

THE BAPTIST CHURCH KILMINGTON
ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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Reference and Administrative Details

Charity Name	The Baptist Church Kilminster
Charity Number	1193703
Other Names	Beacon Baptist
Address	The Beacon Whitford Road Kilminster Devon EX13 7RF
Trustees	Mike Hudson Anthony Chape (reappointed Nov 2023) Malcolm Eade (Treasurer) Richard Andrews (Church Secretary) Mik Horswell Claire Speake Rae Stacey
Property Trustees	Baptist Union Corporation Ltd Baptist House PO Box 44 129 Broadway Didcot Oxon OX11 8RT
Bankers	Lloyds Bank PLC Trinity Square Axminster Devon EX13 5AL
Independent Examiner	Ian Barrett FCA FCIE Barretts Chartered Accountants 22 Union Street Newton Abbot TQ12 2JS

The Trustees present their report together with the financial statement for the year ending 31 December 2023.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity is governed by an Approved Governing Document, a constitution registered with the Charity Commission on 25th January 2021. Members of the Church are accepted in accordance with the Constitution which requires them to be or to have been publicly baptised on the profession of faith in Jesus Christ or that persons seeking membership who have not been baptised in the manner described in the Union's Declaration of Principle may at the discretion of the Church Members' Meeting (CMM) be accepted for full membership based on their own public profession of faith.

The CMM normally takes place six times per year and has responsibility for the overall policy of the church. In accordance with the Constitution, the members appoint Elders, who together with the Minister, Church Secretary and Treasurer (who are also appointed by the Members), are responsible for the day to day running of the church's work and witness, and the financial and legal aspects of the charity. All members are encouraged to take an appropriate part in the spiritual and practical tasks involved in the furtherance of the charitable objective.

Relevant matters may be submitted to the Church meeting by the Trustees for guidance, or may be raised by members in the Church meeting for further consideration by the Trustees. Though the Constitution permits decisions to be made at Church meetings by appropriate majorities, the Church seeks to work by consensus wherever possible.

Objectives and Activities

The principal purpose of the charity is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination to include the advancement of education, community service and such other general charitable purposes in such parts of the United Kingdom and the world as the Church shall determine.

In order 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 in general. 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.

Central to the work and witness of the Church is the provision of regular public services of Christian worship. Normally services take place each Sunday at 10.30 am and a monthly worship and prayer meeting on the first Sunday of the month. There are also occasional services at other times which are advertised on the Church Notice Board, in the newsletter and website at <http://www.baptistchurchkilmington.org>. Normally there is a full children's programme during the morning service. The church seeks to be a friendly and welcoming community, and anybody is free to attend any of the services.

The Church runs a series of home groups for the growth of faith and discipleship in the homes of some members, and further details of these can be obtained from the Trustees or Administrator on request, or at the Sunday services of worship.

The Church is responsible for a Toddler Group which meets in the Church premises on a Wednesday morning, with the purpose of assisting the community and demonstrating the love of Jesus Christ; Messy Sparklers a sensory play group for preschool age children and parents/carers. The Church runs various events for young people including

Objectives and Activities (Continued)

a Holiday Club in August. From time to time the Church runs courses for people interested in discovering more about Christianity. The Church operates systems to ensure that all people working with children and adults at risk are appropriately vetted with regard to the Disclosure and Barring Service. The Trustees have read the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and is satisfied that the activities outlined above clearly demonstrate that the charity is providing a benefit to the public.

Achievement 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 difficult areas to measure but believe that 2023 was a year of blessings in the life of the church. This includes welcoming more young families into the fellowship and the financial and time related generosity of the membership

There were 8 baptisms, 15 people have been welcomed into membership. Sadly 2 church members died during the year and others have moved to other churches closer to their homes. At 31 December 2023 the membership stood at 110.

Average attendance at worship services has been increasing over the year with an associated growth in our Sunday children youth and family work. The Toddler Group continued to be very well supported with 40 families attending regularly.

The church ran a monthly lunch group 'Contact Lunch' for members of the local community with a regular attendance of 30 many of whom do not have particularly close ties to the fellowship. The church hosts the 'Pop-up Post Office' on a Tuesday morning and provides refreshments and friendship/fellowship to everyone who uses the facility.

Financial Review

The Church continues to raise the funds which it needs to carry on its activities from within its own membership and congregation. No wider public appeal was made for funds during the year. Gross income for the year was £247,629 (2022 £117,519). Total receipts of £247,629 (2022 £117,519).

