

WEST CRAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1190946

Details

Other names	WEST CRAVEN BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2020-08-19
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

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

Activities: The advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist Denomination

Classification

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

Geography

- Lancashire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£75,359	£68,592	-	-
2023-12-31	£45,282	£30,104	-	-
2022-12-31	£0	£0	-	-
2021-12-31	£0	£0	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Julie Catherine Bryan	Chair	2020-08-19
Dr Melanie Jane Mitchell		2020-08-19
Helen Elizabeth Edmondson		2020-08-19
Helen Elizabeth Keegan		2025-03-23
Michael Dewhirst		2025-03-23
Ruth Naomi Thomas		2026-03-22
Susan Lesley Martin		2026-03-22

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Trustees' Annual Report for the Period 01.01.2024 - 31.12.2024

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Voting shall be by secret ballot at an Ordinary Church Members Meeting. Church members shall be asked to vote for those nominated candidates who they believe would serve the Church well as Charity Trustees. Each member may vote for as many nominees as they believe meet this criteria.

Scrutineers shall be appointed by the Church Meeting to count the votes and shall report the outcome in confidence and in writing to the chairperson of the meeting.

The number of candidates, being no more than the number of vacancies receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected providing each candidate shall have received votes from at least 60% of those members voting (Const 14.8)

Achievements and Performance

At the end of 2023, our Senior Minister who had been working ½ time due to health issues took early retirement due to his worsening health. After prayerful discussion, it was agreed that Julie Bryan, our part-time pioneer minister, would serve as sole minister and increase her hours from ½ to ¾ time. The church acknowledged and affirmed her original calling as a pioneer, and agreed that this should remain her primary focus. Members of the church committed to help fill some of the resulting gaps.

Worship and Prayer

Sunday worship continued to offer a varied pattern and style. Overall numbers continue to show a slow but perceptible growth. The “Sunday Stroll” grew further in popularity and over the course of the year, we added new initiatives including Lego Church, Renew Wellbeing at Mount Zion and ‘Big Chat’ Bible discussion groups that meet at a local cafe. We also welcomed visitors to special services such as the Christmas Eve Crib service, Carol Service and we were thrilled to host a wedding!

Baptisms and new members

On Easter Day, we baptised three people which was really encouraging as there have not been any baptisms at our churches for 12 years. We also welcomed another person into membership from another church, taking our total membership to 40.

Pastoral Care

Our church pastoral team has reduced in size but continues to keep in touch with those who can no longer get to church and support those within our wider church family who are in need. The team met regularly to share concerns and pray for our church family. In September, 12 church members received Dementia Awareness training from a member of the Social Prescribing Team which has enabled us to improve our pastoral care.

Each week our Warm Welcome space, Community Café and playgroups aim to offer safe spaces for people in our local community. The Social Prescribing Team signpost people to our afternoon groups which is helping to increase attendance and reduce social isolation. Our playgroups continue to provide bright and welcoming environments for pre-school children and the adults that care for them. Over the summer break, our Earby playgroup enjoyed a trip to Harwes Farm, which was a great success.

Community Engagement

As part of Julie’s pioneering work she has spent considerable time and effort in promoting the use of the Earby building and this is now beginning to be seen as a community asset, leading to us appointing a part-time, self-employed Community Partnership Co-ordinator.

Our partnership with Earby Events Group led to over 100 people visiting Mount Zion on each event that took place on the Green. The creativity and skill of our Community Café team produced our very own dragon for Earby Dragons, and the Christmas Tree Festival built on the success of the previous year with 16 Christmas trees (each representing a local community group) and a variety of festive, musical entertainment bringing visitors of all ages.

Our ecumenical partnerships have also helped us engage with the local community this year. Hope Barlick’s Crafts at Barlick Beach and the Community Picnic at Letcliffe Park

were supported by members of our church, and the new initiative of Beer and Hymns organised the very successful Beer and Carols event at a bar in Barnoldswick.

Another aspect of our church's ministry is with Coates Lane Primary School, Barnoldswick as our minister serves as a member of the Governing Body, and led a Christingle service for the whole school in December.

We also show our care for the community by supporting West Craven Food Bank which operates from our Barnoldswick building every Thursday, and several of our church members serve as volunteers.

Financially the church is in a sound position at the moment, however our buildings are in need of some updating. Our commitment to inclusion means that as more people connect with us, we become aware of issues that can affect accessibility. The trustees have been looking at how to make our buildings more welcoming and accessible. The kitchens at Barnoldswick also need improving.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity Name: West Craven Baptist Church

Charity Registration Number 1190946

Registered Address: Manchester Road Barnoldswick BB18 5NZ

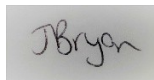
Trustees

Julie Bryan	Minister
Margaret Nutter	Secretary
Michael Nutter	Treasurer
Helen Edmondson	
Melanie Mitchell	
Julie Lewis	
Robin Turner	

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustee's report above

Signature



Full Name Revd Julie Bryan

Position Minister

Date 15th October 2025

WEST CRAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH

YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

INCOME	75359.28
EXPENDITURE	68592.05
INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	6767.23

BALANCE BFWD 01/01/2024	
BANK-CURRENT A/C	16478.11
CASH	200.00
SALTERFORTH CUSTODIAN A/C	1268.59

INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	6767.23
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24713.93

BALANCE AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2024	
BANK-CURRENT A/C	11411.44
SALTERFORTH CUSTODIAN A/C	1280.50
32 DAY NOTICE A/C	12021.99

24713.93

ACCOUNTS AUDITED BY:

JL BROUGHTON
112A KELBROOK ROAD
BARNOLDSWICK

SIGNED

JLBroughton

DATE

23rd February 2025

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period 1.7.2023 - 31.12 2023

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Background

West Craven Baptist Church was formed by the amalgamation of three Baptist Churches, Barnoldswick, Mount Zion Earby and Salterforth. Although registered with the charity commission from August 2020, legal delays in the amalgamation process meant that the West Craven Baptist Church CIO did not come into being until 1st July 2023.

