

# 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup>, 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 previous year.

The cost of paying salary, mileage and pension to our Pastor totalled £16 429 which represents a significant cost. 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 significant. As you all know our Pastor retires on 30<sup>th</sup> 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 registering with the Charity Commission was 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 have not yet received the schedule of income and expenditure, but I have had to assume certain expenses which have been incurred 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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# 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		
	<b>8,988.00</b>	ROOM HIRE	300.00	
		CARNIVAL	161.68	###
-7,800.00		<b>LESS: EXPENSES</b>		
-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	ACCUMULATED FUND B/F		5,357.98
	<b>5,357.98</b>			<b>###</b>

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		<b>ACCUMMULATED FUNDS</b>		3,931.03
1,158.68		<b>BUILDING FUND</b>		
448.82		<b>BOYS BRIGADE</b>		780.43

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***Represented By***

-6,965.48		<b>BALANCE WITH BANK</b>		-4,711.46
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## SUMMARY OF MONTHLY PROFIT AND

MONTH	INCOME	EXPENSE	SURPLUS	DEFICIT	ACCUM.
<b>2021</b>					
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
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MONTH	INCOME	EXPENSE	SURPLUS	DEFICIT	ACCUM.
<b>2022</b>					
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
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## 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
	-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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## GADE FOR 2021

ACCUM.	BOYS BRIGADACCUM		
###	Income	Payment	###
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		###
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## GADE FOR 2022

ACCUM.	BOYS BRIGADACCUM		
###	Income	Payment	###
516.08		-14.99	###
516.08	114.00	-10.00	###
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	118.65	-78.65	###
	67.45		###
	45.00		###
	40.00		###
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	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	<b>ASSUMPTION</b> 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**