The most significant expense related to the employment costs of Mike Hudson, as Minister of the Church, to lead and co-ordinate the church's activities including the Sunday Services, to provide pastoral care for the congregation and other people, and to equip and encourage the membership in their lives, Christian witness and service.

The Church expressed its part in the life of the wider church by making grants to national and international Christian organisations, other churches and societies with Christian aims and objectives compatible with the church's own charitable purposes.

Total expenditure for the year was £107,852 (2022 £91,200) Total payments for the year of £122,042 (2022 £103,494) includes loan repayments of £14,190.

The Church is heavily dependent on its membership working as volunteers in all aspects of the church's activities, many of which are run with little or no impact on the church's expenditure, but nevertheless contribute substantially to the achievement of the church's objectives.

Financial Review (Continued)

The financial results for the year, together with the summary of the accounting policies adopted are set out in the accompanying financial statements.

The Pension and BUGB Trustees sent a joint communication to your organisation at the end of July 2022 regarding the recent Buy In with Just. As a result of that announcement no further employer debt estimate reports will be published for the time being, although this will continue to be kept under review. Effectively there is no shortfall debt at the present time. However, there will be an administrative cost of £1,000 to process any employees leaving the Scheme.

Reserve Policy

The Trustees have established a Reserves Policy to enable the church to function effectively to meet its obligations in the event of a decline in our income or a major cost.

Having considered the relevant risk of changes in income and expenditure, the Trustees have determined that the appropriate level of reserves is in the range of £18-20K. As at December 2023 the church held total reserves of £220,839 of which £48,384 was restricted and £67,906 designated.

Plans for Future Periods

The church has recently advertised for and appointed a Children's, Youth and Families Leader to further develop this part of the church's ministry in 2024 and beyond. The church is in the process of selling the existing church manse and purchasing a property which more closely meets the requirements of a senior pastor.

Approved by Trustees on: 5th February 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Malcolm Eade
Church Treasurer

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Baptist Church,
Kilmington
Charity no. 1193703**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Baptist Church, Kilmington for the year ended 31st December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

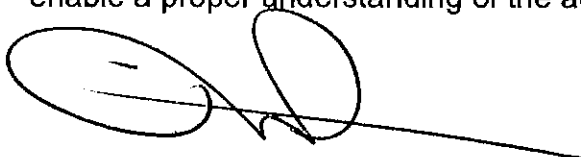
I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.



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21st May 2024

**THE BAPTIST CHURCH KILMINGTON
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
RECEIPTS					
Offerings	105,790	-	105	105,895	85,629
Donations and other income	14,401	48,956	42,000	105,357	10,146
Income tax recovered	21,311	-	-	21,311	17,587
Interest received	3,436	-	-	3,436	549
Local mission	5,380	-	6,250	11,630	3,608
Gross income	150,318	48,956	48,355	247,629	117,519
 Sale of assets	 -	 -	 -	 -	 -
Total receipts	150,318	48,956	48,355	247,629	117,519
PAYMENTS					
Ministerial expenses	40,829	-	2,355	43,184	41,112
Mission and evangelism	20,202	-	-	20,202	16,699
Property expenses	16,220	1,050	-	17,270	10,907
Administration	11,873	-	-	11,873	11,488
Miscellaneous expenses	5,098	-	-	5,098	5,409
Local mission	8,675	-	1,550	10,225	5,585
Total expenditure	102,897	1,050	3,905	107,852	91,200
Repayment of loan	14,190	-	-	14,190	12,294
Total payments	117,087	1,050	3,905	122,042	103,494
Net receipts/(payments)	33,231	47,906	44,450	125,587	14,025
Transfer between Funds	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL CASH FUNDS B/F	71,318	20,000	3,934	95,252	81,227
TOTAL CASH FUNDS C/F	104,549	67,906	48,384	220,839	95,252

**THE BAPTIST CHURCH KILMINGTON
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
ASSETS				
Cash funds				
Lloyds Bank current account	49,781	6,384	56,165	38,393
B U 7 day deposit account	102,505	42,000	144,505	36,669
B U 1 yr deposit account	20,000	-	20,000	20,000
Petty Cash	169	-	169	190
Total cash funds	172,455	48,384	220,839	95,252
Assets held for charity's own use	2,438,202	-	2,438,202	2,185,923
Total assets	2,610,657	48,384	2,659,041	2,281,175
LIABILITIES				
Agency account	-	-	-	-
Long term loan	140,279	-	140,279	144,174
Pension scheme liability	-	-	-	-
Total liabilities	140,279	-	140,279	144,174

Approved by Trustees on: 5th February 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Malcolm Eade
Church Treasurer