

Report of the Trustees, the accounts
and the independent examiner's report
for the year to 31st March 2024
for Maidstone Road Baptist Church, Felixstowe.

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Maidstone Road Baptist Church, Felixstowe

For the year to 31st March 2024

CHARITY INFORMATION, as at 5th November 2024

Charity name and number Maidstone Road Baptist Church, Felixstowe
Registered Charity 1191993

Common names Maidstone Road Baptist Church or MRBC

Trustees

As at the date of signing the report:

Dr Andrew Marfleet	reappointed 15/11/22
Ms Delyth Mayhew	reappointed 21/11/23
Mr Michael Warner	reappointed 15/11/22
Mr Ian Battiste	reappointed 16/11/21
Ms Corinne Stockdale	reappointed 16/11/21
Mr Stephen Lineham	reappointed 16/11/21
Mr Timothy Leeming	appointed 21/11/23
Ms Carol Gambell	appointed 21/11/23

Governing Document The charity was formed and registered as a Charitable
Incorporated Organisation on 26th October 2020.

Principal Address Maidstone Road Baptist Church, Felixstowe, Suffolk, IP11
9ED

Registration details Charity Commission 1191993
Companies House CEO23101

Main charity bank CAF Bank, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling,
ME19 4JQ

Independent examiner Mr G. P. J. Cooper
123 Cliff Road, Felixstowe, IP11 9SA

Annual report of the trustees of Maidstone Road Baptist Church, Felixstowe
For the year to 31st March 2024

1. Structure, management and governing document

- a. The trustees who held office in the year and up to the date of this report and the governing document are detailed in the charity information on page 2.
- b. The trustees consist of the minister(s) (if any), the elders and the deacons. These appointments are made by the members.
- c. New trustees are inducted by the existing trustee body.

2. Objectives and activities

The main objectives of the charity as set out in its governing document are:

- a. The advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination.
- b. The church may also advance education and carry out other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and/or other parts of the world.

3. Achievements and performance

The main achievements of the charity in the accounting period were:

- a. The church has been meeting regularly on Sunday mornings and attendances have kept up well. We still use Zoom for church prayer meetings, and for members' meetings during the winter months.
- b. The church are actively seeking a new minister, and have been in contact with a few candidates. We are assisted by Rev Simon Harris, our Moderator, and have updated our church profile.
- c. The church agreed to sell the present Manse and purchase a more suitable building before a new minister arrives.
- d. A range of visiting speakers have joined us for Sunday services; we have also used video sermons. Members of the leadership team often lead worship and occasionally preach.
- e. Support for our regular home groups has been good. The monthly tea and cake events have proved popular, and attract some non-church goers.
- f. The number of members at 31st March 2024 was 54 (54 at 31st March 2023)

4. Financial review

- a. The policy of the charity is to maintain 3 months of expenditure (typically about £16K) as cash reserves. As at 31st March 2024, the cash reserves were £30K which meant that the policy was achieved.
- b. During the year to 31st March 2024, there was a net inflow of funds of £21K (compared to £7K in the previous accounting period).
- c. Monetary control
 - i. All money received during the weekly collection is checked by 2 people.
 - ii. All payments made through the bank are authorised by 2 people.
 - iii. Quarterly accounts are prepared for and reviewed by the charity. The yearly accounts are reviewed by an independent examiner and are adopted by the church members.

5. Funds

- a. The charity has a general fund, and during this year it had 2 restricted funds. The restricted fund movements are identified in the Receipts and Payments Account and are also referenced in the notes to the accounts.

6. Public benefit statement

- a. The trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefits. The trustees are satisfied that the reported activities for the year show that a good level of public benefit is being delivered.

The report was approved by the trustees on 5th November 2024 and signed on their behalf by

A.G.R. Marfleet

Dr A. G. R. Marfleet.

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Maidstone Road Baptist Church

I report on the accounts for the year to 31st March 2024 set out on pages 7 to 9.

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 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 145 of the Charities Act)
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 statements below.

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 Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

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.

