

Abergavenny Baptist Church

Independent Examiners Report to The Trustees and Members of Abergavenny Baptist Church

We report on the accounts of the church for the year ended 31st December 2021 which which are set out on pages 2 to 5

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiners

The church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the church accounts. the church's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our responsibility to:

examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 act;

to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and

to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent examiners' report

Our 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 statement below.

Independent Examiners' statement

In connection with our examination no matter has come to our attention:

- (1) which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

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J James

Abergavenny Baptist Church
Trustees Report
For The Year Ended 31 December 2021

The Trustees present their report with the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31-Dec-21

Reference and Administrative Details

Charity Number 1194889

Address Frogmore Street
Abergavenny
Monmouthshire
NP7 7AL

Trustees

Rev M Orsmond	Minister	
B Watkins	Children's Worker	appt. 04 January 2021
A O'Gorman	Youth and Family Worker	
J H C Morgan	Secretary	
M Anderson	Treasurer	
L W Anderson		
P Martin		
M Morgan		
A I Wilde		appt. 17 Mar. 2021
G J Baxter		appt. 17 Mar. 2021, resigned 21 Oct. 21
C J Baxter		appt. 17 Mar. 2021, resigned 21 Oct. 21
E L Hinton		resigned 15 May 2021

Trustees for a Charity Baptist Union Corporation

Structure, Governance and Management

Abergavenny Baptist Church is an unincorporated charitable association. It is governed by constitution. Charity Trustees are appointed by church members. Any person qualified to be a member of the church is eligible for election as a Charity Trustee (unless disqualified by statute), provided that they have been a member for at least 6 months and provided that, at all times at least 66% of the elected Charity Trustees shall be persons who have been baptised in accordance with the beliefs of the Baptist Union.

Objectives and Activities

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.

The Activities may include but are not restricted to:

- regular public worship, prayer, Bible study, preaching and teaching;
- baptism, as defined in the Union's Declaration of Principle;
- the Communion of the Lord's Supper which shall normally be observed at least once a month;
- evangelism and mission, locally, regionally, nationally and internationally;
- the teaching, encouragement, welcome and inclusion of young people;
- nurture and growth of Christian disciples;
- education and training for Christian and community service;
- giving and encouraging pastoral care;
- supporting and encouraging charitable social action in the United Kingdom and abroad;

- encouraging relationships with and supporting Baptists and other Christians.

Despite and through all the Covid disruptions and restrictions the church managed to hold Sunday morning Worship Services every week, either online, in-person or in a hybrid service. The church also continued to have monthly prayer meetings online and many of the church Life Groups met fortnightly either online or a hybrid of both online and in-person. During the year 6 people were baptised and many received pastoral care and support.

During the year the youth group has successfully maintained contact with an average of 15 young people a week through hybrid sessions in person and via zoom never missing a session.

Two Parenting Courses were run via zoom. One for parents of Babies and Toddlers and one for parents of Teenagers who attend the church. This was a new initiative following the appointment of a part time family and youth worker.

The Toddler Group was relaunched as a Faith based Toddler group with a regular core group of 12 mums who attend weekly.

There was an average of 15+ children attending Sunday morning Worship. A new Children's' worker was

appointed at the start of the year. During the year a new after school children's club was started called Dodgeball and Donuts open to church families and the wider community. This started with 12 children and has grown to have more than 36 registered and an average attendance of 25 every week.

In August the church held a week long Holiday Club for children 4-11 yr. 29 children attended averaging 22 a day. Gifts of flowers were distributed to some of the mothers in the community for Mothering Sunday and small gifts were also given to the dads for Father's day.

The church Foodbank had a busy year with demands for its services remaining high. In April Carys Alford stepped down as foodbank development manager and in June Kate Hooton took on this role 3 days a week. There is a good team of very committed volunteers.

The Foodbank has continued to operate from the Baptist Church, mainly taking food parcels to clients but clients were able to come to the building when covid restrictions eased. Its financial position remains strong.

Policy on reserves

The church does not have a policy on reserves but endeavours to meet all its commitments when they fall due.

