

DUFFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1194982

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2021-06-28

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: 3.1 THE PURPOSES OF THE CHURCH ARE:3.1.1 THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH AS A BAPTIST CHURCH AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BASIS OF FAITH PRIMARILY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY WITHIN DUFFIELD DERBYSHIRE AND THE SURROUNDING NEIGHBOURHOOD; AND3.1.2 SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES AS SHALL, IN THE OPINION OF THE CHARITY TRUSTEES, PUT INTO PRACTICE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BASIS OF FAITH, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO: THE PREVENTION AND RELIEF OF NEED, HARDSHIP AND SICKNESS; THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION; AND THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE INFIRMITY OR DISABILITY, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR SOCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE;PROVIDED THAT THE ADVANCEMENT OF SUCH PURPOSES MUST BE UNDERTAKEN IN A MANNER THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE DOCTRINAL DISTINCTIVES AND ETHICAL STATEMENTS AS MAY BE ADOPTED AND AMENDED BY THE CHURCH FROM TIME TO TIME IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE CHURCH HANDBOOK.

Activities: The purpose of the Church is the advancement of the Christian faith as a Baptist Church and in accordance with the Basis of Faith primarily but not exclusively within Duffield Derbyshire and the surrounding neighbourhood andsuch other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the charity trustees, put into practice the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis Basis of Faith.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Derbyshire

Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|---------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2024-12-31 | £36,992 | £15,726 | - | - |
| 2023-12-31 | £21,714 | £17,662 | - | - |
| 2022-12-31 | £23,920 | £25,347 | - | - |
| 2021-12-31 | £8,988 | £13,822 | - | - |

Trustees

| Name | Role | Appointed |
|--------------------------------|-------|------------|
| ALEXANDER DAVID COLLINS | Chair | 2023-08-08 |
| Brian David Darby | | 2015-01-15 |
| Graham Charles Spencer | | 2024-06-13 |
| Peter Henry Woodward | | 2014-01-15 |
| Robert James Hill | | 2026-01-17 |
| Stephen Leslie Shepherd | | 2024-06-13 |

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Duffield Baptist Church Trustees Annual Report for 2024.

DBC has actively pursued our objectives and aims throughout 2024. Christian worship took place on all 52 Sundays of the year. In addition to this we have been able to start a midweek evening prayer meeting / home group in church members homes. This is alongside the monthly morning prayer meeting held in the church building and a weekly home group hosted by one of our members. A Sunday school for children is growing with a rota of teachers and a more structured teaching programme. The church continues to hold a BB&GA on a Tuesday evening and has a regular attendance of 10-12 children. When the weather is suitable the church offers local residents' Christian books from a book table placed at different locations in the town, and a number of people have taken books for themselves and for others. A Christianity Explored class has been held in the home of a Duffield resident to help people explore the Christian faith. DBC is in a prominent location in the town, and the signage is changed regularly to promote the Christian faith to passing traffic. The church regularly uses the garden for outdoor activities with the BB&GA, and at different seasons of the Christian calendar builds models in the garden reflecting parts of the Christian story. DBC also maintains a social media presence on Facebook and through its website to keep people informed about what is happening in the church. Further afield, DBC helps advance the Christian faith nationally through its link with FIEC, and internationally by supporting mission partners in Southeast Asia and Africa through their literacy, pastoral and medical work. Locally the church contributes food regularly to Belper Food bank. DBC has good links with other organisations in the local community and opens its doors to a local Scout group to use the church on a regular basis. Other organisations that use the building are a local French class and the Women's Institute. As the church is there for people in all seasons of life, we have conducted funerals for local people who have died, and given support to their bereaved families. The church prays regularly for the King, and his government, our local MP and for people in our community, and is there for anyone in the community needing prayer. 2024 has been a year of change and growth for DBC for which we give God glory and thanks. These changes reinforce to the trustees our need to keep our policies, procedures and codes under review in 2025.

Alex Collins

Pastor and Trustee of Duffield Baptist Church.

18/01/2025

List of Officers, Trustees and Deacons

Pastor Rev. Alexander David Collins

Secretary. Vacant

Treasurer Peter Henry Woodward

Deacons / Trustees Alexander David Collins

Brian David Darby

Stephen Leslie Shepherd

Graham Charles Spencer

Peter Henry Woodward

Keith Powney (Trustee only)

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TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31st December 2024

What an incredible year it has been. We received two very large Gift Aided donations of £2000 and £5000. The latter was received from one of Alex's members of his previous church in Cardiff. At the end of the previous financial year, we ended up with an excess of expenditure totalling £4052.06, while this year we ended up with an excess income of £21266.25, which is a positive swing of £17,214.21 – praise the Lord! The financial year 2024 has been the most unexpected and glorious period during which God's blessing has been poured over our little church.

I have already claimed the gift aid tax relief for those members who pay tax and this amounts to £5708.25 and should be received into a bank account in the first 10 days of 2025. This will result in a very healthy bank balance of close to £35,000!

And so far as expenses I can send the only cost which I need to point out is electricity and gas which has risen by 69%. These costs will continue to rise in 2025.

During the year the Deacons decided to take on Alex as a full-time pastor with effect from 1.1.25 at a monthly salary plus his pension requirements. At that time, I projected that this would result in a monthly shortfall of £674 and it was felt that we should go ahead and depend on our Lord to supply the extra funds. Well by the end of the year this projected shortfall had turned into a projected surplus of £94. We have employed Stewardship Salary Bureau to administer Alex's salary and pension payments with an upfront fee of approximately £220 plus a monthly administration fee of about £40 per month.

The Lord has heard our prayers and as we all know membership has risen to 21 people. We must continue to praise him as more people attend our services.

It is with regret that I am standing down as a deacon, once I have presented the Final Accounts at the forthcoming AGM, and I hope that Stephen will enjoy taking over the reins of caring for the church's finance.

All honour to our Lord and King.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Woodward

31st of December 2024.

