

BENTLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1190319

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2020-07-09

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

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Activities

Objects: THE PRINCIPAL PURPOSES OF THE CHURCH ARE:- 3.1.1 THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH ACCORDING TO THE PRINCIPLES OF THE BAPTIST DENOMINATION. 3.1.2 THE CHURCH MAY ALSO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND CARRY OUT OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND/OR OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD.

Activities: Religious activities - Sunday services, prayer and smaller group meetings, various outreach events. Weekly Foodbank - Providing food to those in the local community in need. Renew Centre - A place where people in the community can meet. Open the Book - Outreach into schools.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Doncaster

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£126,156	£133,081	-	-
2024-12-31	£111,281	£114,364	-	-
2023-12-31	£98,880	£116,298	-	-
2022-12-31	£89,706	£88,968	-	-
2021-12-31	£91,030	£78,513	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Adrian Mark Humphris		2024-03-19
David Henry Bellerby		2022-02-23
Graham Stuart McKenzie Simpson		2022-03-22
Ian Simpson		2022-03-22
Joel David Ward		2022-03-22
Lorraine Alexandra Jackson		2022-03-22
Ruth Amelia Bellerby		2022-03-22

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**2025 TRUSTEES REPORT FOR
BENTLEY BAPTIST CHURCH
CIO #1190319**



Minister's Report

Bentley Baptist church exists to '**Make disciples who make disciples**', striving to be a community that Loves God, Loves people and Loves life as we meet as a Healthy Hub Church with Spiritual Outposts.

Throughout 2025 the church **Elders** – Graham, Ian, Lorraine and myself – worked together to discern and bring vision and direction to the wider church from the Lord. Those 'next steps' included the vision for a new Associate Minister for Outpost Planting, and the decision to move to two Sunday morning services to create space for growth.

God spoke to the Leadership about the theme of '**Rest not Stress**' and during 2025 we covered the following preaching series to discover how to overcome challenges on the journey of life:

- Rest not Stress – how God brings rest to our mind, body and soul
- Journey to the Cross – the stories of Jesus in the days leading up to Easter
- The Journey Continues – stories of Jesus after His resurrection
- Journeying Together – Glorifying, Growing, Gathering and Giving to God together, as one church
- Identity in Christ – who does God say we are?
- Joshua – discovering how God leads us in the midst of challenges

We also explored the Christmas story through the season of Advent and ended the year with a service of thankfulness for all God had done.

Our **Stepping Stones Church Outpost** has now been running for three years, holding a service on Thursdays at 10.30am each week in the Renew 127 centre. The Outpost follows the same teaching as Sundays, with different team members taking responsibility for leading parts of the service each week. During 2025 we continued to see new attendees, and for a significant number it is the only church service they regularly attend.

Considerable amounts of teaching and discipleship took place within our eight **Life Groups**, which continued to welcome new members and provide the first point of pastoral care for those within the church family throughout the year.

Our first **Leaders' Ministry Day** took place in March 2025, providing an opportunity for re-envisioning and prayer for those with significant responsibilities in the life of the church.

I was honoured and thankful to be able to take two months of Sabbatical during July and August, when I was able to participate in some extended study, reading, retreat time, and also take care of some family business as the executor of my recently deceased Grandmother's estate. I cannot express how beneficial this time was to my wellbeing and relationship with Jesus.

Amongst the joy and busyness of leadership and services, it has also been a privilege to walk alongside many through life's challenges, illnesses and times of loss. It continues to be my honour to serve as the minister of such a Spirit-filled, loving and missional church.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's holy people.

Rev Joel Ward

Secretary's Report

In 2025 we continued to see new people coming through the doors and becoming part of the church, many of them finding us online. Sunday morning attendance overall rarely dipped below 100, peaking on Easter Sunday at 159. Given the high numbers, and to allow for further growth, the decision was taken in September to move to two Sunday morning services. Average attendance across both was 85 adults, 15 children and seven youth. We ended the year with a membership of 80, up six on 2024. Although we had 13 new people come into membership, we also had five who resigned because they moved to other, non-Baptist churches, and two whose membership lapsed through non-attendance.

Once again, we ran an Alpha course from mid-January to mid-March, with a number of the participants then going on to become part of a Life Group. Thank you to the wonderful volunteers who helped to make every session a success. We had the great joy of seeing seven people commit their lives to God through Believer's Baptism, three of whom came to us through the Alpha course.

The Church Leadership Team (Board of Trustees) remained as the previous year, with two of the Elders being re-elected as Trustees, and the Secretary and Treasurer being reaffirmed in their roles. One member of the CLT attended the Fresh Streams conference in January, and in November the wider leadership once again had an away-day to seek God together for the way forward in the coming year.

