

## **Elim Baptist Church**

### **Report of the Trustees For the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024**

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The Trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

#### **CHARITABLE INCORPORATED STATUS**

Elim Baptist Church established a charitable incorporated organisation on the 19<sup>th</sup> 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  
Alan Webber

#### **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 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 is offered to the local community.

The church has continued to operate a very successful Toddler group, and Baby group, and we have been involved in local schools with school assemblies, class visits, and group visits to the church. We have also hosted two sessions with a local Beavers group.

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 an effective Finance Team and Safeguarding Team.

We have also benefited from supporting student placements from Cardiff Baptist College. We have had one baptism and two people coming into membership. The church membership stands at 24.

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.

Due to the pending retirement of the current minister, the Trustees set up a group to construct a church profile, this was completed in the Autumn, and a Search group has now been set up to review any applications for the ministerial position, which will continue to be on a part time basis.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

### **Summary of Financial Position**

The charity recorded an operating Profit of £3,340.70 for the year.


Total operating income for the year was £31,621.98

### **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 on .....24/3/25.....and signed on its behalf by:

.....  
Adele Pask – Church Secretary

.....  
Alan Webber – Minute Secretary

# Elim Baptist Church

*Pontllanfraith*

## Report and Balance Sheet

For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

***Minister: Rev. Sue Phillips***

### **Remembering our Members and Fellowship**

**Mr Eddie Howells**

#### **Trustees**

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

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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

#### ***Safeguarding***

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Sue Phillips, Olga Williams  
Paul Phillips, Alan Webber

<u>General Church Account</u>		<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	Opening balance	<u>2,714.91</u>	<u>5,391.99</u>
<b>Income</b>			
	Collections	16,936.23	17,485.46
	Appeals / BMS	1,034.18	519.59
	Grant from Baptist Union	8,597.36	8,087.84
	Other Grants and Donations	427.37	212.00
	Gift Aid	2,796.90	3,054.08
	Other Income	1,829.94	1,993.93
	Trf. from savings account	-	-
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>31,621.98</b>	<b>31,352.90</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
	Minister & HMRC	17,827.35	16,703.00
	Visiting Preachers	700.00	480.00
	Fees & Donations	2,477.15	1,679.60
	Utilities & Insurance	4,842.88	5,924.50
	Maintenance	125.48	1,790.99
	Sundries	3,101.49	2,461.89
	Miscellaneous	-	4,990.00
	Trf. to savings account	10.00	-
	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>29,084.35</b>	<b>34,029.98</b>
	<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>5,142.54</b>	<b>2,714.91</b>
	<b>General Church Account gain/loss</b>	2,427.63	(2,677.08)
	<b>Saving Accounts gain/loss</b>	1,003.07	264.15
	<b>Overall gain/loss</b>	<b>3,430.70</b>	<b>(2,412.93)</b>

<u><b>Saving Accounts</b></u>	Opening balance	30,284.47	30,020.32
(See page 5 for details)	<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>31,287.54</b>	<b>30,284.47</b>

<u><b>Parents &amp; Toddlers</b></u>	Opening balance	1,073.90	817.89
<u><b>And Baby Zone</b></u>	Income	893.00	1,062.31
	contribution to Elim	600.00	550.00
	Expenditure	326.18	256.30
	<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>1,040.72</b>	<b>1,073.90</b>

