

earlsfield baptist church

Magdalen Road SW18 3NZ

Report and Accounts

Year ended 31 December 2022

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

COMPANY INFORMATION

Registered Office	Magdalen Road Earlsfield London SW18 3NZ
Charity Registration Number	1193754
Trustees	Rev K Parr (Minister) Mrs J Davis (Secretary) Mr A Adesuyan (Treasurer) Ms D Dorman Mrs B Lee Mrs L Perez Bernaldez Mr B Williams
Church Secretary	Mrs J Davis
Property Trustees	The London Baptist Property Board (L.B.P.B) 235 Shaftesbury Avenue London WC2H 8EP
Paid Staff	Rev K Parr (Minister) Ms Y Biney (Cleaner)
Governing Document	CIO For Earlsfield Baptist Church
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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year ending 31 December 2022.

Objects of the charity

The principal aims and objectives of the Church are:

- a) the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination;
- b) the advancement of education in the Christian faith; and
- c) to carry out other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and/or other parts of the world.

The Church is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at its services and to become part of the local congregation. Church services continue to be held on Sunday mornings both in the Church building and via Zoom for those unable to come to the Church.

Governance

Earlsfield Baptist Church is a charity registered with the Charity Commission of England and Wales. Charity Registration number 1193754.

The policy and operating decisions of the Church rest with the Trustees who met eight times during the year.

Key decisions were brought to Church Members by emailed correspondence (hard copies were sent by post to those without access to the internet) and also communicated at Church Members' meetings.

Review of Activities

Congregation and Members

The Church celebrated its 125th Anniversary in 2022 as did the Junior/Mini Church. Weekly worship services continued to be held on Sunday mornings at 11 am. The Church continued to use the Hybrid Model for worship (online and offline community) throughout the period covered by this report. Although COVID restrictions were relaxed towards the end of 2021, for the comfort of those attending services, face coverings continued to be worn when singing for the early part of the year.

Throughout 2022, contact was maintained with all members of the congregation by fortnightly newsletters in January and February and then monthly newsletters from March onwards. Contact was also maintained with telephone calls, emails and, when possible, home visits. In the period covered by this report, one person was baptized, two people were received into membership and one member received her home call.

Current membership stands at 43.

Our Minister, Rev Keith Parr, led Lent studies and special services at Easter, Pentecost, Harvest and Christmas.

During the year, Rev Parr initiated weekly Bible Study meetings: 'Coffee and a Chat' in a local coffee shop, 'Pester a Pastor' in a local public house and a Bible Study house group via Zoom. A grant was received from the Baptist Union to help with costs. He also invited people to join him for coffee and a chat on Saturday mornings. Monthly Pastor's Pancake Parties were held at the Manse for families on the first Saturday of the month and a monthly Youth Pizza Party evening was held at the Manse. A Church barbecue was held in July. A weekly Alpha course commenced in October and was also held at the Manse. A Reunion of past members of the 14th London Boys' Brigade Company and the 38th London Girls' Brigade Company was held at the Church in October and attendees also joined the Church's 125th Anniversary Service.

The Church opened its doors for individual prayer as often as possible on weekdays during the year and a daily Prayer Texting continued to be circulated to those wishing to take part with encouraging Bible texts and suggested subjects for prayer for individuals, the local community and wider world events.



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Mission:

The Church continued to stay active in the community.

- The Church continued support of the Earlsfield Food Bank by the provision of food and other necessities. Volunteers from the Church also manage and help at the Food Bank on Thursday mornings.
- A cream tea was served after the morning service to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II in June 2022 and booklets about the Queen's Christian faith were distributed.
- The Church opened on Thursday lunchtimes and at other times for individual prayer.
- The Craft and Scrabble Club continued its meetings throughout the year.
- The Prayer Texting Service continued whereby members were able to request prayer. These requests and other matters for prayer are circulated on a daily basis.
- With the help of The Red Balloon Family Foundation (Registered Charity in England and Wales 1158982), the Earlsfield Tuesday Club continued its meetings providing a weekly, free, after school drop-in club for local children from Reception age through to Year 6 until the end of June 2022 when it closed due to very low attendance numbers.
- Throughout the year, the Church continued to support various charities through its monthly Communion offerings - Mission Aviation Fellowship, Christian Solidarity Worldwide, Earlsfield Food Bank, Christian Aid, Global Care, BMS World Mission, Bible Society, Wycliffe Bible Translators, Leprosy Mission, Operation Agri and Home Mission.
- The Red Balloon Family Foundation helped to restart Sunday School with monthly meetings on the first Sunday of each month but, again, due to low attendance, only a few meetings were held. However, children and young people continued to be encouraged to attend morning services and the monthly Communion Services were for all ages.
- A Christmas Coffee Morning and Table Top Sale was held in December 2022.
- The Church continued to use various social media sites to promote events and encourage contact from the general public. Notice boards outside the Church also advertised various events.
- The Church website continued to be improved to be more user-friendly and informative.

