

SABDEN BAPTIST CHURCH

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Reference and administration details

Trustees:

Mr. James Anthony Lawson Briggs
Mrs Elizabeth Mary Briggs
Mrs. Linda Anne Moors
Mrs. Vivienne Marshall
Dr. Marjoleine Wilhelmina Onrust

All the above were appointed on 1st March 2020

Registered Office

Sabden Baptist Church, Clitheroe Road, Sabden, Clitheroe, BB7 9HD.

Operating from: Sabden Baptist Church – as above.

Bankers

Santander, Customer Service Centre, Bootle, Merseyside, L30 4GB.

Independent Examiner

Mark Heaton FCCA FCIE
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Chartered Accountants
1st Floor, Block C, The Wharf,
Manchester Road,
Burnley
BB11 1JG

Trustees Report

Year Ended 31st December 2022

The Trustees present their second report on the activities of the Charity.

Objects

The principle purpose of the Church is the advancement of the Christian Faith according to the principles of the Baptist Denomination. The Church may also advance education and carry out other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and/or other parts of the world.

Our Activities

The Charity operates from Sabden Baptist Church. The Trustees of the church building and the graveyard are The Baptist Union. The Charity is responsible for the maintenance of the building including the costs of insurance and utilities and all the usual outgoings.

After restrictions due to Covid 19 in the previous year, this has been a year in which we have been able to move forward and continue with our many activities.

Our Sunday morning services are well attended. The day starts with a Breakfast Prayer Meeting, when tea and toast is served, before the service. We celebrate Communion on the first Sunday of each month. Since August we now have a regular visiting preacher on the second Sunday. He is a retired Baptist Minister and both he and his wife have become very involved in the life of the Church. There is always continuity of preaching, which is excellent. We also have a visiting lay preacher on the last Sunday, and otherwise we are served by our own members who all have different roles in our Church fellowship.

Each Tuesday we have a group who meet together to study the Bible and to pray. This is a Caring and Sharing group. On Wednesday evenings we meet, again to study the Bible, but during this year we have particularly further considered the address given the previous Sunday. We have an evening of prayer on the first Wednesday of each month. The number attending our Thursday evening music practice is growing. We plan the service for the following Sunday and practise some new songs. It is a wonderful evening of fellowship, and we now have one or two people from the village coming along to worship with us.

Our Social activities have included a Games Night and pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, a Good Friday Walk, a Murder Mystery evening, and an annual BBQ. We also held an "Away Day" which was very well attended at a local "Retreat". We participate with the Anglican and Catholic Churches in the village in celebrating Easter, Remembrance Day, and a combined Carol Service. This year the Carol Service was held in our church and was well attended by many people from the village.

The Church Building is used between Monday and Friday every week by a pre-school group which operates from 7 am - 6 pm. They cater for up to 25 children each day. The Ofsted reports are good and they have very dedicated staff. They pay a rent and also a contribution towards utilities. The children played a very important part in our Carol Service.

We have installed new IT equipment which has enabled the church to make available, on YouTube and Facebook, our weekly services. This is now being accessed by many people in Sabden and elsewhere around the country. New signboards have also been erected and we are able to publicise more activities for the Church and the pre-school group.

During the year we have been able to make generous donations to BMS, including Ukraine, Home Mission, Spurgeons Childcare, Action Aid, and the local Foodbank. We have a very generous

congregation and we always are looking for ways we can carry Outreach into the village and the wider community.

In August 2022 we celebrated 225 years of the Baptist movement in Sabden. The celebrations included a Games Evening, a BBQ, and a very encouraging service at the Sunday Service. We were given a donation to obtain some celebration mugs, which we hope will be a lasting memory of our 225 years of service.

Several members and friends have continued carrying out maintenance work in the graveyard. The bulbs planted and the flower beds created have given the area a sense of care and peace.

We have welcomed new people into the church and we are delighted that everyone takes a very active role in the life of the church.

Trustees Report (continued)

Year Ended 31st December 2022

Financial review

The attached receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities set out the finances of the church in the accounting period. At the year end the church held £60,637 in unrestricted bank accounts and investments, together with £69,083 invested in the Dawson Trust, administered by the Baptist Union Corporation which can be used with agreement for works on the church building. The property trustees are the Baptist Union Corporation.

Reserves policy

The trustees aim to hold £10,000 with the balance held for improvements to the buildings, emergency repairs and to provide additional income from the investments.

Risk management

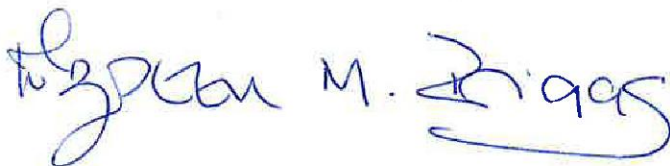
Risks to the charity include those mitigated by comprehensive safeguarding policies and training and insurance covering buildings, contents and activities. A formal risk assessment is to be worked on.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Church is an independent charity. In accordance with our Constitution Trustees are appointed as required and aim to have a broad range of skills and contacts with the Church community. The trustees are also the Deacons of the church.

The Charity is a Charitable incorporated organisation number 1190379 governed by its Constitution.

Approved by order of the Trustees and signed on their behalf on 7th February 2023.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Elizabeth M. Higgins'.

Trustee.

SABDEN BAPTIST CHURCH**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022**

| RECEIPTS | 2022 | 2021 |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Weekly offerings | 19,238 | 22,950 |
| Investment income | 1,199 | 1,069 |
| Gift aid | 3,194 | 3,333 |
| Room hire | 9,640 | 4,725 |
| Dawson Trust | - | 25,000 |
| Other receipts | 3,751 | 3,034 |
| Total receipts | <u>37,022</u> | <u>60,111</u> |
| PAYMENTS | | |
| Property maintenance and repairs | 2,110 | 39,979 |
| Water, electric, gas, oil | 5,806 | 3,952 |
| Chairs and tables | - | 6,332 |
| Sound and video equipment | 2,565 | - |
| Insurance | 2,117 | 1,884 |
| Gifts to mission organisations | 4,850 | 3,608 |
| Computer and laptop | - | 1,356 |
| Other payments | 3,878 | 3,406 |
| Total payments | <u>21,326</u> | <u>60,517</u> |
| Receipts less payments | 15,696 | <u>(406)</u> |
| Bank balances at 1st January 2022 | 23,707 | <u>24,113</u> |
| Bank balances at 31st December 2022 | <u>39,403</u> | <u>23,707</u> |

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31ST DECEMBER 2022

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|----------------------------|----------------|
| Bank balances | <u>£39,403</u> |
| Charifund investment | <u>£21,234</u> |
| Dawson Trust – Investments | <u>£69,083</u> |

Approval

These financial statements set out above were approved by the Deacons as Managing Trustees on 7th February 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



M. W. ONRUST

Trustee