Following the departure of the previous Youth & Children's Worker in February, September saw the appointment of Sophie Ward-West to the role. With her leadership and support, both the Youth and Children's teams are growing, and a number of successful events were held on Halloween and in the run-up to Christmas.

In September, the decision was made to establish two new, six-monthly events – a Newcomers' Evening, to bring together those new to the church in a relaxed environment, introduce them to the Leadership Team, and help them understand our vision and structure, and explore opportunities to get involved and serve. The first of these was held in early-November, with ten attending from 20 invitees. The second event, a Membership Exploration Coffee Morning, was held end-November. This was an opportunity for the seven people who attended to understand the role and responsibility of a registered church member, as well as sharing their personal testimonies.

My thanks go to Denise Russell and Gill Beams, who faithfully fulfil their respective roles as Purchasing Officer and Safeguarding Officer. Thank you also to all who step up each week to provide a warm welcome or serve refreshments.

Ruth Bellerby

Independent Examiner’s Report to the Trustees of Bentley Baptist Church.

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2025, which are set out on pages 2 to 3.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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Signed:



Name: Mark David Kidney

Qualifications: BA (Hons), ACMA

Address: 6 Akeferry Road, Westwoodside, DONCASTER, DN9 2DX

Date: 30th January 2026

Bentley Baptist Church Accounts - Year Ending 31st Dec 2025

Summary

Income	£126,156.27
Expenditure	(£133,081.60)
Deficit for the year	(£6,925.33)

Bank Accounts (Instant Access, Instant Access & Petty Cash)

Brought Forward	£44,450.00
No unbanked receipts	£0.00
Transfer from/(to) Saving Account	£10,000.00
Unbanked receipts	£0.00
Movement in Year (Net Income & Expenditure)	(£6,925.33)
Sub Total as per Dec 25 Statements	£47,524.67

Deposit Account

Opening Balance	£28,609.66
Transfer from/(to) Current Accounts	(£10,000.00)
Bank Interest	£500.10
Sub Total	£19,109.76

Net Funds	£66,634.43
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Summary of Income & Expenditure

Income: Offering / Donations	£96,907.50
Income: Grants/Loans	£0.00
Income: Gift Aid refund	£19,717.07
Income: Other	£9,531.70
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	£126,156.27
Expense: Staff Costs	(£52,770.08)
Expense: Building	(£43,019.11)
Expense: Youth	(£2,043.76)
Expense: Youth	(£2,236.70)
Expense: Gifts	(£3,529.50)
Expense: Repairs	(£2,906.07)
Expense: Loan Repayment / Loan Given	(£300.00)
Expense: Other	(£26,276.38)
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	(£133,081.60)
Net Inflow	<hr/> <hr/> (£6,925.33)

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Minister's Report

Looking Back on 2024

Our Leadership focus for 2024 was 'Be holy' taken from I Peter 1:16, referencing numerous pronouncements of these words in Leviticus. This informed much of the teaching for the year, as well as the direction of devotions and prayer within the leadership.

We also saw many people making choices to embrace holiness in their lives, confronting unforgiveness and habitual sins, and striving for the presence of God in their lives and our services.

In line with our vision to **Make Disciples who Make Disciples** and informed by our **Discipleship Journey Strategy**, five key strategic goals of the Minister and Elders in 2024 are listed below (alongside the outcomes):

Strategic Goals for 2024	What did we Achieve?
Run two Alpha Courses with Life groups to follow on	One Alpha course ran at Renew 127 on Tuesday mornings, resulting in a new Life Group meeting at the same time. A second Alpha course took place in the evenings, also resulting in a new Life Group being formed. Both new Life Groups consist of new believers who came to faith on the relevant Alpha courses, along with other recent newcomers to the church.
Raise up new leaders	Delivered the 'Empower' Leadership course to help further develop existing leaders and those with potential. Several of those on the course have now taken on new leadership roles in the church, changed their ministry focus, or started new ministries outside the church.
Summer Missions – K180 Big 4 and American visitors from 'Church of the Cross'	The K180 'Big 4' Evangelism team came on 4 th -5 th May to train a team from our church to go out onto the streets of Doncaster. After training on Saturday morning, around a dozen people from the church went into the city centre to share testimonies and connect with people. Whilst some good conversations were had, the attendance numbers were low. It doesn't fit well with our disciple-making strategy and the Elders decided that this was probably not something we would do again The visiting team from the 'Church of the Cross' came to us through Doncaster Youth for Christ from the USA. The team joined us on Sunday, worked in local schools, helped do some redecorating at church, and ran evening events in the community. This raised the profile of local churches, and we heard stories of young people giving their lives to Jesus. We would welcome another team but recognise that we need to improve our follow-up methods

Explore opportunities to plant the next church outpost	At the end of 2024 we determined that it was right to extend our monthly evening worship service and monthly Sunday prayer meeting to run every week, with a different focus each Sunday in the month. A team was formed to start weekly evening services from January 2025
Develop youth and children's work with newly-employed worker	Despite some good work with our children/youth, it became clear that our Youth and Children's worker, Toby Davies, was struggling with the leadership and organisational aspects of the role. In conversation with Toby, we discerned that it was not in the best interests of him or the church that he continue. Toby formally submitted his resignation by email on 10 th March 2025 and we express our thanks for his efforts and wish him every blessing.