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INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

31.12.23

31.12.24

| | | | | |
|-----------|-----------------|------------------------------|-----------|------------------|
| 8,185.00 | | GIFT AIDED DONATIONS | 23,333.00 | |
| 11,172.33 | | OFFERINGS | 9,990.01 | |
| | | HMRC GIFT AID TAX RETURN | 2,046.25 | |
| 914.89 | | BOYS BRIGADE & GIRLS' ASSOC. | -37.75 | |
| 129.71 | | CARNIVAL | 100.55 | |
| 91.75 | | CHAT | | |
| 1,220.00 | 21,713.68 | ROOM HIRE | 1,560.00 | 36,992.06 |
| | | LESS: EXPENSES | | |
| -9,100.00 | | PASTOR'S SALARY | | |
| -226.80 | | PASTOR'S PENSION FUND | | |
| -365.25 | | MILEAGE | -307.80 | |
| -350.00 | | PULPIT | -360.00 | |
| -226.92 | | LEGAL FEES | | |
| -1,144.61 | | GAS AND ELECTRICITY | -1,935.81 | |
| -456.49 | | PRINTING & STATIONERY | -464.53 | |
| -1,004.31 | | INSURANCE | -1,042.14 | |
| -240.00 | | AFFILIATIONS | -250.00 | |
| -1,500.00 | | MISSIONS | -1,700.00 | |
| -210.00 | | FIEC CONFERENCE | | |
| -4.40 | | POSTAGES | -71.00 | |
| -166.30 | | WATER | -212.46 | |
| -443.05 | | REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE | -746.27 | |
| -30.00 | | BUS FARES | -20.00 | |
| -30.00 | | CONFERENCE FEES | -37.00 | |
| -1,545.00 | | PASTOR'S FEES | -8,064.00 | |
| -177.00 | | FAREWELL LUNCH | | |
| -27.24 | | INDUCTION SERVICE EXPENSES | | |
| | | SIGNS | -52.20 | |
| | | HOSPITALITY | -22.15 | |
| | | WEB SITE | -30.00 | |
| -106.95 | | BANNER | | |
| -72.00 | | BANK CHARGES | -71.40 | |
| -235.30 | -17,661.62 | SUBSCRIPTIONS | -339.05 | -15,725.81 |
| | 4,052.06 | SURPLUS/DEFICIT | | 21,266.25 |
| | 3,931.03 | ACCUMLATED FUND B/F | | 7,983.09 |
| | 7,983.09 | | | 29,249.34 |

33,323.01 £ 3,332.30

-1,700.00

Contingent Liability on Giving:

10% of Tithes and Offerings

Less: Paid to date

3,332.30

-1,700.00

1,632.30

1,632.30

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st December 2024

31.12.23

31.12.24

| | | | |
|-----------------------|--|--------------------|----------------------|
| 1,100,000.00 | | CAPITAL FUND | 1,100,000.00 |
| 7,983.09 | | ACCUMLATED FUNDS | 29,249.34 |
| | | | 1,129,249.34 |
| 1,107,983.09 | | | |
| <i>Represented By</i> | | | |
| -1,100,000.00 | | LAND AND BUILDINGS | -1,100,000.00 |
| -7,983.09 | | BALANCE WITH BANK | -29,249.34 |
| | | | -1,129,249.34 |
| -1,107,983.09 | | | |

Independent Examiner report

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Duffield Baptist Church

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December, 2024, which are set out on the accompanying page(s).

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 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 43 of the Charities 1993 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of 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 statement 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 41 of the 1993 Act and section 44 (1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act and section 44(1)(b) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 9 of the 2006 Regulations 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.

Signed :



Name : Steve Adam

Address : 1 Sherroside Close, Allestree, Derby DE22 2HN

Date : 27th January, 2025

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Accounts

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Annual Accounts,
Reports & Safeguarding Policy.
2023



Ethos Statements &
Doctrinal Basis are available on
request

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Pastor

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Secretary

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Pastors Report

On the first Sunday in September, I preached my first sermon as pastor of D.B.C, but the journey here goes back to Spring 2021, when my wife Jemima was offered a job in the East Midlands. I felt at that time like Abraham in Genesis 12:1 where God said to him '*Go from your country ... to the land I will show you.*' In the past two years I've always had that strong conviction that the Lord would have us in Derby, even when there might have been more opportunity elsewhere. Waiting time is not wasted time. So it was with surprise, but with joy when the search committee got in touch with me to ask if I would consider taking on the pastorate of the church after Robin retired. I felt that my time of wandering had come to an end.

I preached my first sermon as pastor in D.B.C on the first Sunday in September, and the induction was on 14th October. It was a great service and well attended. Imagine if we had a congregation like that every Sunday! Thankfully the service was on 14th and not 21st as we were flooded out then by storm Babet. It was encouraging to see how everyone pulled together to get the church in shape again, and thankfully we only had to cancel the services on one Sunday. Paul Wiggins interviewed me for the Duffield Scene, and Keith took a nice photo of me and Jemima for the magazine. One work colleague of Jemima's commented that she'd seen the article.

I was sad not to be able to meet Derek Wigley. I had booked to go and visit him with Brian N, but that day he had a fall, so we weren't able to go, and there wasn't another opportunity. It was a privilege to take his funeral and to meet his family, to minister God's Word to them at that sad time, but also to welcome them back to the church afterwards, to serve them with refreshments and give them time to talk.

One of the things that takes time when you join a new church is building relationships and getting to know the culture and traditions of the church, in other words 'how things are done around here'. Forgive me if I don't get things right first time! It's been a privilege serving alongside Keith, Peter and Brian our deacons and to learn from them. I've been able to make connections with the Severns and Ann, DBC mission partners as well as witness first-hand the work Brian and Frances do with Operation Christmas Child. It has also been a privilege to serve as BB&GA chaplain, and work alongside Brian and Frances and Steve. It is amazing that a church our size can have a midweek children's work that regularly hits double figures. It is a demanding work though, and more female leaders is a pressing need.

I was disappointed not to be with you for longer over Christmas, but we had booked our holiday at the beginning of the year. It was good to get a feel though how Christmas looks in DBC. Let's build on that this year. Thanks to everyone who worked so hard in decorating the

church inside and outside. It looked great. Social media was a help too. One thing I've tried to do in 2023 is strengthen our communication by email and text. Some of us are on WhatsApp groups for the church and for BB&GA. I was able to use the BB&GA group to publicise the carol service last minute, and one family came as a result. If you are able to use WhatsApp and would like to be part of the church group, then let me know.

I was able to attend the FIEC conference in Blackpool in November, and there I contacted a Christian publishing house called 10ofthose. I applied to them for support in funding an evangelistic book table in Duffield and they have responded most generously with a delivery of books and tracts for us to use at no cost to ourselves. They will continue to resource us with these if we are seen to be using them to spread the gospel.