Premises:

General maintenance of the premises continued throughout the year where needed.

The Manse provided accommodation for Rev Parr throughout the year and maintenance is carried out when needed.

The Colour Box Montessori School continued to rent The Rock on weekday mornings during term time. A Dance School and a Stage School hired The Rock on weekday afternoons and evenings and on Saturdays respectively. The 6th Earlsfield Guiding Group used the premises on Wednesday evenings and Alcoholics Anonymous also held their weekly meetings at the Church on Thursday evenings. The Wandsworth branch of U3A held their monthly meetings at the Church on the third Monday of each month and the local Allotments Society held their Annual Show and AGM at the Church in September and November respectively.

The Church received a Home Office grant which enabled CCTV and an alarm system to be installed in all buildings.

General Data Protection Regulation 2018:

Members of the congregation continued to be contacted by email from the official church email addresses. The Church remained compliant with GDPR but work is needed to ensure it follows UK guidelines with regard to retaining members' personal information.

Safeguarding:

The church's safeguarding statements and policies are reviewed annually and copies are displayed throughout the premises. The statements are read to the church members annually and all leaders of clubs and activities held at the church have been made aware of the statements and must adhere to the policies and procedures.

Plans for Future Periods:

Mission: The Trustees remains committed to the mission focus of the Church and endeavours to strengthen the outreach programme whenever possible. There is a mission focus each month when a specific charity or organisation is highlighted and supported through the communion offering.



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The Church will continue with the Hybrid Model for Sunday services to give the congregation and members the choice of where to worship. Hybrid worship offers more inclusivity; it includes the housebound, those who are unwell, those who may have COVID or other health concerns, those who live far from the Church Building and those who are busy with work and family commitments. Hybrid Church offers new opportunities to include more of our community in the body of Christ.

The Church continues to look at different ways to reach out to the Community such as meeting and holding events in pubs and coffee shops.

Following the Church becoming a registered Charity in March 2021, new Bank Accounts and new registration with HMRC were finalised in late 2022.

Renovations: In 2019, Church members approved the cost of refurbishment of the existing Hall toilets but, due to the pandemic, this work was placed on hold. Planning Permission was granted but, due to the significant increase in labour and material costs, renovation of Church Halls are on hold.

Financial Activities and Affairs

Hall Hire income recovered to pre COVID levels as we received full year's income from our regular hires.

Members of the congregation continued to give generously to the Church, although average weekly offerings (including direct bank donations) was flat year on year.

The Church continued to make all payments and expenses via online bank transfer or Direct Debits. Payments were processed by the Treasurer and then approved online by either the Church Secretary or another Trustee. A small team of Church members met monthly to count and bank cash/cheque offerings.

Please see the attached detailed accounts.

Total Income decreased by £28.5k to £85.4k (2021: £113.9k), £15.2k and £13.3k lower income from Restricted and General Funds respectively.

General Fund £13.3k reduction to £80.2k (2021: £93.5k) was from lower Hall Hire income. During 2021 we received rental income for the manse (Minister's residence), this wasn't repeated in 2022.

Restricted Fund £15.2k reduction to £5.3k (2021: £20.5k) mainly due a one off donation of £10k towards Church's Building Fund for renovations in 2021 and lower funds (£3.6k) transferred from General fund to Restricted towards Home Missions.