Sunday Hub and Outpost Church Teaching

During 2024 we had teaching series covering I Timothy, different gifts of the Holy Spirit, Holiness, Isaiah, Jesus' teaching about Money, Personal Prayer, the Mission of the Church, Victory through Worship, and seasonal services at Easter, Christmas and on the theme of Thankfulness.

We also welcomed guest speakers to our Sunday services, including Adam Lynch (the minister of 'Hope is Here' Mexborough Baptist church), Jenny Baines from CARE, and a team from the Kerygma 180 Evangelistic Ministry.

Looking Up – What is God Saying?

Throughout 2024 God spoke to us repeatedly about the ongoing mission of the church, with repeated prophetic words that God was going to fill the church to overflow into the local community.

We have seen this in continued growth and new faith as Jesus has led both existing believers and non-Christians to the church.

Looking Forward – Minister and Elder's Strategic Objectives for 2025

Responding to what God has said to us, we aim to:

- Multiply our existing services to create capacity for more new believers (Hub and Outposts)
- Explore a new staff appointment to equip every believer for works of service and/or church outpost planting
- Appoint a new worker and redevelop existing ministries to develop high-quality ministry with youth, children and their families from and in the community

Joel Ward

Secretary's Report

The Admin Team exists to resource the church to fulfil its mission to "make disciples who make disciples"

2024 saw an even greater number of new people coming through the doors and becoming part of the church, many of them finding us online. Average Sunday morning attendance was 73 adults, 13 children and 6 youth (92 people in all). However, eleven services over the year saw the numbers hit 110+

We ended the year with a membership of 74, down three on the previous year. Although we had five new people come into membership, we sadly had four pass away (our loss but their great gain), two who transferred their membership to Mexborough Baptist, one who resigned due to moving away, and one whose membership lapsed through non-attendance.

Two Alpha courses were run, and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the wonderful teams who help on a practical level to ensure their success. The first course was a daytime one at the start of the year and held at Renew. This was followed by an evening course in late Spring/early Summer in the church building. Both of these resulted in the formation of two new Life Groups.

We had the great joy of seeing five people commit their lives to God through Believer's Baptism, three of whom came to us through the second Alpha course and are in fact all from the same family.

Following the initial uptake in 2023, we have now expanded our use of the Church Suite platform to include on-line check-in of our children and young people, improving their safeguarding and ensuring all essential data for their continued wellbeing is immediately available to the leaders and helpers.

Towards the end of the year, the Admin team was expanded with the appointment of Denise Russell as our Purchasing Officer. She is already proving to be a great addition.

Thank you to all those who faithfully step up each week to provide a warm welcome or serve refreshments. If anyone would like to volunteer to help in either of these areas, then please come and let me know.

Finally, 2024 also saw a change in the church leadership team. After 26 years of faithful service as the Fabric Deacon, Colin Russell stood down at the end of 2023. Adrian Humphris stepped up pro tem before being officially elected to the role at the 2024 AGM. Andrew Thompsett resigned as Church Secretary/Admin Deacon at the 2024 AGM, and Ruth Bellerby was elected in his place. The number of Elders was reduced by one when Ruth was not re-elected to that role at the same meeting.

Three of the Leadership Team attended the Fresh Streams conference in January, and in November the wider leadership once again had an away-day to seek God together for the way forward in the coming year.

And so we come to end of my first report as Church Secretary/Admin Deacon. I would like to thank Andrew for the smooth handover, and his willingness to be available to answer queries as I adjust to the new role.