A church is about people, and while we lost Derek this year it has been a great encouragement to welcome Graham and Marie, Elma and Amanda into membership, as well as to have the Spencer children with us in church. Marie and Caitlin have been a great support to Faith in playing the music, and at Christmas Bryn showed us what he can do on the guitar. Praise God for these dear ones and pray their fellowship in DBC would be a time of spiritual growth.

Looking ahead to 2024, I will start preaching a series towards the end of January, maybe in Joshua or another Old Testament book. I plan to position the book table in good locations in the town when the weather is fine. Pray people will take the books and read them. We are in a great location on the A6 for traffic. How do we maximise the potential of our location? I need to keep looking at how we use our signage to call attention to the gospel. I plan to get to know more people in the village and the surrounding area. Pray for new people to join the leadership team and to relieve those who have been giving 110% for many years now in serving the church. Pray too for new people to join us on Sundays. Who might be a fixture here at the end of 2024 who is not here today? O that the Lord would surprise and encourage us. I continue to work part time with Radstock Ministries, and it can be tricky doing two jobs as well as well as juggling family responsibilities, but pray the Lord would provide what I need, how I need it, and when I need it.

Thank you all for your love and support. It has meant a lot to us as a family. May we grow in love and faith and hope in our Lord Jesus in 2024.

With love in the Lord,

Alex 3/01/24

Secretary's Annual Report 2023

For the first time since we produced our annual reports, this year's will be in two parts: the first being under the ministry of Robin Merrifield until his retirement in July and the second under the ministry of Alex Collins, our new pastor...

Part 1. After the AGM, for the first time since becoming a charity, we had to send copies of the minutes of that meeting to the Charity Commission and it was noted that our membership stood at 14 being reduced to 12 at Robin's retirement, this unfortunately dropped to 11 after the death of Derek Wigley, Derek was baptised several years ago quite late in life and became a church member. Unfortunately, he was unable to attend worship for over twelve months and passed away towards the end of October age 92. He will be fondly remembered.

Easter rapidly approached and a Maundy Thursday Communion service was led by Robin. The Good Friday Walk of Witness was again held, this time on a truncated route and attendance at the service following was well down on previous years and I was left wondering what this really meant. Our Easter Day service was led by Ian MacGregor. April is the month in which Derby Bible Week takes place, when most of our meetings are cancelled to allow folk to attend, again numbers were down.

DBC was again well represented at the village carnival at Eyes Meadow; Hannah and Frances once again serving admirably by painting well over 100 faces and good conversations were held with visitors. We felt that we made a good representation of the church at this social occasion.

Towards the end of June, the Deacons approved the suggestion of the Search Committee to look at Robin's retirement and replacement. Arrangements included a framed photograph of the church members and a retirement lunch to be held on the 22nd July. This was a very happy occasion when the photograph was presented to both Robin and Susanna along with a substantial monetary gift. On Robin's last Sunday a baptismal service was held when Amanda shared her testimony before going through the waters of baptism. (The baptistry had to be well cleaned after the floods earlier in the year and will need it again before the next one!) It was a day of mixed emotions on which Robin & Susanna left the church after ten and a half years and we thank them both for their service.

Part 2. Meanwhile the search Committee had been seeking the LORDS will and approaches were made to Alex Collins who met with the deacons and later accepted the invitation to become the new Pastor. He started his ministry towards the end of September with the induction taking place on Saturday 14th October. And what an occasion that was, with the church being packed, with visitors from Woodlands Church and from Alex's previous church in Cardiff. Elders and Pastors from Woodlands took the service, a great sermon was preached, and it was all followed by tea and cakes.

Two weeks later Alex was welcomed to Duffield by yet another “Great Flood” in which the church in the triangle became the church in the lake. But thanks to Brian’s manufacture of flood barriers the damage was less severe than on the previous occasion. Steve and I spent many (happy?) hours, using special vacs that had been loaned to us, sucking out the water from the new carpet which meant that it was only on one Sunday that we had to close, although the smell lingered for quite a while afterwards.

The deacons finally gave the go ahead for a welcome banner to be erected over the front door. This was duly ordered and delivered, proudly pronouncing, in large letters, 10 feet Long by 3 feet deep, WELCOME. We give our grateful thanks to Brian D. and Steve for erecting this just before Christmas. The banner can be seen from quite a long way away, announcing to the village that a welcome awaits for all.

Alex’s preaching keeps most of us awake and brings the word of God into our hearts in a new and refreshing way. Since his arrival we have been able to welcome several visitors to our services and on the first Sunday of December we received 4 new members into the fellowship, Amanda Hibbert, Graham and Marie Spencer & Elma Irwin. We were delighted that Marie and her daughter, Caitlin - both accomplished musicians, are now helping out with Faith, in leading the music of the church. We look forward to them working with us in seeking the lost.

Whilst Alex’s arrival is bringing new life to DBC, it is with regret that a decision was taken to (Temporarily?) close CHAT after 15 years. (Consequently, there is no report other than this update). Numbers had dropped dramatically since we had to change to meeting once a month rather than weekly after the home call of our two main leaders and organisers, and no one turned up at all for the last meeting. It is our prayer that new personnel will be found in the not-too-distant future so that we can re-visit this again.

Our Harvest service was held on Oct 1st with donated goods going to the Belper Food Bank. Once again, we offer our sincere thanks to Frances and her team of helpers for so nicely decorating the church. Our thanks also go to the same team for erecting the Christmas decorations and the outside Nativity. Once again, the church looked beautiful.

Whilst we are still small in number but growing (our membership is now 16) our thanks go to those within our fellowship that are exceedingly generous in giving of their time, talents and financial support. Many are involved in the smooth running of DBC through catering, cleaning, music, room bookings, coffee making, floral arrangements, A/V operation, and Edmund for cutting the lawns, we are also, very grateful to Brian Nicholls for arranging our preachers when Alex is preaching elsewhere or away, it’s no easy task. We are also grateful to our “Handy Man” Brian D. for quietly getting on with several maintenance matters. But special mention must also be made of Steve (much to his embarrassment I’m sure) who acts as caretaker/deacon in all but name. Not only does he operate the A/V system but arranges room lettings, coming to make sure the heating is on at all the correct times, putting up the flood -

barriers when Brian D is not available, letting workmen in to do various jobs, service the boiler, etc. as well as many other unseen tasks. We are extremely grateful to them all.

Finally, I have decided that after 25 years as your Church Secretary and a period of not being as well (or as young) as I would like, I shall be retiring from the role by the end of June this year. I have been feeling the pressure recently and have made many more mistakes than I should and I'm grateful to those who quietly remind me or rectify them. It is obvious to me that it is time to find a younger person to take over as I lag well behind on the technology required as well. I hope you all understand.