Total Expenditure decreased by £13.0k to £85.4k (2021: £98.4k). General expenses were £8.0k lower (£81.2k vs £89.2k) less funds transferred to Restricted fund and savings from one-off moving costs for Minister in 2021.

Restricted expenditure was £5.0k lower (£4.2k vs. £9.2k) due to reduced donations from 'Church Denominational' fund.

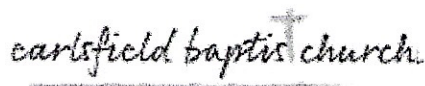
The total income of £85.4k was offset by total expenditure of £85.4k (2021: surplus of £15.6k).

Net assets increased by £673k to £7,076k (2021: £6,402k), due to increased property valuation based on insurance rebuild values. Total Cash Balance at end of the year was £13.0k (2021: £15.8k).

Funding:

The Church continued to raise necessary funds from within its own membership, congregation and by hiring out its halls. The Church is committed to making donations to other charitable organisations and causes.

In this period, £3.8k (£7.5k in 2021) was donated to such charitable organisations and causes including Global Care, Christian Aid, Leprosy Mission, BMS World Mission and the Baptist Union's Home Mission. In addition to regular giving, the Church is grateful for the continued support to the Church in terms of personal donations and coffee mornings.



**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022
Financial Review**

The Church has two main sources of income; rental income from our properties (mainly hall hire) and voluntary donations (church offerings and general donations) which are Gifted Aided. These voluntary donations to General fund decreased by 8% to £30.5k (2021: £33.2k), due to less one off donations/contributions. Church offerings (regular givings) were flat year on year (£25.7k vs £25.7k). The mix of giving drastically changed post COVID - 74% of church offering now being done electronically by bank transfer/standing order (66% in 2021, 57% in 2020 and 33% in 2019).

Hire of Premises income of £39.5k (2021: £56.1k) decreased by 29.6%. A combination of one off renting income from the Manse in 2021 offset by full year income from hall hires post lockdown restrictions during 2021.

Direct Church Activities expenses of £78.4k were £4.4k lower than 2021 due to full year of Minister's costs (e.g. stipend and pension) and church mission activities, offset by savings from moving costs for Minister and family and housing rental accommodation for 6 months in 2021. The majority cost within church mission activities was with Red Balloon Foundation to support Sunday school regrowth post COVID.

The Church continued to spend within its means. This year's General expense ratio was at 101% (2021: 95%). The Church aims to maintain an expense ratio of circa 95% (for £1 income, 95p on expense). 101% expense ratio is higher than target due to lower one off donations/contributions than expected. Future expenses will have to reduce in line with lower income.

The Church is heavily dependent on its members and the remainder of its congregation working as volunteers in all aspects of the Church's activities, many of which have little impact on the Church's expenditure, but nevertheless contribute to the achievement of the Church's objectives.

Policy on Reserves

It is the policy of the Church to maintain unrestricted bank cash balance equivalent to two months' expenditure (currently £15k). If the balance is higher than this at the end of the year, the delta to be transferred to our Deposit savings account held with L.B.P.B. to benefit from the higher interest rates.

At the end of 2022, total bank cash balance was £12,979.

Trustees' Responsibilities

Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which give a true and fair view of the state of the charity and of its income and expenditure for the year.

1. Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
2. Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
3. State whether the applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts.
4. Prepare the financial statements on an going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records which disclose, with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the company and ensures that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006.

Trustees also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

Approval

This report was approved by the Trustees and Church Members on 17th December 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

Mrs J Davis (Church Secretary)



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
Earlsfield Baptist Church

On accounts for the year
ended

31 December 2022

Charity no
(if any)

1193754

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 12 / 2022**.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity'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 Trust'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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

08.12.2023

Name:

Meagan Adriaans

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

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Statement of Financial Activities
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022
Summary Income and Expenditure Account

