

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)

Charity number 1194982

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.

DUFFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH

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	ACCUMMULATED 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		ACCUMMULATED FUNDS		29,249.34
				1,129,249.34
1,107,983.09				
		Represented By		
-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

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Date : 27th January, 2025