You may recall that last year I finished with the words given to us on several occasions - from Jeremiah 6:16-19 about seeking the LORD'S will as we stood at the crossroads and looked for the GOOD WAY, and yes, the LORD heard our prayers and with His help we found it in Alex and Jemima. **PRAISE HIS HOLY NAME**, as He leads us into new ways in 2024.

Keith 03/01/24

BB/GA

It's been a busy year at BB & GA, with many mixed blessings. In September 2022 we attempted to have another try at splitting our age groups as ages 5-14 years was too big a range to actively hold all the children's attention. However, we struggled with dividing our time between the two age groups and drifted back to one group again. This year we have realised that there is an 11 plus group at Woodlands Church, so we have made the decision to now limit our age group to 5–11-year-olds.

Some of our activities in the last twelve months included celebrating the Chinese New Year by building a dragon and enjoying an evening learning about Sudan with the help of David's mum. As well as our usual activities of road safety, staying safe at home we investigated safety online. One of the children's highlights was when we researched which chocolate, we liked best with a taste test and then they designed and made their own individual wrappers and bars. We had a visitor talk to us about bicycle maintenance., learned to sew on buttons and stitched a basic tissue holder as well as join Ashbourne for their summer camp in August. The children learned the names of shells, packed shoeboxes for OCC and bought gifts at harvest for Belper food bank.

By the end of July, we had said goodbye to three of our older children, as they moved up to secondary school and started at Woodlands Church youth group. We also sadly had to say goodbye to Robin and Suzanna who have been a huge support to us at BB & GA. Robin has faithfully shared the Gospel with our children since we started and we thank God for his huge contribution, yes even the American cartoons he showed! To be honest we were not sure if we could continue with the group as we needed someone else to step in and physically be there on a Tuesday evening as well as a bible teacher which is an essential part of our evening. As we all know God has brought Alex and Jemima to the church and their willingness to step into

those roles have been a huge answer to prayer. Our thanks to Steve as well who always serves so faithfully in the background and to Amamda who was so willing to come, but found the cold evenings too much, bless you for trying.

Looking forward to the coming year our prayer requests are that we would see our numbers grow (we currently have 10 children attending) and that the message of Jesus Christ our Saviour would take root in the hearts of our children.

Thanks as always for your prayers and support.

Frances and Brian 22/12/23

Treasurers Report

This year has been a year of change with Robin retiring at the end of July 2023 and Alex taking over from 1.9.2023. This has had a huge impact on our financial situation as the Income and Expenditure Account portrays.

At the end of the previous financial year, we ended up with an excess of expenditure totalling £1 426.95, while this year we ended up with an excess income of £4 052.06, which is a positive swing of £5 479 – Praise the Lord!

While Robin was employed as a paid employee, Alex is charging the Church, as a self-employed person. The cost for Robin for the 7-month period totalled £9 326.80 while Alex has charged us with his professional fees for the 4-month period at a cost of only £1 545. In both cases various expenses have been ignored. It must be recognized, however, that as we progress Alex will become more and more involved as Pastor which will increase his charges accordingly. In any event the Deacons have agreed to review the situation after a period of 6 months, which will end at the end of February 2024.

During the year one member made a most generous gift of £2 000, while one non-member gave a total of £1 611, and another unknown person gave a total of £970. All these donations obviously had a positive impact on our financial position, but it is unlikely that such gifts will be repeated in the future, BUT who knows what the Lord has in store for us to ensure we continue to grow and have a positive impact on our local community.

I have already claimed for Gift Aid tax relief for those members who pay tax and this amounts to £2 046 and should be received in the first 10 days of 2024.

Room hire shows a large increase and this is due to the Scouts Group known as the Explorers who had not paid for hiring our back room since September the previous year and we charged them for the 28 unpaid sessions at a very moderate rate of £10 per hour (instead of the current rate of £15 per hour) which gave us a total of £560. As from January 2024 they will be charged at the increased hire fee. The Lord has heard our prayers and as we all know 4 new members were accepted into the Church and we must continue to praise HIM as more people attend our services. All Honour to our Lord and King.

Petler Woodward 31/12/23

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| | | LESS: EXPENSES | | |
| -15,600.00 | | PASTOR'S SALARY | -9,100.00 | |
| -388.80 | | PASTOR'S PENSION FUND | -226.80 | |
| -440.25 | | MILEAGE | -365.25 | |
| -495.00 | | PULPIT | -350.00 | |
| -853.12 | | LEGAL FEES | -226.92 | |
| -408.98 | | EQUIPMENT | | |
| -1,081.15 | | GAS AND ELECTRICITY | -1,144.61 | |
| -257.48 | | PRINTING & STATIONERY | -456.49 | |
| -899.10 | | INSURANCE | -1,004.31 | |
| -650.00 | | AFFILIATIONS | -240.00 | |
| -2,300.00 | | MISSIONS | -1,500.00 | |
| -150.00 | | FIEC CONFERENCE | -210.00 | |
| -9.70 | | POSTAGES | -4.40 | |
| -168.83 | | WATER | -166.30 | |
| -1,217.75 | | REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE | -443.05 | |
| | | BUS FARES | -30.00 | |
| | | CONFERENCE FEES | -30.00 | |
| | | PASTOR'S FEES | -1,545.00 | |
| | | FAREWELL LUNCH | -177.00 | |
| | | INDUCTION SERVICE EXPENSES | -27.24 | |
| | | BANNER | -106.95 | |
| 64.73 | | BANK CHARGES | -72.00 | |
| -361.66 | -25,346.55 | SUBSCRIPTIONS | -235.30 | -17,661.62 |
| | -1,426.95 | SURPLUS/DEFICIT | | 4,052.06 |
| | 5,357.98 | ACCUMMULATED FUND B/F | | 3,931.03 |
| | 3,931.03 | | | 7,983.09 |

Contingent Liability on Giving:

10% of Tithes and Offerings

1,935.73

Less: Paid to date

-1,500.00

435.73

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st December 2023

31.12.22

31.12.23

| | | | |
|------------------|--|-----------------------|----------------------|
| | | CAPITAL FUND | 1,100,000.00 |
| 3,931.03 | | ACCUMMULATED FUNDS | 7,983.09 |
| 780.43 | | BOYS BRIGADE | |
| 4,711.46 | | | 1,107,983.09 |
| | | Represented By | |
| | | LAND AND BUILDINGS | -1,100,000.00 |
| -4,711.46 | | BALANCE WITH BANK | -7,983.09 |
| -4,711.46 | | | -1,107,983.09 |

DUFFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1194982

Accounts

DUFFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH



Annual Accounts and Reports 2022

List of Officers, Trustees and Deacons

Pastor

Rev. Robin Merrifield BA., MA.