Ruth Bellerby

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Date: 1st February 2025

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Summary

Income	£111,281.02
Expenditure	(£114,363.86)
Deficit for the year	(£3,082.84)

Bank Accounts (Instant Access, Instant Access & Petty Cash)

Brought Forward	£37,532.84
Transfer from/(to) Saving Account	£10,000.00
Movement in Year (Net Income & Expenditure)	(£3,082.84)
Sub Total as per Dec 24 Statements	£44,450.00

Business Reserve Account / Longer Term Savings

Opening Balance	£37,879.79
Transfer from/(to) Current Accounts	(£10,000.00)
Bank Interest	£729.87
Sub Total	£28,609.66

Net Funds	£73,059.66
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Summary of Income & Expenditure

Income: Offering / Donations	£84,034.66
Income: Grants/Loans	£0.00
Income: Gift Aid refund	£16,078.22
Income: Other	£11,168.14
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	£111,281.02
Expense: Staff Costs	(£42,287.87)
Expense: Building	(£26,395.24)
Expense: Youth	(£14,124.25)
Expense: Gifts	(£4,679.52)
Expense: Repairs	(£8,863.09)
Expense: Loan Repayment / Loan Given	(£1,100.00)
Expense: Other	(£16,913.89)
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	(£114,363.86)
Net Inflow	(£3,082.84)

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Date: 1st February 2024

Bentley Baptist Church Accounts - Year Ending 31st Dec 2023

Summary

Income £98,880.41

Expenditure (£116,297.77)

Surplus for the year	(£17,417.36)
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Bank Accounts (Instant Access & Petty Cash)

Brought Forward £54,950.20

Transfer from/(to) Saving Account £0.00

Movement in Year (Net Income & Expenditure) (£17,417.36)

Sub Total as per Dec 23 Statements	£37,532.84
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Business Reserve Account / Longer Term Savings

Opening Balance £37,042.85

Transfer from/(to) Current Accounts £0.00

Bank Interest £836.94

Sub Total	£37,879.79
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Net Funds	£75,412.63
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Summary of Income & Expenditure

Income: Offering / Donations	£83,302.03
Income: Grants/Loans	£0.00
Income: Gift Aid refund	£13,958.11
Income: Other	£1,620.27
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	£98,880.41
Expense: Staff Costs	(£39,396.91)
Expense: Building	(£27,216.96)
Expense: Gifts	(£9,471.04)
Expense: Repairs	(£21,560.75)
Expense: Loan Repayment / Loan Given	(£200.00)
Expense: Other	(£18,452.11)
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	(£116,297.77)
Net Inflow	(£17,417.36)

Minister's Report for 2024 AGM

Looking Back on 2023

Our focus for 2023 was 'Who are you?' given to us by God from 2 Corinthians 5:17, which tells us we are "a new creation", as well as "be transformed" (Romans 12:2) which were passages God had spoken to the elders about on several occasions.

We agreed that our preaching focus and ongoing discernment about how to be a church hub with spiritual outposts was served well by this focus.

4 Key Strategic Goals for 2023 In line with our vision to Make Disciples who Make Disciples , and informed by our Discipleship Journey Strategy	What did we achieve?
Enable Bentley BC to explore and understand the vision to plant Church Outposts	The concept of outpost church continued to be shared through preaching and church meetings. We also welcomed a visit from Chrissy Remsberg and Chris Knight (Beacon Church and Firestarters Network), who shared with us how they have been using a multi-congregational church model to grow. In 2023 we also welcomed our first new church members who exclusively attend our Stepping Stones outpost church and not the Sunday morning service.
Train and develop leaders to lead in the Church Hub and to plant and lead Church Outposts	To train and equip new leaders we have begun a new leadership course – the 'Empower' course – and welcomed new church outpost leaders. We have also been pleased to welcome those from other churches onto the course.
Discern what and where the next two Church Outposts should be	Whilst we haven't had confirmation from God, nor a specific plan of action to formally start a new outpost church, we have been excited by the ministry of Broderick and Ancelater at the Kirkstone Close Community Centre as they began stepping out in running a Bible study and prayer time following their existing craft group. We have also been exploring the potential for a church outpost in a local care home, though once again nothing concrete is in place.

<p>Employ a new Youth and Children’s Worker to help us continue to develop our work with children and young people</p>	<p>We began advertising for a new Youth and Children’s Worker in mid-2023 but were unsuccessful in our first attempt to appoint.</p> <p>Following this, Toby Davies applied for the position, and following interviews and prayerful discernment, the church decided to invite him to take on the role, which he started in January 2024. Toby was formally commissioned on Sunday 14th January.</p>
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Sunday Teaching

During 2023, we ran a teaching series on the Great Commission of Jesus (to make disciples who make disciples); explored our identity in Jesus, asking: ‘Who are you?’; looked at ‘Encounters with Jesus’ in the Gospels; taught around the theme of ‘Overcoming’; explored some popular Psalms; and of course placed our focus upon Easter and Christmas during those seasons.

Of particular note was our series on Human Sexuality, accompanied by many discussions and two opportunities to discuss big questions on this theme with the church leadership. We were very pleased that though many of us were challenged by the different topics and/or held different views to one another, we remained unified in love with a mature and Christ-like attitude displayed by most of the church.