		Unrestricted General Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
	Note				
INCOMING RESOURCES					
<i>Incoming resources from generated funds</i>					
Voluntary income	2a	33,744	5,216	38,960	53,634
Transfer from General Fund		-	-	-	
Investment income		1,379	53	1,432	88
Gift aid recovered		5,579	-	5,579	4,142
<i>Incoming resources from community activities</i>					
Hire of Premises	2b	39,460	-	39,460	56,085
Total Incoming Resources	2,7c	80,162	5,269	85,431	113,949
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Direct Church activities	3a,b	78,338	457	78,795	83,393
Charitable Donations	3c	-	3,759	3,759	7,456
Transfer from General fund	3c	2,857	-	2,857	6,436
Transfer from Restricted fund	3c	-	-	-	1,100
Total Resources Expended		81,195	4,216	85,411	98,385
Net Movement in Funds		(1,033)	1,053	20	15,564
Revaluation of assets		676,116	-	676,116	747,931
Transfers between funds		-	(3,240)	(3,240)	1,100
Accrual		-	-	-	-
Fund balances at 1 Jan 2021		6,377,007	25,635	6,402,642	5,638,048
Fund balances at 31 Dec 2021		7,052,090	23,448	7,075,539	6,402,642

Movements on reserves and all recognised gains and losses are shown above.

The notes on pages 8-9 form part of these accounts.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	4,5b	6,953,260	6,277,144
		6,953,260	6,277,144
CURRENT ASSETS			
London Baptist Property Board	5a	108,976	60,832
National Savings Income Bond	5a	-	50,000
Cash and bank	5a	12,979	15,820
		121,955	126,652
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Liabilities falling due within one year	5c	(323)	1,153
Net Current Assets		122,279	125,499
NET ASSETS		7,075,539	6,402,643
FUND BALANCES			
Unrestricted funds			
General Funds		98,831	99,863
Designated funds		0	0
Restricted Funds	7c	23,448	25,635
Capital		6,953,260	6,277,144
		7,075,539	6,402,643

For the year ended 31 December 2021, the company was entitled to the exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Responsibilities of directors/trustees:

- a. *The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act - however, in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 the accounts have been examined by an independent examiner whose report forms part of this document.*
- b. *The directors/trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.*

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf on 17th December 2023 by:



A Adesuyan ACMA

Charity number: 1193754

The notes on pages 8-9 form part of these accounts.



**Notes to the Accounts
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

1 Accounting Policies

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 on a Receipts and Payments basis.

- a) Donated and grant income:
Donated income and grants receivable are taken into account when received by the charity. Income received in circumstances where a claim for repayment of tax has been or will be made to HM Revenue & Customs is grossed up for the tax recoverable. Any amount of tax reclaimed from HM Revenue & Customs but not yet received is shown within the charity's debtors.
- b) Other income and expenditure:
Investment income is taken into account when receivable and expenditure, including irrecoverable VAT, when incurred by the charity, regardless of when payment is made. Donations/Grants payable are taken into account at the earlier of when they are paid or become constructive obligations. Donations/Grants for the support of mission are accounted for on the basis of support that relates to the financial year.
- c) Funds:
Unrestricted funds are donations and other income received or generated for the objects of the charity without specified purpose and are available for purposes as directed by the trustees. Restricted funds are amounts received where the donor has specified the purpose for which it should be used.
- d) Fixed assets and depreciation:
Fixed assets acquired for use by the charity are capitalised and depreciated over their estimated useful life unless they cost less than £5,000 when they are written off on purchase.

Depreciation periods are as follows:

Motor vehicles	25% reducing balance
Furniture and office equipment	25% straight line

- e) Pension costs:
The company operates a defined contribution scheme for certain of its employees. Pension premiums are charged as they are paid.
- f) Taxation:
The Church is a charity but 'excepted from registration' under The Charities (Exception from Registration) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 and is exempt from taxation under the Income & Corporation Taxes Acts.
- g) Cashflow statement:
The Church has taken advantage of the exemption provided by the Financial Reporting Standard 1 and has not prepared a Cash Flow Statement for the year.

