognise the patterns of addiction and support them on their journey to recovery, to take the right steps and decisions to overcome the pitfalls that lead into destructive habits and practices.

We provide weekly support to young people for their wellbeing, keeping them engaged in positive mental and physical activities.

We run groups for seniors, women, and other interests to combat isolation, loneliness and offer on going physical, emotional, and spiritual support.

### Financial Review

In general, our net income over 2021 was higher than the previous year. However, our general giving is still below pre-covid giving. Also, our expenditure in 2021 was higher due to works undertaken for building maintenance. The recovery work continues to grow thanks to dedicated donations that we receive directly for the project. The recovery project is led by a dedicated worker and volunteers who oversee the project and associated activities.

Our premises in Vartry Road were built in 1882 and as such always in need of repair and renovation. The trustees are aware of their responsibilities and review regularly the situation so that the site can continue to be a means of blessing in the future

The chair of trustees is the Rev. Charles Mugenyi who also is the Minister of Woodberry Down Baptist Church.

The payments shown in the Receipts and Payments Account for Ministry include his services as the Minister of the Church. He, in common, with the other trustees are not paid any remuneration for their roles of being.

## **Policy on Reserves**

It is the policy of the Trustees to maintain sufficient funds to enable them to continue and indeed expand the work of the Church. The Trustees consider the current level of reserves to be adequate for this purpose

## **Structure, governance, and management**

Woodberry Down Baptist Church is a Trust, constituted and governed by its Trust Deed and Constitution. These are overseen by its Trustees. New Trustees are appointed by the Church Members at a properly convened Church Meeting.

## **Nature of governing document**

Woodberry Down Baptist Church is registered with the Charity Commission.

## **Financial Instruments**

### **Objectives and Policies**

The charity's activities expose it to a few financial risks including credit risk, cash flow risk and liquidity risk.

**Credit Risk** -The Charity's principal financial assets are bank balances. The Charity does not have a credit risk as it has no trade receivables. The credit risk on liquid funds and derivative financial instruments is limited because of the counterparties are banks with high credit-ratings assigned by international credit-rating, agencies.

**Cash flow risk** - The charity's activities do not expose it to the financial risk as commitment to expenditure is made when funds are available.

**Liquidity risk** – The charity works on a principle that to maintain liquidity, funds are only committed when available.

### **Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities**

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

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the situation of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether applicable standards have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial Statements: and
- prepare the accounts on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue to operate.

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011, and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities

The Independent Examiner has advised that the accounts for 2021 meet these standards.

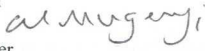
The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 30 October 2022

And signed on its behalf by

Name: Charles Mugenyi

Signature

Position Trustee / Minister

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C. Mugenyi". The signature is written in a cursive style with a distinct loop at the end.

**WOODBERRY DOWN BAPTIST CHURCH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1189018

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# Accounts

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Charity Registration Number 1189018

Woodberry Down Baptist Church CIO

Annual Report and Financial Statements for the  
~~year~~<sup>period</sup> ended 31 December 2020

**Woodberry Down Baptist Church CIO**

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## Woodberry Down Baptist Church CIO

### Reference and Administrative Details

#### Trustees

Mr Trevor Davis  
Rev Charles Mugenyi  
Mrs Jen Jones  
Mrs Naomi McIntosh (resigned September 2020)  
Mrs Lola Maselino  
Mr Bryan Sycamore  
Mrs Audrey Smith (resigned September 2020)

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#### Charity Registration Number

1189018

#### Independent Examiner

Richard C Lambert  
32 Chase Close  
Arlesey  
Bedfordshire  
SG15 6UU

# Woodberry Down Baptist Church CIO

## Trustees' Report

The Trustees present the annual report together with the Receipts and Payments Account for the period from 14 April to 31 December 2020.

### **Objectives and aims.**

The CIO's aims are to promote the worship of God, according to Baptist principles, in the area of Woodberry Down and further afield. The Church may also advance education and other charitable purposes.