I am overjoyed that many people have been able to respond for prayer or give their lives to Jesus through our Sunday ministry and there are many testimonies of God’s goodness as a result!

Looking Up – what is God saying?

As we press into 2024, the Elders believe God is calling us to the focus of ‘Be Holy, because I AM Holy’ (1 Peter 1:16). This will be reflected in the Elder’s personal growth and devotions, as well as our teaching series and culture.

We also strongly feel that this is a year of mission, when God will pour us out into the surrounding streets and areas of the city to reach the lost in a significant way. This has been confirmed by several opportunities God has given us in the coming year and a prophetic vision given to Evelyn Lithgow, who had seen *‘the church building, with water flowing out into the streets and community from every door and window’*. This fits well with the theme of Holiness, as we will be unable to pour out God’s goodness to those around us if we are being held back by areas in our lives in need of transformation.

Looking Forward – Minister and Elders’ Strategic Objectives for 2024

1. Investing in Toby and our Youth and Children’s ministry
2. Two Alpha Courses - one daytime course at Renew 127 through Winter/Spring, and one evening course in the Summer months when the evenings are lighter

3. Two Summer Missions:

- Bentley members to receive training and be a hub for one of Kyria 180's 'Big 3' City outreach missions in May
- Partner with an American team sent by Youth for Christ (YFC) working in Bentley schools and community in June

Ongoing Objectives

- Planting Outpost churches to create capacity for growth
- Ensure health and growth of our Life Groups

Joel Ward
Minister

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Secretary's Report

The Admin Team exists to resource and equip frontline ministries to fulfil the vision of the church

Nearly five thousand people came through the door for our main services in 2023. The averages per week were 82.2 Adults, Youth 5.4 and Children 15.1. Our Second Sunday services averaged 22.1 Adults. On three occasions, we had over 120 people in the building - on Easter Sunday, when the Orlando Mission visited, and on November 12th.

With no credit to Richard Curtis, in 2023 we had four weddings and a funeral.

Once again, we have been blessed with new people coming into church. We have had 10 new members (although we lost four, who either stopped attending or resigned). The membership, which stands at 77, does not reflect the number of new people coming to church.

A really good measure of where we are at is the number of people giving their lives to God through baptism. It is always a special time and in 2023 we saw 9 people baptised.

As a CIO, it is important for the Leadership Team to enhance their skills and build up their knowledge. To that end, three of us attended the Fresh Streams Conference in January, and three of us attended the two-day Firestarters conversation at Headingly (Leeds) at the end of February.

In addition, all of the Leadership Team, along with others in church, have completed their Level 2 Safeguarding Training, and those that were identified as requiring a higher level have completed their Level 3 Safeguarding Training.

In September, the wider leadership once again had an away-day on the outskirts of Sheffield. This was a chance to pray, listen to God, and discern what He was saying for the church moving forward in Bentley.

November saw 10 church members undergo a day's First Aid Training.

Most areas of church life are covered in individual reports, and I thank everyone who gives their time for God's work. I will mention Peter, who is here most Sundays to provide tea and coffee for us as we arrive, and those that step up to serve refreshments after the services, greet at the door, and look after our youngest children in the creche.

The biggest change to Admin came in 2023 with the arrival of Church Suite. It will take time for everyone to get used to using it to its full potential, and thanks go to Lorraine for setting everything up.

Andrew Thompsett
Church Secretary

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Date: 4th February 2023

Bentley Baptist Church Accounts - Year Ending 31st Dec 2022

Summary

Income £89,706.20

Expenditure (£88,968.06)

Surplus for the year	£738.14
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Bank Account

Brought Forward £41,304.72

Transfer from/(to) Saving Account £12,907.34

Movement in Year (Net Income & Expenditure) £738.14

Sub Total as per Dec 22 Statement	£54,950.20
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Business Reserve Account / Longer Term Savings

Opening Balance £49,872.76

Transfer from/(to) Current Accounts (£12,907.34)

Bank Interest £77.43

Sub Total	£37,042.85
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Net Funds	£91,993.05
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Summary of Income & Expenditure

Income: Offering / Donations	£63,044.79
Income: Grants/Loans	£6,041.28
Income: Gift Aid refund	£12,064.42
Income: Other	£8,555.71
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	£89,706.20
Expense: Staff Costs	(£37,794.35)
Expense: Building	(£25,048.96)
Expense: Gifts	(£2,658.26)
Expense: Repairs	(£7,068.94)
Expense: Loan Repayment / Loan Given	£0.00
Expense: Other	(£16,397.55)
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	(£88,968.06)
Net Inflow	<hr/> <hr/> £738.14

