

Elim Baptist Church

Report of the Trustees For the Year Ended 31st December 2023

The Trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2023

CHARITABLE INCORPORATED STATUS

Elim Baptist Church established a charitable incorporated organisation on the 19th of July 2021

Registered Charity Number

1195215

Principal Address

Newbridge Road
Pontllanfraith
NP12 2LB

Trustees

Susan Phillips (Minister)
Olga Williams
Adele Pask
Steven Paul Phillips
Nadia Champion

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

The Charity is controlled by its governing document.

Board of Trustees

The charity is organised, and policy implemented through the board of trustees who normally meet monthly.

Election to the Board and Trustee training

Trustees are elected by the Church members.

Trustees attended the 'Trustee Duties in a Faith Charity Context' webinar in June 23, and training will continue be provided to each trustee in relation to their role within the charity.

Risk assessment

The charity has designed a series of policies in order to ensure that all risks are addressed, and operations managed in an efficient manner. These are regularly reviewed in light of the changing statutory environment.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Summary of the objects of the charity as set out in its governing document

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.

Summary of the main activities taken for the public benefit in relation to these objects

In recording the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to our stated objectives and activities the aim has remained, as always, to consistently demonstrate the love of Jesus, in both word and action and, therefore, bring people into a closer relationship with God.

Central to the work and witness of the Church has been the provision of a regular act of Christian worship on a Sunday morning. This includes an Explorers club which runs concurrently in the hall. The Wednesday evening Bible Study and Prayer Group meet on a weekly basis. The church also provided for weddings and funerals for its members and the local community. In addition a Bereavement support group was run by the church during October and November.

The church has continued to operate a very successful Toddler group, and Baby group, and we have been involved in a local school with school assemblies and class visits to the church.

During January - March, and November - December we opened a Warm Welcome hub on a Wednesday afternoon between 12 – 3pm, providing a warm space, refreshments, and a light meal to anyone in the community who would like to attend.

The Hall has continued to be used by the Butterflies group – for parents who have experienced miscarriage, stillbirth, or death of a child, and have gone on to have subsequent children - and the CHAMP's group which was formed for anyone in the local community who have, or are affected with, mental health issues. Both these groups were set up and are run by people from the local community. The hall is also used for a monthly surgery by local councillors.

The church grounds contain 5 allotments. One of which is taken by a church member, one by a church neighbour and the remaining three by Social Services for their Care Leavers and Youth Offenders support.

The Church operates procedures and protocols to ensure that all people working with children and vulnerable adults are appropriately vetted with the DBS (Disclosure of Barring Service)

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the period

We must record our gratitude to everyone at Elim Baptist Church for the work that they have continued to faithfully undertake. The Trustees as well as members and friends of the church have continued to bring their skills and experience to enable us to continue our work and witness. We have also benefited from supporting student placements from Cardiff Baptist College. The church membership now stands at 22.

As a church we continue to support a variety of Christian initiatives (both in the UK and overseas), and with other churches in the area facilitate Blackwood Foodbank.

The church is a member of the Gwent Baptist Association. We continue to enjoy good relationships with the other churches in the area and continue to offer pastoral care to our members and the community of Pontllanfraith.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Summary of Financial Position

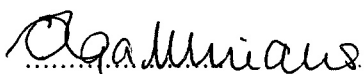
The charity recorded an operating loss of £2,255.35 for the year.

Total operating income for the year was £31,352.90

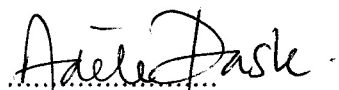
Statement of policy on reserves

The trustees are satisfied they have sufficient reserves, together with ongoing income anticipated, to enable the church to function effectively in the coming year.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on9/4/24.....and signed on its behalf by:



Olga Williams – Church Secretary



Adele Pask – Minute Secretary

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Report and Balance Sheet

For the year ended 31st December 2023

Minister: Rev. Sue Phillips

Deacons

Mrs Olga Williams
Mrs Adele Pask
Mr Paul Phillips
Ms Nadia Champion

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Office held

Secretary
Minute Secretary
Treasurer
Pulpit Secretary

Church Registrar

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Mr Mike George

BMS Birthday Scheme

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Mrs Margaret George

Finance Team

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Olga Williams, Paul Phillips
Rob Watkins, Alan Webber

Parents and Toddlers

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Sue Phillips, Olga Williams

Babyzone

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Olga Williams

Explorers

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Olga Williams, Adele Pask

Flower Rota

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Caroline Williams

<u>General Church Account</u>		<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	Opening balance	5,391.99	4,132.71
Income			
	Collections	17,485.46	16,511.35
	Appeals / BMS	519.59	560.30
	Grant from Baptist Union	8,087.84	7,433.68
	Other Grants and Donations	212.00	211.00
	Gift Aid	3,054.08	2,966.49
	Other Income	1,993.93	1,290.00
	Trf. from savings account	-	8,000.00
	Total Income	31,352.90	36,972.82
Expenditure			
	Minister & HMRC	16,703.00	15,502.11
	Visiting Preachers	480.00	200.00
	Fees & Donations	1,679.60	1,609.55
	Utilities & Insurance	5,924.50	3,835.55
	Maintenance	1,790.99	645.00
	Sundries	2,461.89	2,321.33
	Miscellaneous	4,990.00	8,750.00
	Trf. to savings account	-	3,000.00
	Total Expenditure	34,029.98	35,863.54
	Closing Balance	2,714.91	5,391.99
	General Church Account gain/loss	(2,677.08)	1,109.28
	Savings Account gain/loss	264.15	(4,982.10)
	Overall gain/loss	(2,412.93)	(3,872.82)
<u>Savings Account</u>			
	Opening balance	30,020.32	35,002.42
	Closing Balance	30,284.47	30,020.32
<u>Parents & Toddlers</u>			
	Opening balance	817.89	650.86
<u>And Baby Zone</u>			
	Income	1,062.31	1,129.68
	contribution to Elim	550.00	500.00
	Expenditure	256.30	462.65
	Closing Balance	1,073.90	817.89
<u>BMS Birthday scheme</u>			
	Donation to BMS	150.00	120.00