Secretary

Keith Powney

Treasurer

Peter Woodward

Fabric

Brian Darby

Deacons / Trustees

Brian Darby

Keith Powney

Robin Merrifield

Peter Woodward

Pastor's report 2022

Every year creates its own memories, good and not so good. There are memories that bring a smile to our face and memories that bring a tear to our eyes. Times have been hard for us as a church and even the greatest perseverance has not yielded too much encouragement. Outside of our Christian world [if there is ever that distinction] our country faced the incredible sadness of losing our Queen, a merry-go-round of prime ministers and chancellors, ongoing Covid challenges and of late, industrial action that reminds us of the disruption and heartache of strikes - I have never been a 'union' supporter.

Around the chaotic globe we live on, Ukraine, Afghanistan, Iran, Ethiopia, China and a plethora of other trouble spots keep us on our knees before the Creator of this planet. We continue to support the translation work of John and Lois and the invaluable work of Ann in Chad. Many of us have other mission interests - MAF and ZM feature for Susanna and me and our church has had an interest here too. There are many global agencies doing an incredible job. However you understand climate-change, some policies to halt the destruction of our planet and its fauna and flora are surely called for internationally.

This year our church family has shrunk even smaller as the Lord called home Irene and dear Ruth. Our loss is great and as another vibrant contributor is no longer with us, our 'work-force' is greatly depleted. I was sad not to be present at Ruth's funeral and sad that it did not take place in her spiritual home, but we give thanks to God for all that she meant to us.

With the additional losses of 2021 it has been hard maintaining some of our activities. At times it has been a struggle to run BB & GA efficiently particularly when holiday, illness and availability limit the team. CHAT has suffered from dwindling numbers all year and now sadly, faces a critical review as to its future. We had a good presence at the Carnival and we helped at the Village BBQ, however the latter is now looking for new organisers.

After nearly ten years as pastor, this is now my final report. My time at DBC concludes on Sunday 30th July, the month Susanna and I both reach retirement. I would love to have left the church in a better position; I have done my best. Of late pastoring two churches has been a huge burden and coupled with my health

challenges, a growing concern. Next year will be incredibly sad for us and a big challenge to the Deacons, for whose support and joint leadership I am very grateful.

The aforementioned deacons will need all the support we can give to continue to move the church forward and as Keith said at the last Leadership meeting, it will inevitably demand more of them too. Please pray for them during this transitional year.

I have considered it an enormous privilege to bring God's Word to you, nearly 400 morning sermons! It is a shared concern amongst us that the Bible and its truth are being compromised for the sake of secular acceptance. Mainstream church can no longer be relied upon to uphold God's eternal truth. Nominal and liberal Christianity just will not do. There is no glory for God in this.

I can only encourage you to 'Let the word of God dwell in you richly' (Col. 3:16), to 'contend for the faith' (Jude 1:3), to 'test everything' (1 Thess. 5:1) and most of all, to continue to 'grow in the grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ' (2 Peter 3:18).

Thank you from both of us for all your love and support, for fellowship and shared ministry.

God bless you

Robin 23/12/22

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Secretary's Annual Report 2022

2022 has been another testing year in which DBC has lost another two members, Irene Watson and Ruth Nicholls. Whilst Irene had been unable to attend church for several years, she had been a valiant prayer warrior from her home; Ruth's home call was a much more tragic event, and she too will be sorely missed and we continue to remember those of our fellowship who have recently been called home and those who mourn their passing. The loss of these two folks brought our numbers down to 14 and after Robin's retirement we will be down to 12. This gives us much cause for serious concern over the future of the church.

The loss of our two main ladies Joan and Ruth, who were the organisers of the programme and the catering for CHAT as well as many, many other things, has

meant that there have been few fellowship lunches as well and no Harvest Supper again, although we are very grateful to Merle and others who have stepped into the breach in catering for CHAT.

At the end of January, we held a gift day which was very successful event bringing in a considerable amount of money to boost the coffers, or should I say the dwindling coffers of the church. We are currently losing around £1000 per month and it doesn't take a great mathematician to see where that leads us. Elsewhere you will find the financial report from Peter which paints a gloomy picture. We need a greater financial input to make sure that we can still pay our Pastor until his retirement in July.

February, saw the great flood of Duffield and our church was affected in the backroom by the waters getting in and ruining the carpet. Fortunately, our insurers were sympathetic and paid out very quickly and we were able to have a nice new carpet which matched the carpet within the church. Since then, our maintenance engineer Brian, has created flood defences that can be put at both the doors at the back of the church.

It was good to be able to get back onto Eyes Meadow for the annual carnival, which saw DBC as the only Church represented at the event. Our face painters, Hannah and Frances managed to paint over 100 faces and many visitors popped in for a chat. We had two new flags advertising the church which were displayed at the front of our stand. We were grateful to Jon who sourced these at a very heavily discounted price through his business.

As always, it is right that that we express our thanks to those within our fellowship that are exceedingly generous in giving of their time, talents and financial support. Many are involved in the smooth running of DBC through catering, cleaning, room bookings, coffee making, A/V operation, and floral decorations; not forgetting our gardener, Julian, who does a great job keeping the grounds in pristine condition. Special thanks must go to Faith who is now our only keyboard player. We are also very grateful to Brian Nicholls for arranging our preachers when Robin is at Willington, it's no easy task. We really do offer them all our very sincere thanks; we also thank Steve for his operation of the A/V system when Susanna is at Willington and of course Susanna when she is operating the system on alternate weeks

We are really very grateful to Robin for his continued ministry among us, (Just starting his 11th year!) and we know that these last 12 months have taken its toll regarding his health, but we do appreciate all the effort he puts in, as well as Susanna's support. Come July we will miss them greatly and I'm sure that we all wish them well and a very happy retirement.

As I re-read these words it strikes me as a rather negative report, but there have been blessings too; we've had another year of great services and sermons from Robin. We completed the mammoth journey through Exodus in time for Easter and

spent the rest of the year looking at various partnerships from scripture. We had a good carnival and I believe we have all felt the closeness of the LORD through difficult days. Praise Him for His faithfulness to us.