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Mr G P J Cooper
123 Cliff Road, Felixstowe IP11 9SA
5th November 2024

Maidstone Road Baptist Church, Felixstowe

Receipts and payments account

For the year ended 31st March 2024

	year to 31st March 2024			year to 31st March 2023		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts: General Funds						
Gifts and donations			49,163			48,533
Income tax recovered			10,294			11,438
			<u>59,457</u>			<u>59,971</u>
Receipts: Restricted Funds						
Donations (note 4)	163			0		
Grants (note 4)	<u>4,000</u>			<u>0</u>		
	<u>4,163</u>		<u>4,163</u>			
Total receipts			<u>63,620</u>			<u>59,971</u>
Payments						
Personnel						
Salary: ministerial stipend	0			24,068		
Salary: other	1,374			1,478		
Superannuation	11			4,334		
Other personnel costs	<u>2,134</u>			<u>862</u>		
	<u>3,519</u>	3,519		<u>30,742</u>	30,742	
Fabric						
Church utilities (power, water, insurance)	5,614			5,545		
Church repairs and maintenance	12,257			333		
Church repairs and maintenance (restricted)(note 4)	<u>4,000</u>			<u>0</u>		
Manse expenses	<u>4,279</u>			<u>3,233</u>		
	<u>26,150</u>	26,150		<u>9,111</u>	9,111	
Worship expenses		296			570	
Events, activities and hospitality		430			618	
Administration and housekeeping		1,100			804	
Costs of sale of manse		<u>1,203</u>			<u>500</u>	
Donations						
Donations: community work	4,000			4,000		
Donations: missions	6,204			6,243		
Donations: fellowship fund	0			62		
Donations: restricted (note 4)	<u>163</u>			<u>0</u>		
	<u>10,367</u>	10,367		<u>10,305</u>	10,305	
Total expenses		<u>43,065</u>	(43,065)		<u>52,650</u>	(52,650)
Net of receipts/(payments)			<u>20,555</u>			<u>7,321</u>
Cash funds last year end			9,385			2,064
Cash funds this year end			<u>29,940</u>			<u>9,385</u>

Maidstone Road Baptist Church, Felixstowe

Statement of assets and liabilities

As at 31st March 2024

	As at 31st March 2024	As at 31st March 2023
	£	£
Bank accounts		
CAF bank	29,735	9,385
Santander bank	205	0
	<u>29,940</u>	<u>9,385</u>
Other monetary assets		
Gift aid tax refunds due	<u>10,237</u>	<u>10,294</u>
Assets retained for the charity's own use:		
The church is the beneficial owner of the following assets (valued at insurance value)		
Church premises at Maidstone Road	1,585,299	1,585,299
Church manse at St Kilda, Falcon Street	335,400	335,400
Fixtures, furniture and equipment	85,692	85,692
	<u>2,006,391</u>	<u>2,006,391</u>
Liabilities		
None		

The accounts were approved by the trustees on 5th November 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

A.G.R. Marfleet

Dr A. G. R. Marfleet

Maidstone Road Baptist Church
Notes to the accounts

1. Basis of accounts.
 - a. These accounts have been prepared on the “receipts and payments” basis and accord with section 133 of the Charities Act 2011.
2. Remuneration paid to trustees and other related parties.
 - a. Remuneration was not paid to any trustee.
 - b. Minor reimbursements were paid to trustees for expenses incurred personally.
3. Legal ownership of property as at 31st March 2024
 - a. The charity owns 2 properties, namely
 - i. The church building in Maidstone Road, Felixstowe, IP11 9ED
 - ii. The manse, St Kilda, Falcon Street, Felixstowe, IP11 9DR.
 - b. The charity is beneficially entitled to all aspects of both properties, but both are held in the name of The Baptist Union, who holds them as trustees for this charity. The church building is held in The Fairbairn Trust. The manse is held in The Holborn Trust.
4. Restricted funds
 - a. A £4,000 grant was received from Suffolk Historic Church Trust, and was duly spent on the repointing of the church.
 - b. £163 was donated at the Harvest Festival Service, and was duly paid to the BMS World Mission.