<u>Income breakdown</u>		<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Online payments		9,445.00	9,885.30
Envelopes		680.00	830.00
Open		6,454.30	5,267.31
1. Cash not banked		906.16	528.74
Collections Total		17,485.46	16,511.35
Communion - BMS		252.59	338.80
World Vision Appeal		-	129.00
Christian Aid		267.00	45.00
Harvest Appeal		-	47.50
BMS Appeal		-	-
Appeals / BMS		519.59	560.30
Grant from Baptist Union		8,087.84	7,433.68
GBA Grant		-	-
Bequests & Donations		212.00	211.00
Grants and Donations		212.00	211.00
Gift Aid		3,054.08	2,966.49
Toddlers & Babyzone		550.00	500.00
Other		211.93	
Tiny Talk		45.00	360.00
Hall hire		257.00	-
Funeral Charges		-	-
Wedding Fees		-	50.00
Champs		600.00	-
Allotments & 2 Elim Way		330.00	380.00
Quiz nights		-	-
Post Office		-	-
Other Income		1,993.93	1,290.00
Transfer from Savings Account		-	8,000.00
Total Income		31,352.90	36,972.82

Notes:

1. Cash shown as not banked has been used for visiting preachers or general expenses which are included in the expenditure

<u>Expenditure Breakdown</u>		<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Ministers stipend		15,455.04	14,330.05
HMRC, NI		1,247.96	1,172.06
Ministers Total		16,703.00	15,502.11
Visiting preachers		480.00	200.00
BUW Fees		444.00	414.00
BUGB Fees		129.60	107.80
GBA Fees		30.00	58.75
World Vision		-	129.00
Christian Aid Appeal		306.00	-
Tearfund		-	100.00
DEC		100.00	-
Everyones Child Romania		-	100.00
Professional Fees		270.00	-
1. BMS		400.00	700.00
Fees & Donations Total		1,679.60	1,609.55
Electric		4,287.00	2,400.00
Water		145.29	128.48
Insurance		1,492.21	1,307.07
Utilities & Insurance Total		5,924.50	3,835.55
Cleaning		-	-
Miscellaneous		1,478.81	645.00
Blackwood Fire		312.18	-
Maintenance Total		1,790.99	645.00
CCL Licence		327.30	304.89
Explorers		22.98	143.43
Toddlers & Babyzone		201.00	-
Cash expenses		-	180.18
Wednesday Diner		25.89	199.80
Communion wine		17.35	37.78
Communion glasses		-	-
Easter cards		-	-
General Misc.		1,867.37	1,455.25
Stamps		-	-
Sundries Total		2,461.89	2,321.33
Bells windows		4,990.00	
Joshua Tree Services		-	8,750.00
Miscellaneous Total		4,990.00	8,750.00
Transfer to Savings Account		-	3,000.00
Total expenditure		34,029.98	35,863.54

Notes:

1. Donation comprises of £200 each to Laura-lee Lovering and Dave & Michele Mahon from communion collections totalling £252.59

Main Actual v Estimates for 2023

	<u>Estimated</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Collections	16,000.00	17,485.46
BUW grant	7,433.68	8,087.84
Giftaid	3,000.00	3,054.08
Other Income	1,000.00	1,993.93
Total Income	27,433.68	30,621.31
Minister fees (part time) & HMRC	18,000.00	16,703.00
Visiting Preachers	400.00	480.00
Membership fees	1,000.00	1,679.60
Utilities, Insurance & CCL	4,680.00	5,924.50
Maintenance and Misc.	7,000.00	8,247.16
Total expenditure	31,080.00	33,034.26
gain/loss	(3,646.32)	(2,412.95)

Main Estimated income and running costs for 2024

	<u>Year</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Week</u>
Collections	17,000.00	1,416.67	326.92
BUW grant	8,000.00	666.67	153.85
Giftaid	2,700.00	225.00	51.92
Other Income	1,000.00	83.33	19.23
Total Income	28,700.00	2,308.33	532.69
Minister fees (part time) & HMRC	17,500.00	1,458.33	336.54
Visiting Preachers	600.00	50.00	11.54
Membership fees	1,500.00	125.00	28.85
Utilities, Insurance & CCL	4,500.00	375.00	86.54
Maintenance and Misc.	2,500.00	208.33	48.08
Total expenditure	26,600.00	2,216.67	511.54
gain/loss	2,100.00	91.67	21.15

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In our opinion the financial records and statements presented
represent fairly the revenues collected and expenses paid.

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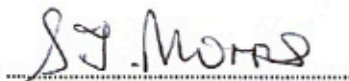
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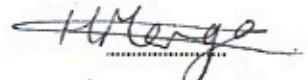
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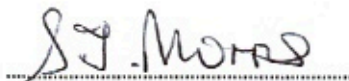
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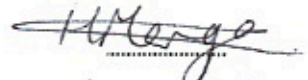
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