M Orsmond

Abergavenny Baptist Church
Income and Expenditure account
for the year ended 31 December 2021

	2021 General fund £	Restricted Funds £	2021 Total £	2020 £
Offering: Gift Aid	46,603		46,603	43,729
General Envelopes	16,002		16,002	8,054
Cash	862		862	1,785
	63,467		63,467	53,568
Other income				
Tax Refunds - gift aid	11,707	932	12,639	12,592
Interest: bank accounts	19		19	276
trust funds	214		214	251
Rent	100		100	-
Easyfundraising	119		119	59
Donations for Hm/BMS		1,200	1,200	1,000
Coffee Mornings	-		-	250
Donations	1,506		1,506	3,033
Foodbank donations		50,324	50,324	59,604
Hire of Church hall	120		120	825
Grants		6,364	6,364	11,458
Donation Spurgeons etc	-	458	458	45
Trust Fund (Re project)	5,712	-	5,712	6,157
Mother and toddlers	-		-	160
Miscellaneous	116		116	154
Womens fellowship	320		320	136
	83,400	59,278	142,678	149,568
Expenses				
Gross Stipend	24,500		24,500	24,000
Children's worker wages	22,780	100	22,880	14,243
Employer's NI	25		25	76
Pension	3,078		3,078	3,025
Pension shortfall	2,956		2,956	2,179
Pension childrens worker	2,097		2,097	1,309
Ministers expenses	360		360	563
Childrens ministry	710	600	1,310	287
Manse costs including ins	7,911		7,911	4,681
Visiting ministers & speakers	250		250	570
Insurance	2,932		2,932	2,670
Light, heat and telephone	3,120		3,120	3,103
Cleaning	1,189		1,189	693
Major repairs (project costs)	7,086		7,086	3,799
Minor repairs	7,796		7,796	2,438
Donations to HM/BMS	1,700	1,250	2,950	3,419
Donations spurgeons etc		177	177	322
Donations miscellaneous	1,900		1,900	1,766
General administrative expenses	2,428		2,428	2,337
Advertising, books and cards	-		-	47
Courses	148		148	-
Other expenses	1,272		1,272	313
Womens Fellowship Expenses	407		407	74
Foodbank Costs		13,487	13,487	17,551
	94,645	15,614	110,259	89,465
Excess of receipts over payments	(11,245)	43,664	32,419	60,103
Balance brought forward	200,930	68,994	269,924	209,821
Transfers between funds	1,200	(1,200)	-	-
Balance carried forward	190,885	111,458	302,343	269,924

Abergavenny Baptist Church
Balance Sheet
as at 31 December 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Current assets			
Current a/c	6,883	5,106	
Deposit a/c	185,000	197,134	
Treasury Deposit	-	-	
Foodbank Current account and cash	109,782	67,105	
Womens Fellowship bank & cash	480	567	
Childrens and youth petty cash	49	-	
Cash in hand	149	12	
	<u>302,343</u>	<u>269,924</u>	
Net current assets		302,343	269,924
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Representing Balances on the following:			
General Fund			
Balance at start of period		200,930	194,486
Net (deficit)/surplus		(11,245)	6,444
Transfer		1,200	
		<u>190,885</u>	<u>200,930</u>
Restricted Funds:			
Youth Fund		1,078	1,678
Spurgeons/LMRT		398	111
Foodbank		109,782	67,105
Childrens Worker			100
HM/BMS		200	
		<u>111,458</u>	<u>68,994</u>
Total Funds		<u>302,343</u>	<u>269,924</u>
Other Monetary Assets			
HELD BY Baptist Union			
Hereford Rd Manse Trust Fund		10,948.49	12,081.02
Bethany Chapel Trust Fund		102,948.95	107,500.64
		<u>113,897.44</u>	<u>119,581.66</u>
Non Monetary Assets Held for Own Use			
Church at Insurance value	3,171,753		2,896,422
Pipe Organ at Insurance value	<u>233,847</u>	3,405,600	233,847
Manse at Insurance Value		332,915	306,831
Potential Liability			
Pension Fund Shortfall		30,100	46,100