When Robin preached on Jerimiah in 2019 (yes, I know it's a long time ago, but it's come up several times recently) you may recall in chapter 6: 16 - 19 the LORD says *"Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is and walk in it. But you said, 'We will not walk in it.'"* Well friends that where we are now, at the crossroads and we need to find that GOOD WAY, which I believe we will and with the LORD'S help, we WILL walk in it. So let that be our prayer for 2023.

Keith 30/01/23

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BB/GA Report

We currently have 13 members attending aged between five and fourteen. This year we presented the children's awards on a Tuesday evening in the hope of more parents attending. That was a difficult decision because we value the support of our church family, but it did mean that a lot more parents came and had the opportunity to hear Robin speak.

We continue to try and offer the children age relevant activities, with trips out, a canoe evening with 1st Ashbourne company, community projects in Duffield, arts, crafts, games as well as Robins bible teaching.

Most of our children attended at least some days of our joint camp week in August when Nathan taught the story of Jonah. The weather was very hot, but we were delighted to welcome some of our church members for a visit.

This has been a difficult year for BB & GA leaders. Due to ongoing health problems some of our volunteer helpers have taken on more than their share of responsibilities and I'd like to say a huge thank you to them. As we continue into 2023, please keep the children in your prayers and we trust in our God who is able to use each and every seed of His word that is sown.

Thank you all for your continued prayers and support of the B/B & G/A.

Frances 01/01/23

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CHAT Report.

After 2 years of lockdown, our group resumed on Tuesday January 11th, and we had a good response with seventeen people attending. Ruth rang our attendees to invite them to return. We had a varied programme throughout the year with Robin or a Deacon taking their turn to deliver a Christian message. Members increased for the summer garden party on the church lawn which was a very happy occasion.

Faith 01/01/23

REASURER'S REPORT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR E

The comparative period for the year ended 31.12.21 only covers the period from 28.6.21 to 31.12.21 as the Church became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). Accordingly, it will not be useful compared to the year ended 31.12.22.

The cost of paying salary, mileage and pension to our Pastor totalled £16 429 which represents 10% of the Church's income. The Church does not generate sufficient funds to even support a part time Pastor and at the current rate of expenditure in 2023

In previous years we have only received the Gift Aid refund in the first week of January but this year it was received at the year end reducing our excess of expenditure over income by £2 753.50. The decline in income is due to the fact that As you all know our Pastor retires on 30th July 2023 so it is essential that we will, one way or another

Total legal expenses of £6 511.22 over the last 3 years are the main cause for the decline in income. The cost of legal advice is of approximately £200. When the matter of registering with the Charity Commission was first considered the exercise would cost us about £3 500! The only matter outstanding is the physical registration which could take as long as 6 months which means that this registration should be achieved by the end of the year. £1 million will appear on our Balance Sheet.

Boys Brigade have accumulated quite a healthy sum of almost £780 but I am advised that they are unable to provide a schedule of income and expenditure, but I have had to assume certain expenses which have been met by me in October 2022. It is my desire to see that all expenses are met by me, and weekly subscriptions are dealt with. Approval of this is being sought from the Boys Brigade Institution.

We need to pray hard and consistently that the Good Lord has the future of HIS Church in mind.

All Honour to our Lord and King.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Woodward

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at that time.

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issued by the FIEC that
prepared by our solicitors that
buildings valued at

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the reach programme

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DUFFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

31.12.21

31.12.22

CIO

| | | | | |
|------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|----------|-------------------|
| 3,570.00 | | GIFT AIDED DONATIONS | 9,664.00 | |
| 5,143.27 | | OFFERINGS | 9,561.60 | |
| | | HMRC GIFT AID TAX RETURN | 4,139.50 | |
| 84.73 | | CHAT | 92.82 | |
| 190.00 | | PAKISTAN APPEAL | | |
| | 8,988.00 | ROOM HIRE | 300.00 | |
| | | CARNIVAL | 161.68 | ### |
| -7,800.00 | | LESS: EXPENSES | | |
| -194.40 | | PASTOR'S SALARY | ### | |
| -342.10 | | PASTOR'S PENSION FUND | -388.80 | |
| -205.00 | | MILEAGE | -440.25 | |
| -150.00 | | PULPIT | -495.00 | |
| -5.00 | | AWAY DAY | | |
| -2,284.20 | | LEGAL FEES | -853.12 | |
| | | EQUIPMENT | -408.98 | |
| -365.63 | | GAS AND ELECTRICITY | ### | |
| -70.31 | | PRINTING & STATIONERY | -257.48 | |
| -503.24 | | INSURANCE | -899.10 | |
| -250.00 | | AFFILIATIONS | -650.00 | |
| -675.00 | | MISSIONS | ### | |
| | | FIEC CONFERENCE | -150.00 | |
| -336.00 | | POSTERS | | |
| -5.10 | | POSTAGES | -9.70 | |
| -113.13 | | WATER | -168.83 | |
| -406.78 | | REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE | ### | |
| -36.00 | | BANK CHARGES | -64.73 | |
| -79.66 | | SUBSCRIPTIONS | -361.66 | |
| | -13,821.55 | | | ### |
| | -4,833.55 | SURPLUS/DEFICIT | | -1,426.95 |
| | 10,191.53 | ACCUMMULATED FUND B/F | | 5,357.98 |
| | <u>5,357.98</u> | | | <u>###</u> |

Contingent Liability on Giving:

10% of Tithes and Offerings

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Less: Paid to date

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BALANCE SHEET as at 31st Decem

31.12.21

31.12.22

| | | | |
|----------|--|---------------------------|----------|
| 5,357.98 | | ACCUMMULATED FUNDS | 3,931.03 |
| 1,158.68 | | BUILDING FUND | |
| 448.82 | | BOYS BRIGADE | 780.43 |

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| -6,965.48 | | BALANCE WITH BANK | -4,711.46 |
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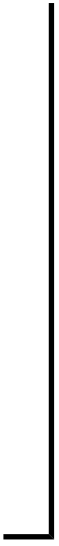
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SUMMARY OF MONTHLY PROFIT AND

| MONTH | INCOME | EXPENSE | SURPLUS | DEFICIT | ACCUM. |
|-------------|----------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|
| 2021 | | | | | |
| January | 3,274.06 | ### | ### | | 1,851.68 |
| February | 1,238.53 | ### | | -839.44 | 1,012.24 |
| March | 1,911.88 | ### | | -260.19 | 752.05 |
| April | 2,434.01 | ### | 982.00 | | 1,734.05 |
| May | 1,513.05 | ### | | -364.72 | 1,369.33 |
| June | 1,502.54 | ### | | -875.14 | 494.19 |
| July | 1,206.08 | ### | | -802.49 | -308.30 |
| August | 1,363.32 | ### | | -530.99 | -839.29 |
| September | 2,044.25 | ### | 165.49 | | -673.80 |
| October | 1,581.21 | ### | | -373.17 | -1,046.97 |
| November | 1,386.20 | ### | | ### | -3,775.15 |
| December | 1,406.94 | ### | | -564.21 | -4,339.36 |
| | ### | ### | ### | ### | |