This return therefore pertains to the six month period July - December 2023

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Achievements and performance

Extracts from minister and trustees report to AGM 21.4.2024

(Please note that this report related to the calendar year 2023)

2023 was a significant year in the life of West Craven Baptist Church. We adjusted to Stephen's retirement and after years of legal processes and waiting, the amalgamation was completed. There is a growing sense that we are 'one church', which is reinforced by the new signage which was installed in April and there has been lots to

encourage us.

Increased community engagement:

Both the Warm Welcome space (on Mondays at Barlick) and the Community Café (on Wednesdays at Mount Zion) provide opportunities for community engagement and are supported by Lancashire County Council's Warm Space Fund. We are seeing an increase in numbers attending these, which is due in part to the Social Prescribing Team signposting people to us. Our two playgroups are also seeing increased attendance and are providing valuable support to parents and their children.

The success of the playgroup and Community Café at Mount Zion has contributed to the revitalisation of the building, along with one-off events such as Earby's Spring Event (in partnership with Earby Events Group), the Christmas Tree Festival and the recent Pendle Youth and Children's Choir concert. This increase in use and our partnership with Earby Guerilla Gardeners enabled Earby Guerilla Gardeners to apply to Lancashire Environmental Fund for a grant to upgrade the kitchen at Earby (by purchasing a new cooker and extractor hood) and repair the leaky roof.

Following the Community Garden Party at Bamoldswick in March 2023, a small team has developed the vision for the North Street Garden area. The first stage was replacing the uneven paving with a level block paved surface to improve safety. More recently, we have been invited to apply to the Lancashire Environmental Fund for another grant to enable the development of the area into an accessible green space for visitors to our building and the local community. We will have to wait until July 2024 to find out if our bid is successful.

Baptisms and new members

We were very pleased to welcome two new church members in November.

Worship

We are encouraged by new people and visitors attending on a Sunday morning, when we continue to offer a varied worship programme each month, with first Sundays providing a choice to either join the Sunday Stroll or attend a conversational style service. Over the summer months, Sunday Stroll reached new contacts and benefitted from three meetings in Salterforth. In addition, our monthly 4Cs communion service, led by the pastoral team, provides an opportunity to worship midweek.

Our Christmas services were a great success with a total of over 60 visitors being welcomed to our Carol and Crib Services.

Pastoral care and safeguarding

The Pastoral Care group and Safeguarding team have continued to be an important part of the way we support and care for one another, and we are grateful for their willingness to serve in this way. Prayer requests are circulated effectively by the WhatsApp group and through the regular news sheet.

Over the summer months we held a series of conversations about the issues around Human Sexuality. These issues can be difficult to talk about, however we navigated the conversations well, and we are working towards a Statement of Inclusion to describe our current position.

Financial Review:

Extracts from treasurer and trustees report to AGM 21.4.2024

Audited accounts are available for the three constituent churches and the West Craven Baptist Fellowship for the first six months of the year.

Audited accounts for West Craven Baptist Church CIO were submitted for the six month period July - December 2023

Looking at the WCBC figures and accepting that it took a while to consolidate all the accounts, we would like to draw your attention to the significance of room hire and manse rental income.

The 2024 budget has been based on similar levels of income and expenditure.

In recent months the deacons have been looking at how we authorise expenditure. In an ideal world all expenditure should be agreed at a church meeting. Clearly this is impractical for the day to day running of the church and so the Deacons are suggesting the following:-

1. Deacons and other office holders should be able to authorise expenditure of up to £100.
2. Expenditure of £100 - £300 to be agreed by the treasurer.
3. Expenditure of £300 - £500 to be agreed by the deacons as a whole.
4. Expenditure of over £500 to be agreed by the Church Meeting.

Overall the church 's finances are stable.

We have small reserves and are reliant on the giving of our members in addition to the income generated by room hire and manse rental.

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Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature



Full Name

JULIE BRYAN

Position

MINISTER

Date

30/9/2024

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YEAR END 31ST DECEMBER 2023

INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE

INCOME 46782.29

EXPENDITURE 30104.18

16678.11

BALANCE SHEET

OPENING BALANCE 0

SURPLUS FOR 2023 16678.11

CLOSNG BALANCE 16678.11

CHECKED BY: JACKY BROUGHTON
112A KELBROOK ROAD
Barnoldswick

16TH FEBRUARY 2024



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Because of legal difficulties amalgamating the three constituent churches into the one West Craven Baptist Church, our charity did not become operational until 1st July 2023.

Therefore we have no accounts to report to submit at this time.

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Details

Fund to which asset belongs

Cost (optional)

Current value (optional)

	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-


B4 Assets retained for the

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
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		-	
		-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	MICHAEL NUTTER	24.08.22

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This charity although registered on 19th August is not yet operational.

The charity will consist of an amalgamation of three churches into one.

There have been legal difficulties which have prevented the completion of the amalgamation and so the three churches are still operating independently

We hope this will be resolved in the near future

That being the case there is no trustees report.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping, stylized loops and lines.

24-8-2022