Minister's report for 2023 AGM

Looking back on 2022

Our focus for 2022 was given to us by God from Ephesians 6:10 and the key word was 'BE':

'BE strong in the Lord and in His mighty power'

In line with our vision to **Make Disciples who Make Disciples** and informed by our **Discipleship Journey Strategy**, my four key strategic goals to achieve as the Minister in 2022 are listed below (alongside the outcomes):

Strategic Goals for 2022	What did we achieve?
Discern with the wider church the next step in being a healthy hub with spiritual outposts.	We discerned that the next step in being a healthy hub with Spiritual outposts was to plant the first Outpost. We discerned this would be at Renew and worked from October 2022 to develop the concept and assemble a team which met together through January and February 2023 and launched the first mid-week service at 10.30am on Thursday 23 rd February 2023.
Develop Alpha team, run the Alpha course and implement follow-up strategy.	We ran two Alpha courses through 2022, welcomed new team members and have run follow-up discipleship courses for those who completed the course and wanted to continue to explore faith. Many of those who went on Alpha courses are now part of the church family and some have been (or are soon to be) baptised.
Explore, discern and implement a youth ministry strategy.	We welcomed a Youth Work intern (Isabel) through Youth For Christ Doncaster in September, who is working in schools and youth projects during the week and with our young people on Sundays. The most recent developments for youth in Bentley BC have been a Youth Life Group (that is currently running the Youth Alpha course) and some mid-week one-to-one mentoring/discipleship.
Run 'Know yourself to lead yourself' course(s) to help everyone understand who God has made them	This 3-week course ran in October 2022 with around 12 regular participants exploring our Spiritual Gifts, the ways we each connect with God effectively (Spiritual Pathways) and our Mission Styles – the ways God has gifted us to share about Jesus in different ways.

to BE and where He might be calling them to serve.	The feedback from the course was positive and participants reported an increased understanding of their character, gifting and preferred style of mission.
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Sunday Teaching

During 2022 we ran teaching series on 'Be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power', 'The Kingdom of God', 'Leaders of Integrity', 'A healthy Spiritual diet', 'Encounters with Jesus', 'Counter-culture' and also explored God's vision for our church as we explored the Biblical basis for being 'A healthy hub with Spiritual outposts'.

Church Growth

On Sundays during 2021 average numbers in Sunday services were 51 adults and 20 children (total of 71).

On Sunday 23rd January 2022 the Sunday service was attended by 64 adults and 18 children (total of 82).

On the equivalent Sunday in 2023 the Sunday service was attended by 77 adults and 20 children (total of 97*)

*18% increase over the year and a 36% increase over two years.

Looking Up – what is God saying?

During our church away day and as we've prayed and sought to discern the will of God in our meetings and through prayer and fasting, we believe that He is telling us to discern the next opportunities to plant Spiritual Outposts – expressions of church in the wider community – during the coming year.

In spite of the growth we are seeing on Sundays, we do not believe that God is calling us away from our current premises at this time, but He is asking us to look for opportunities to 'enlarge the place of our tent' by planting tent pegs further afield such as the 'Church Outpost' at Renew 127.

We believe God is calling us to lead people on a Discipleship Journey, to Make disciples who make disciples, in expressions of church that include both the Hub of the Sunday service *and* Spiritual Outposts of Church planted and growing in the community – whatever they may look like.

Looking Forward - Minister's Strategic Objectives for 2023

1. Enable Bentley BC to explore and understand the vision to plant Church Outposts.
2. Train and develop leaders to lead in the Church Hub and to plant and lead Church Outposts.
3. Discern what and where the next two Church Outposts should be.

Secretary's Report

Well, what a difference a year makes. We have been able to meet though 2022 without a break, even though Covid remains with us.

Our services are attracting more people on a Sunday, with average attendances of over 70 adults and 20 children.

We are called to 'Make disciples who make disciples' and have been blessed with new people and new Christians coming to church. This has resulted in 8 baptisms and 14 new members.

Once again, the leadership started the year with some of their number attending the Fresh Streams Conference.

We had our first AGM as a CIO, and the entire leadership team were up for election. We were joined by Lorraine Jackson being elected as an Elder, increasing the leadership team to eight persons.

At Easter we had a breakfast before the main morning service, something, which due to its success will be repeated in 2023.

In September we all came together to remember John Daniels who had died during covid. We had not been able to gather at the time and this was a fitting tribute to his life.