SUMMARY OF MONTHLY PROFIT AND

| MONTH | INCOME | EXPENSE | SURPLUS | DEFICIT | ACCUM. |
|-------------|----------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|
| 2022 | | | | | |
| January | 7,154.67 | ### | ### | | 5,408.96 |
| February | 1,049.24 | ### | | -615.03 | 4,793.93 |
| March | 2,052.28 | ### | 25.16 | | 4,819.09 |
| April | 997.23 | ### | | -768.69 | 4,050.40 |
| May | 1,172.00 | ### | | ### | 1,216.66 |
| June | 1,092.59 | ### | | ### | 177.18 |
| July | 1,239.06 | ### | | -766.01 | -588.83 |
| August | 1,038.77 | ### | | -691.49 | -1,280.32 |
| September | 2,071.97 | ### | 188.41 | | -1,091.91 |
| October | 1,132.07 | ### | | -630.59 | -1,722.50 |
| November | 963.52 | ### | | ### | -2,870.88 |
| December | 3,956.20 | ### | ### | | -1,426.95 |
| | ### | ### | ### | ### | |

LOSS, BUILDING FUND and BOYS BRIC

| COMMENTS |
|--------------------------------------|
| £1 801 HMRC |
| Legal Fees £546.90 |
| Missions -£500: Room hire +£880 |
| £364 HMRC |
| Missions £300 |
| Legal Fees £396 |
| FIEC £250 |
| Legacy £1 000: ReplaceW/Machine £370 |
| Missions £300 |
| Legal Fees £1 888.20 :Banners £336 |
| Missions £300 |

| BUILDING FUND | |
|---------------|----------|
| Income | Payments |
| | -885.60 |
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| | -320.00 |
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LOSS, BUILDING FUND and BOYS BRIC

| COMMENTS |
|--|
| £1 386 HMRC: Legal Fees £642.60: Gift Day £4 378.96 |
| Legal Fees £559.80: Irene's Funeral £715 |
| £1 000 Ukraine: Legal Fees£453.42: R&M £972 |
| Missions £300 |
| Legacy £1 000 Missions £300 |
| New Laptop £256 |
| Fees £399.70: S/ware £149.77:Missions £300: hmrc £2 753.50 |

| BUILDING FUND | |
|---------------|----------|
| Income | Payments |
| | -642.60 |
| | |
| | -516.08 |
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GRADE FOR 2021

| ACCUM. | BOYS BRIGADACCUM | | |
|----------|------------------|----------|-----|
| ### | Income | Payments | ### |
| 2,364.28 | | -10.00 | ### |
| 1,478.68 | | | ### |
| 1,478.68 | | | ### |
| 1,478.68 | 28.00 | | ### |
| 1,478.68 | 84.00 | | ### |
| 1,478.68 | 66.00 | -32.74 | ### |
| 1,478.68 | 50.00 | -25.50 | ### |
| 1,478.68 | 35.00 | | ### |
| 1,478.68 | | | ### |
| 1,478.68 | | | ### |
| 1,158.68 | 111.00 | | ### |
| ### | 44.00 | ### | ### |
| | ### | ### | |

GRADE FOR 2022

| ACCUM. | BOYS BRIGADACCUM | | |
|--------|------------------|----------|-----|
| ### | Income | Payments | ### |
| 516.08 | | -14.99 | ### |
| 516.08 | 114.00 | -10.00 | ### |
| | | | ### |
| | 118.65 | -78.65 | ### |
| | 67.45 | | ### |
| | 45.00 | | ### |
| | 40.00 | | ### |
| | | | ### |
| | | | ### |
| | 64.00 | ### | ### |
| | 20.00 | | ### |
| | 145.00 | | ### |
| | ### | ### | |

Legal Fees

| |
|-----------------|
| 648.00 |
| 523.00 |
| 453.60 |
| 546.90 |
| 396.00 |
| 1,888.20 |
| 642.60 |
| 559.80 |
| 853.12 |
| 6,511.22 |

BOYS BRIGADE INCOME AND EXP

| DATE | DETAILS | COSTS | INCOME | BALANCE |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------|---------|--------|---------|
| 2.9.19 | Received from DBC | | 141.11 | 141.11 |
| 29.1.20 | Easter Treats | -7.49 | | 133.62 |
| 8.2.20 | Craft Items | -20.94 | | 112.68 |
| 25.2.20 | Snacks | -18.15 | | 94.53 |
| 4.3.20 | Play & Recycle | -9.00 | | 85.53 |
| From 3.9.19 to lockdown | ASSUMPTION Subscriptions | | 357.22 | 442.75 |
| 3.9.20 | DCA Affiliation Fee | -10.00 | | 432.75 |
| 10.9.20 | Car Boot Sale | | 40.31 | 473.06 |
| 19.12.20 | Boys Brigade | -53.00 | | 420.06 |
| 18.1.21 | DCA Affiliation Fee | -10.00 | | 410.06 |
| April | Subscriptions | | 28.00 | 438.06 |
| May | Subscriptions | | 84.00 | 522.06 |
| June | Subscriptions | | 66.00 | 588.06 |
| | Expenses | -32.74 | | 555.32 |
| July | Subscriptions | | 50.00 | 605.32 |
| | Expenses | -25.50 | | 579.82 |
| SEPTEMBER | Subscriptions | | 35.00 | 614.82 |
| NOVEMBER | Subscriptions | | 111.00 | 725.82 |
| DECEMBER | Subscriptions | | 44.00 | 769.82 |
| | Annual subscriptions | -321.00 | | 448.82 |
| 2022 - JANUARY | Expenses | -14.99 | | 433.83 |
| FEBRUARY | Expenses | -10.00 | | 423.83 |
| | Subscriptions | | 114.00 | 537.83 |
| 01/04/2022 | Subscriptions | | 118.65 | 656.48 |
| | Expenses | -78.65 | | 577.83 |
| May | Subscriptions | | 67.45 | 645.28 |
| June | Subscriptions | | 45.00 | 690.28 |
| August | Subscriptions | | 40.00 | 730.28 |
| October | Expenses paid direct | -50.91 | | 679.37 |
| | from subscriptions | | 50.91 | 730.28 |
| | Expenses | ### | 64.00 | 615.43 |
| December | Subscriptions | | 135.00 | 750.43 |
| | Subscriptions | | 30.00 | 780.43 |
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PENDITURE

DUFFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1194982

Accounts

Pastors Report 2021

As I look back on what has been an exceptionally challenging year, the words of Timothy Dudley-Smith's great hymn come to mind

*Lord, for the years, Your love has kept and guided,
Urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way.*

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*Past put behind us, for the future take us,
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.*

Seldom has the truth of Deuteronomy 33:27 been more applicable: 'The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.' Surely Father has carried us through 2021 and he will continue to do so - 'Great is your faithfulness.' (Lam. 3:23b) We hold on to the promise of Jesus at the end of Matthew [28:20b] "And surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age." Be encouraged, God is with us.

The challenges brought on us by Covid are still with us and will be for a while yet. For some the virus has come a bit too close to home but hopefully the triad of vaccinations will be a better and more effective defence. In our small fellowship most have returned to face-to-face fellowship and we have kept safe and been responsible. Let us not drop our guard.

Sadly, the biggest impact on our church family has been the loss of four regular members and two others connected with us. Averil, Joan, Pam and Maureen were all called home after periods of hospitalisation. Janet lost both Peter her son and Peter her husband this year. We miss them all dearly. I still hear 'Morning dear' and the enquiry 'I've got question.' Precious memories.

Joan was involved in so many areas of our church life and we have had to re-think several of them. Joan had even started to help at BB on some Tuesdays. CHAT has now moved to once a month as Ruth does not enjoy the best of health at the moment. We have gone very quickly from three keyboard players to one and Faith's contribution will be balanced with on-screen videos. Next year's activities and events will have to be very realistic with regards to who can help and what we can do. We can still do a great job with less if we continue to work well together and stay focused.

You may recall the words from Jonathan Bond at our *Awayday* - 'A small church is not punishment, but a speciality, but it needs every member.' He challenged us by stating 'For a church to reach its full potential the number of gifts does not matter; it is the willingness to use them that is more important.'

My preaching programme with you was via YouTube until we re-gathered in church from Easter Sunday beginning of April. At the beginning of the year in a short series we looked at the early years of Jesus' life. This was followed by a look at the *Servant Songs* in Isaiah. We then began a journey saying *Goodbye to*

Egypt as we touched on some milestones in Exodus. This series will take us up to nearly Easter 2022. In Homegroups we looked at David Platts studies on *Something needs to change* but the material was complicated and difficult to reduce. Hopefully we nonetheless got the message.

As I begin my tenth year with you, I am again deeply grateful for the love and support you show to Susanna and me. We too have not found the last year easy. A succession of funerals accompanied by our own personal sense of loss was particularly hard. My ongoing gratitude goes to Brian, Peter and Keith who share the leadership and have accepted a further term of office. BB & GA is often hard pressed for help but we do the best we can.

Prayer is vital for any church and its mission. I long to see more at the prayer meeting. Nothing significant happens without prayer and certainly nothing comes down if nothing goes up! For sure we can pray at home, but the powerhouse of any church is the prayer meeting together.

As we embark on a new year, we will need to continue to develop what we are already doing but also be willing to embrace any visionary challenges God gives us. Thank you for your continued financial support, this is again one of those areas needing a great deal of prayer.

I close with the words of the writer to Hebrews [10:23 - 25], 'Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on towards love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another - and all the more as you see the Day approaching.'

God bless you all

and thank you.

Robin

DUFFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH (CIO)

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

28.6.21

31.12.21

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| | | | | |
|-----------|-------------------|--------------------------|-----------|-------------------|
| 3,430.00 | | GIFT AIDED DONATIONS | 3,570.00 | |
| 5,399.07 | | OFFERINGS | 5,143.27 | |
| 2,165.00 | | HMRC GIFT AID TAX RETURN | | |
| | | CHAT | 84.73 | |
| 880.00 | | ROOM HIRE | 190.00 | |
| | 11,874.07 | | | 8,988.00 |
| | | LESS: EXPENSES | | |
| -7,600.00 | | PASTOR'S SALARY | -7,800.00 | |
| -186.40 | | PASTOR'S PENSION FUND | -194.40 | |
| -208.80 | | MILEAGE | -342.10 | |
| -120.00 | | PULPIT | -205.00 | |
| | | AWAY DAY | -150.00 | |
| | | COVID 19 COSTS | -5.00 | |
| | | WEB SITE | | |
| -646.90 | | LEGAL FEES | -2,284.20 | |
| -109.99 | | EQUIPMENT | | |
| -315.75 | | GAS AND ELECTRICITY | -365.63 | |
| -71.97 | | PRINTING & STATIONERY | -70.31 | |
| -317.46 | | INSURANCE | -503.24 | |
| -60.00 | | AFFILIATIONS | -250.00 | |
| -1,350.00 | | MISSIONS | -675.00 | |
| | | HOUSE GROUPS | | |
| -19.93 | | POSTERS | -336.00 | |
| | | POSTAGES | -5.10 | |
| -68.48 | | WATER | -113.13 | |
| -139.20 | | REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE | -406.78 | |
| -36.00 | | BANK CHARGES | -36.00 | |
| -129.00 | | SUBSCRIPTIONS | -79.66 | |
| | -11,379.88 | | | -13,821.55 |
| | 494.19 | SURPLUS/DEFICIT | | -4,833.55 |
| | 9,697.34 | ACCUMMULATED FUND B/F | | 10,191.53 |
| | 10,191.53 | | | 5,357.98 |

Contingent Liability on Giving:

10% of Tithes and Offerings

871.33

Less: Paid to date

-675.00

196.33

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st December 2021

28.6.21

31.12.21

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| 10,191.53 | | ACCUMMULATED FUNDS | | 5,357.98 |
| 1,478.68 | | BUILDING FUND | | 1,158.68 |
| 555.32 | | BOYS BRIGADE | | 448.82 |
| | 12,225.53 | | | 6,965.48 |

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| -12,225.53 | | BALANCE WITH BANK | | -6,965.48 |
| | -12,225.53 | | | -6,965.48 |