### **Public Benefit**

The objectives and activities undertaken by the CIO are set with the public benefit in mind. We provide a venue for the worship of Almighty God which is itself beneficial for people's wellbeing and also for the Community as a whole. We also provide opportunities for social interaction together with pastoral and practical support to those who need such help. Apart from normal rites of Weddings and Funerals we also arrange Recovery Groups for people suffering from addictions such as drugs, alcohol and other controlling issues. We also provide cooked meals for the lonely and the homeless.

### **Achievements and performance**

We are pleased that in a very difficult period we were able to open our doors for many support and Recovery groups and each group was attended by about twelve people. We were also able to provide outdoor activities for many teenagers.

### **Statement re impact of Covid-19 Coronavirus Pandemic.**

The pandemic has had a significant effect on Woodberry Down Baptist Church. The Church had to close for public worship due to Government Restrictions between March and August 2020. There was a potential loss of income due to the number of days (especially Sundays) in which the Church was closed although the members of the Church and congregation responded marvellously to the ongoing financial needs of the Church.

### **Financial Review**

In such a difficult period it is pleasing to note that our income from tithes and offerings increased to £78,007 which mainly contributed to an increase of our unrestricted funds of £18,376.

Our premises in Varty Road are substantial and were built in 1882 and as such always in need of repair and renovation. The trustees are aware of their responsibilities and regularly review the situation so that the site can continue to be a means of blessing in the future.

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## Woodberry Down Baptist Church CIO

### Trustees' Report (continued)

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#### Approval

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on .....  
and signed on its behalf by:

29/01/2022

.....Rev C Mugenyi

**Woodberry Down Baptist Church CIO**

**Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Woodberry Down Baptist Church CIO**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the period 14 April to 31 December 2020.

**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").

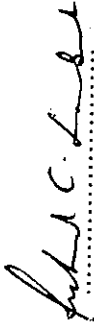
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**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; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.



Richard C Lambert

32 Chase Close  
Arlsey  
Bedfordshire  
SG15 6UU

Date: 29-1-22

**Woodberry Down Baptist Church**

**Receipts and Payments Account  
for the period 14 April to 31 December 2020**

	2020	2019
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds
	Total Funds	Total Funds
<b>Incomings</b>		
Tithes and Donations	78,007	-
Loans Received	-	5,000
Loan repayments	52	52
Other Donations	4,000	2,874
Bank Interest	193	-
	<u>82,252</u>	<u>7,874</u>
	<u>90,126</u>	<u>90,126</u>
		<u>63,493</u>
		<u>45,000</u>
		<u>670</u>
		<u>8,810</u>
		<u>178</u>
		<u>118,151</u>
<b>Outgoings</b>		
Grants Paid	9,000	9000
Salary and Wages	21,218	21,218
Pension contributions (incl arrears)	4,652	4,652
Visiting Speakers	700	700
Donations	574	2,874
Loan repayments	-	50,000
Utilities	8,491	3,448
Insurance	3,448	50,000
Property Maintenance & Equipment	7,765	8,491
Church activities	2,668	3,448
Manse Expenses	3,552	7,765
Church Administration	808	2,668
Loans Granted	1,000	3,552
	<u>63,876</u>	<u>116,750</u>
	<u>116,750</u>	<u>72,435</u>
		<u>20,282</u>
		<u>27,186</u>
		<u>750</u>
		<u>8,086</u>
		<u>3,304</u>
		<u>3,629</u>
		<u>5,580</u>
		<u>3,618</u>

Net Incomings for the year 18,376 -45,000 -26,624 45,716

Balances as at 14 April 2020 135,488 180,488 134,772

Balances as at 31 December 2020 153,864 Nil 153,864 180,488

The Receipts and payments account shown on this page were approved by the Trustees, and authorised for issue on: 29.11.20 and signed on their behalf by:

*amg*  
.....  
Trustee