



Trustees Annual Report for 2023

Chudleigh Baptist Church became a CIO on 21st June 2021. This report covers from 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023

Aim and purpose

The principal 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.

Objectives and activities

The trustees are committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our community at Chudleigh Baptist Church. The trustees maintains an overview of worship throughout the church and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our community. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, the minister and the trustees have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our community through:

Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.

Provision of pastoral care for people living in the community.

Missionary and outreach work.

Achievements and performance

Chudleigh Baptist Church doesn't have a physical church building but hires the community hall at the primary school to offer worship services every Sunday morning and other one off events. We also rent a business space in the centre of Chudleigh call "The Square" which we use for community outreach and host meetings.

Community Hall

The church's activities were:

- A service 10:30am each Sunday morning in the hall.
- Young peoples activities during the Sunday morning service (in hired school rooms)
- Worship evenings held throughout the year
- Christmas celebration evening December 16th

The Square

The church's activities were:

- The Living room on a Monday morning. A time to meet together play board games, puzzles or just chat
- The Quiet room on a Tuesday lunch time. A time for quiet refection and prayer.
- The craft room on a Wednesday morning. A time for craft activities.
- Slow cook Saturday. Once a month a chance to have a meal cooked in a slow cooker.
- Board games night on a Saturday evening once a month. A chance to play board game together.
- "The Gardening Club" Open to the community to help maintain the gardens at The Square and receive pastoral support.
- Escape Rooms fundraising event in October raising money for CAP and the work at The Square.

All events/meetings (other than governance meetings) are open to the public and to ensure no one is prevented from attending the church does not charge for any non fund raising event.



Church Membership

Chudleigh Baptist Church membership throughout the year was 44.

Church Attendance

Up to 100 adults and children attended the church's services and activities regularly.

Pastoral Support

The minister Eleanor Moffatt and the trustees together with other members of the church endeavoured to provide pastoral support throughout the year.

Volunteers

The majority of the activities of the church are undertaken by volunteers. No record is kept of the time given on a voluntary basis but without this contribution to the church it would not function.

Administrative information

Charity registration number: 1194879

Website: www.chudleighbaptistchurch.co.uk

Registered office: 21 Chestnut Crescent
Chudleigh
Devon
TQ13 0PT

Minister: Eleanor Moffatt (chair)

Trustees: Emma Funnell
Jonathan Pimperton
Gareth Sowden

Secretary: Gareth Sowden

Treasurer: Jonathan Pimperton

Independent Examiner: Emily Farrell
59 Palace Meadow
Chudleigh
Devon
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Bankers: Co-operative Bank - Business
Business Customer Service
PO Box 250
Skelmersdale
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Financial review


The church received income through giving, donations, and gift aid during 2023 of £62,220 (2022: £58,957). The CIO earns rental income through an owned property of £13,058 in the year (2022: £11,700). Other income comprises of restricted donations (2023: £5,391, 2022: £3,730) and the secondment of our minister to Bristol Baptist College (2023: £9,249, 2022: £7,702). Total income for 2023 was therefore £89,918 (2022: £82,089).

Within this financial period, £43,849 was spent on ministry costs and salaries (2022: £38,686). £8,513 was spent on outward giving and missionary work (2022: £6,181). Total expenditure during the year was £89,549 (2022: £76,972).

The net result for the year was an excess of receipts over payments of £3,356 on unrestricted funds (2022: £10,927), and £2,000 was moved from unrestricted funds into a designated fund for property refurbishments, leaving the church with £42,812 of unrestricted funds at the end of the year (2022: £41,456). Restricted funds at the year-end were £36,811 which are detailed in the accounts (2022: £37,798). Total cash available was therefore £79,623 at the end of the year (2021: £79,254).

Reserves policy

It is policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds (if possible), which equates to at least three months of unrestricted payments, equivalent to £20,000, to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time. The balance of £42,812 held on unrestricted funds, after designations, at the year-end exceeded this target.

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	Receipts and payments accounts					
	For the period from	44927	To	45291		
Section A Receipts and payments						
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year	
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	
A1 Receipts						
Income via Giving	51,038	-	-	51,038	48,089	
Gift aid rebate	11,182	-	-	11,182	10,868	
Rental Property income	13,058	-	-	13,058	11,700	
E Moffat Secondment Income	9,249	-	-	9,249	7,702	
The Square	- 0	2,507	-	2,507	2,038	
Mini Ones	- 0	2,614	-	2,614	1,572	
Youth Camps	- 0	270	-	270	120	
TRANSFER OF ASSETS FROM UNREGISTERED CHARITY 31.10.21	- 0	-	-	-	-	
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	84,527	5,391	-	89,918	82,089	
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).						
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0	
Sub total	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0	
Total receipts	84,527	5,391	- 0	89,918	82,089	
A3 Payments						
Ministry costs (salary plus expenses)	43,849	-	-	43,849	38,686	
Manse expenses (rent, water & Council Tax)	3,392	-	-	3,392	3,212	
Visiting preachers expenses	50	-	-	50	50	
Chestnut Cres expenses	5,248	-	-	5,248	103	
Insurance	999	-	-	999	958	
School hire	3,359	-	-	3,359	2,206	
Children and Youth Work	712	-	-	712	4,853	
Other/misc (inc Square not restricted)	15,049	-	-	15,049	11,183	
Giving to Church Missionaries/causes	8,513	-	-	8,513	6,181	
Rental Property	- 0	2,000	-	2,000	-	
Youth Camps	- 0	270	-	270	180	
The Square	- 0	5,642	-	5,642	8,550	
Miniones	- 0	466	-	466	810	
Sub total	81,171	8,378	-	89,549	76,972	
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)						
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	-	
Sub total	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0	
Total payments	81,171	8,378	- 0	89,549	76,972	
Net of receipts/(payments)	3,356	- 2,987	-	369	5,117	
A5 Transfers between funds	- 2,000	2,000	-	-	-	
A6 Cash funds last year end	41,456	37,798	-	79,254	74,137	
Cash funds this year end	42,812	36,811	-	79,623	79,254	

Report of the Independent Examiner(s) to the Trustees of Chudleigh Baptist Church CIO

On the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Church's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The church'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 independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the church 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 the 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 statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records
- the accounts do 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 come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed by or on behalf of the Examiner..... Date.....

Name..... EMILY FARRELL.....

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