2a Voluntary income

	General Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£
General donations	30,504	2,359	32,863	47,198
Transfer from Restricted Funds	3,240		3,240	-
Transfer from General Funds	-	-	-	-
		2,857	2,857	6,436
	33,744	5,216	38,960	53,634

2b Incoming Resources from Activities for Generating Funds

Hall Hire	39,460	0	39,460	56,085
Investment Income	1,379	53	1,432	88
Gift Aid recovered	5,579	0	5,579	4,142
	46,418	53	46,471	60,315
Total income	80,162	5,269	85,431	113,949

3 Charitable activities

	General Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£
a Direct Charitable Costs				
Minister's Stipend, Pension and NIC	32,824	-	32,824	17,884
Pastoral Assistance and Visiting Preachers	391	-	391	788
Ministry Expenses	0	-	0	0
Church Mission activities	3,677	-	3,677	278
	36,893	-	36,893	18,950

b Support and Administration

	£	£	£	£
Church Premises Costs	31,388	-	31,388	25,694
Manse costs	3,247	-	3,247	24,374
Admin/Other	6,810	457	7,267	14,374
	41,445	457	41,902	64,443
Combined charitable activity cost	78,338	457	78,795	83,393

c Donations

		2022	2021
		£	£
Transfer from General Funds	To Building Fund	-	-
	To Church Denominational	2,857	6,436
Transfer From Restricted Funds	To L.B.P.B Youth Account	-	1,100
Donations to supported charities and causes		-	7,456
		2,857	14,992
Total expense		81,195	98,385

4 Assets for Church Purposes

The freehold land and buildings (Church's premises and a manse) are owned by the Church but held in a trust by the London Baptist Property Board. Insurance rebuild value as at May 2022 is used as valuation for these assets, is considered the most appropriated basis.



**Notes to the Accounts
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5 Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 December 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
a)			
Cash Funds	Bank Current Accounts	10,688	14,631
	Bank Deposit Accounts	2,291	1,189
	Total Cash at bank	12,979	15,820
National Income Bond	Held by London Baptist Property Board	0	50,000
Other Monetary Assets	London Baptist Property Board - Main Deposit Account (DE16270)	106,023	54,691
	London Baptist Property Board - Youth Deposit Account (DE16560)	2,953	6,142
		121,955	126,652
	London Baptist Property Board - transfer from main deposit to bank current account	0	0
b)			
Assets Retained for Church Use		May 2022	June 2021
	Church Building (Place of worship & praise) - Magdalen Road SW18 3NZ	4,380,699	3,953,720
	Church Halls - Magdalen Road SW18 3NZ	2,179,059	1,966,670
	Manse (Minister and family residence) 27 Ellerton Road SW18 3NG	393,502	356,754
	Church Property Valuation as at May 2022, based Church's insurer, 'Baptist Insurance' rebuild value	6,953,260	6,277,144
c)			
Liabilities			
	Offering	570	660
	Expenses	247	1,813
	Net total	(323)	1,153

6 Staff and Trustees

At 31 December 2022, the charity employed 2 staff. Its activities are generally carried out by volunteers.

No staff received salaries at a rate of more than £60,000 per annum.

During the year the Minister was reimbursed for expenses totalling £1,163.10, other Trustees were reimbursed for expenses totalling £70.60

The Minister, Rev. Keith Parr is also Chair of Trustees at Global Care (charity no. 07560813). In 2022, the Church via Communion offering collected and donated £121 for Global Care

7 Funds

Analysis of Fund Movements for the Year

a) **Unrestricted Funds** may be used by the Church for any of its ordinary purposes. The movements in the fund are shown in the Receipts and Payments Account.

b) **Designated Funds** represent sums set aside, out of ordinary unrestricted funds, for specific designated purposes, but they can be transferred back into general funds at any time.

Fund Name	Fund Purpose	Balance 1 January £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Balance 31 December £
Totals (per Receipts and Payments Account)		0	0	0	0	0

c) **Restricted Funds** represent either income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, or donations or grants received or invited for a specific purpose. The funds may only be spent on the specific purpose for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent must be carried forward as a balance on that fund and cannot be absorbed into general funds.

Fund Name	Fund Purpose	Balance 1 January £s	Receipts £s	Payments £s	Transfers £s	Balance 31 December £s
Church Denominational		0	3,136	(3,136)		0
London Baptist Property Board - Youth Deposit Account		6,142	51		(3,240)	2,953
Supported Charities		1	980	(980)		1
Building Fund		13,180	1,102			14,282
Parents & Toddler Group		1,341				1,341
Benevolent Fund		406		(100)		306
Over 60s Club		4,566				4,566
Totals (per Receipts and Payments Account)		25,635	5,269	(4,216)	(3,240)	23,448