In October the wider leadership had an away day on the outskirts of Sheffield. This was a chance to discern what God was saying to us, looking forwards to how God was calling us to make spiritual outposts

Thank you to everyone who gives their time for God's work here in Bentley. There are too many of you to mention individually. There are however, never enough people, so if you want to be involved, then just speak with me or someone else on the leadership

My prayer for us all remains the same as last year, and seems even more relevant than it was last year. As church outposts are developed, we need to bind together and not feel divided. It says in Colossians 3: 'Above all, clothe yourselves with Love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony'.

Thank you and Bless you all.

Andrew

Church Secretary

BENTLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1190319

Accounts

Minister's report for 2022 AGM

Looking back on 2021

In February 2021 I joined the church and began with a listening exercise - a consultation with all church members in which I tried to speak with those in significant roles and meet with each life group.

From this listening exercise, the Leadership discerned that God was giving us the focus for 2021 of '**Get Connected**' and the following 3 objectives:

1. Help every member of the church CONNECT with God in a fresh way to be released in their gifts and service
2. Develop a new strategy to CONNECT the practical and spiritual needs of local people
3. Develop a new strategy to CONNECT our friends, family and colleagues with Jesus

We achieved this by:

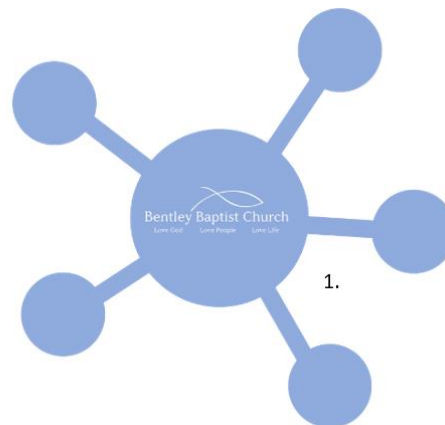
- Creating the **Discipleship Journey Strategy**, showing simple 'stepping stones' on the journey of faith. Each step helps people CONNECT a little more with God and with the church to become disciples who make disciples.
- Creating clarity to understand where *each church ministry* sits in the Discipleship Journey Strategy.
- Meeting in the local park and online to CONNECT with one another during lockdown.
- Resuming onsite services and ministry activities whilst continuing online to ensure our church continues to CONNECT with those not yet comfortable to return to church.
- Employing Hannah Cassell as our Web Resources Leader to improve the way we CONNECT online.
- Running two CONNECT Prayer weeks to encourage and resource people to encounter God.
- Running a successful 'Superhero Party' to CONNECT with dozens of families.
- Running Preaching series with accompanying Life Group studies to help us CONNECT and understand the vision and strategy. These included:
 - 'Covenant: God's good plan to connect with us'.
 - 'Get Connected'. Understanding our 2021 focus.
 - 'Stories worth telling'. How God connected with individuals in the Bible and today.
 - 'Mission Styles'. Understanding how God has made each of us to connect others with Him.

- 'Fear Factor'. Understanding how our connection with God helps us to overcome different fears.
- 'Faith Factor'. Understanding the practical power of Faith that comes from our connection with God.
- 'Connect at Christmas'. A series of messages about God's desire to Connect with us through the coming of Jesus.

As a result of these efforts, many people have responded God's desire to CONNECT with them and given their lives to Jesus. We've seen numerical growth in the gathered church on Sundays and new members of mid-week Life Groups.

We also held a Leader's Away Day at which God revealed a clear picture of the shape of our church in the days to come:

As we attempt to make disciples who make disciples through our discipleship Journey Strategy, our church is to become a **Healthy Hub with Spiritual outposts**¹. Discerning some of the detail of this vision is a task for the coming season.



Looking forward to 2022

The Elders believe that our focus for 2022 is from Ephesians 6:10 and the key word is **'BE'**:

'BE strong in the Lord and in His mighty power'

In 2021 we received pictures of the future shape of our church and we have a clear strategy to fulfil our vision of 'Make disciples who make disciples', but many of the steps on the journey are unclear and we face several challenges. We will need more than clever ideas and courage!

This year, as we remember to find our strength in God, I believe that His power will be unleashed to guide us in His way.

Strategic Priorities for 2022

These are not exclusive, but they seem to follow on from our discussions and the path God has laid before us:

1. Discern with the wider church the next step in being a healthy hub with spiritual outposts.
2. Develop Alpha team, run the Alpha course and implement follow-up strategy.
3. Explore, discern and implement a youth ministry strategy.
4. Run 'Know yourself to lead yourself' course(s) to help everyone understand who God has made them to BE and where He might be calling them to serve.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Bentley Baptist Church.

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on pages 3 to 4.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) or under Regulation 10(1)(d) of The Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (the 2006 Accounts Regulations) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 (the 2005 Act)
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission and is in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent examiner's statement

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

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act and section 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act and section 44(1)(b) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 9 of the 2006 Regulations
- have not been met or

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

Signed:



Name: Mark David Kidney

Qualifications: BA (Hons), ACMA

Address: 6 Akeferry Road, Westwoodside, DONCASTER, DN9 2DX

Date: 30th January 2022

Bentley Baptist Church Accounts - Year Ending 31st Dec 2021

Summary

Income	£91,030.39
Expenditure	(£78,513.26)

Surplus for the year	£12,517.13
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Bank Account

Brought Forward	£28,787.59
No unbanked receipts from 2019	£0.00
Transfer to Saving Account	£0.00
No unbanked receipts	£0.00
Movement in Year (Net Income & Expenditure)	£12,517.13

Sub Total as per Dec 21 Statement	£41,304.72
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Business Reserve Account

Opening Balance	£49,867.80
Transfer from current account	£0.00
Bank Interest	£4.96

Sub Total	£49,872.76
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Net Funds	£91,177.48
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Summary of Income & Expenditure

Income: Offering / Donations	£49,573.56
Income: Grants/Loans	£4,700.00
Income: Gift Aid refund	£20,946.54
Income: Other	£15,810.29
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	£91,030.39
Expense: Staff Costs	(£37,710.66)
Expense: Building	(£28,970.62)
Expense: Gifts	(£3,467.25)
Expense: Loan Repayment / Loan Given	£0.00
Expense: Other	(£8,364.73)
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	(£78,513.26)
Net Inflow	<hr/> <hr/> £12,517.13

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Period Trial Balance

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To Period: Month 12, December 2021

<u>N/C</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
1200	Barclays Current Account	27,528.82	
1201	BBC Foodbank	13,442.89	
1210	Bank Deposit Account	49,872.76	
1230	Petty Cash & Uncleared Cheques	333.01	
3200	Funds		81,387.49
4000	Donations Received		42,706.45
4001	Donations Received -Non Gift Aid		5,122.31
4100	Grants		4,700.00
4300	Gifts	3,467.25	
4800	Room Hire		748.00
4901	Rent Income (Manse)		5,134.84
5001	Gift Aid Claim from HMRC		20,946.54
5009	Gift Day Donations		1,744.80
5201	Outreach Work and Materials	384.04	
5204	Youth	20.00	
5205	Worship Team	165.98	
5206	BMS World	1,440.00	
5207	South Yorkshire Fellowship	2,640.00	
5209	Fresh Streams	400.00	
5210	Foodbank		10,147.45
5211	Evangelical Alliance	80.00	
5212	Fresh Streams Residential	225.00	
5214	Baptist Union	280.25	
5215	OMF J&P Dallman	1,000.00	
5216	Conferences and Residentials	390.00	
5217	Renew Centre	4,073.13	
5219	CBBC	362.14	
6101	Advertising	22.00	
6202	Sundries	235.63	
7002	Manse Water (J Ward)	302.34	
7004	Church Copyright License	1,028.01	
7005	CCPAS Church Child Protection and	205.75	
7105	Electricity	1,879.07	
7106	Gas	576.67	
7111	Manse Lease (J Ward)	3,662.75	
7301	Postage and Carriage	13.24	
7302	Office Stationery & Supplies	19.99	
7304	Display Material, Noticeboards & Signs	128.56	
7350	Telephone and Broadband	745.20	
7352	Computer, Software, Website, Technology	296.98	
7353	Licenses (TV and Microphone)	292.50	
7401	Office Machine Maintenance	369.11	
7499	Building Repairs and Renewals (Manse)	100.00	
7500	Building Repairs and Renewals	7,954.40	
7501	Cleaning & Materials	110.50	
7502	Hygiene Services	156.76	
7509	Minister's Expenses inc Milage	4,190.87	
7510	Capital Improvement	96.00	
7601	Fire Protection	173.79	
7604	Buildings Insurance (Church & Manse)	2,110.80	
7605	Refreshments	768.72	
7700	Bank Interest Paid		4.96

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Period Trial Balance

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To Period: Month 12, December 2021

<u>N/C</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
7704	Pastoral Loan	220.00	
7705	Pastoral Fund	20.00	
7802	Minister's Council Tax	803.77	
7803	Minister's Salary	17,891.54	
7804	Salary - Hannah Cassell	1,707.27	
7805	Cleaner's Wages	810.06	
7806	Minister Tax & NI	3,858.42	
7807	Baptist Pensions	9,232.50	
7808	Garden Maintenance	145.47	
7900	Legal Fees	3,416.40	
7902	Accountancy Fees	260.40	
8004	Office Equipment Depreciation	2,732.10	
	Totals:	<u>172,642.84</u>	<u>172,642.84</u>