<u><b>BMS Birthday scheme</b></u>	Donation to BMS	155.00	150.00
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<b><u>Income breakdown</u></b>		<b><u>2024</u></b>	<b><u>2023</u></b>
Online payments		9,115.00	9,445.00
Envelopes		1,365.00	680.00
Open		5,556.18	6,454.30
1. Cash not banked		900.05	906.16
<b>Collections Total</b>		<b>16,936.23</b>	<b>17,485.46</b>
Communion - BMS		404.60	252.59
World Vision Appeal		106.00	-
Talents of Hope		388.98	-
Christian Aid		-	267.00
DEC		134.60	-
Harvest Appeal		-	-
BMS Appeal		-	-
<b>Appeals / BMS</b>		<b>1,034.18</b>	<b>519.59</b>
Grant from Baptist Union		8,597.36	8,087.84
GBA Grant		-	-
2. Bequests & Donations		427.37	212.00
<b>Grants and Donations</b>		<b>427.37</b>	<b>212.00</b>
Gift Aid		2,796.90	3,054.08
Toddlers & Babyzone		600.00	550.00
Other		84.94	211.93
Tiny Talk		-	45.00
Hall hire		165.00	257.00
Funeral Charges		-	-
Wedding Fees		-	-
Champs		600.00	600.00
Allotments & 2 Elim Way		380.00	330.00
Quiz nights		-	-
Post Office		-	-
<b>Other Income</b>		<b>1,829.94</b>	<b>1,993.93</b>
Transfer from Savings Account		-	-
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>31,621.98</b>	<b>31,352.90</b>

**Notes:**

1. Cash shown as not banked has been used for visiting preachers or general expenses which are included in the expenditure
2. **We are very grateful for the following bequests**  
£400 in memory of Mr Eddie Howels

<b><u>Expenditure Breakdown</u></b>		<b><u>2024</u></b>	<b><u>2023</u></b>
Ministers stipend		16,351.58	15,455.04
HMRC, NI		1,475.77	1,247.96
<b>Ministers Total</b>		<b>17,827.35</b>	<b>16,703.00</b>
Visiting preachers		<b>700.00</b>	<b>480.00</b>
BUW Fees		440.00	444.00
BUGB Fees		126.50	129.60
GBA Fees		33.00	30.00
Samarita's Purse		200.00	-
World Vision		173.00	-
Talents of hope		500.00	-
Christian Aid Appeal		20.00	306.00
Tearfund		-	-
DEC		-	100.00
Food bank donation		77.37	
Everyones Child Romania		-	-
Professional Fees		407.28	270.00
1. BMS		500.00	400.00
<b>Fees &amp; Donations Total</b>		<b>2,477.15</b>	<b>1,679.60</b>
Electric		3,074.11	4,287.00
Water		151.26	145.29
Insurance		1,617.51	1,492.21
<b>Utilities &amp; Insurance Total</b>		<b>4,842.88</b>	<b>5,924.50</b>
Miscellaneous		-	1,478.81
Blackwood Fire		125.48	312.18
<b>Maintenance Total</b>		<b>125.48</b>	<b>1,790.99</b>
CCL Licence		343.72	327.30
Explorers		10.00	22.98
Toddlers & Babyzone		241.19	201.00
Cash expenses		52.68	-
Wednesday Diner		-	25.89
Communion wine		-	17.35
General Misc.		2,441.90	1,867.37
Stamps		12.00	-
<b>Sundries Total</b>		<b>3,101.49</b>	<b>2,461.89</b>
Bells windows		-	4,990.00
Joshua Tree Services		-	-
<b>Miscellaneous Total</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>4,990.00</b>
Transfer to Savings Account		<b>10.00</b>	-
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>29,084.35</b>	<b>34,029.98</b>

**Notes:**

1. Donation comprises of £250 each to Laura-lee Lovering and Dave & Michele Mahon from communion collections totalling £404.60

## Elim Savings Accounts

2024

2023

### Lloyds Instant Savings Treasurers Account

Opening Balance	30,284.47	30,020.32
Deposits	-	-
Interest	49.09	264.15
withdrawl	30,000.00	-
Closing Balance	333.56	30,284.47

### Lloyds Fixed Term Account

Due in January

Opening Balance	-	-
Deposits	10,000.00	-
Interest	-	-
withdrawl	-	-
Closing Balance	10,000.00	-

### Epworth Instant Plus Account

Opening Balance	-	-
Deposits	20,010.00	-
Interest	943.98	-
withdrawl	-	-
Closing Balance	20,953.98	-

Savings accounts closing balance	31,287.54
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Saving Accounts gain/loss	1,003.07
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Audit of the Reports and Balance Sheet for the period

**1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 - 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024**

We the undersigned have examined the financial reports for Elim Baptist Church

and for the Mothers & Toddlers and Babyzone

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

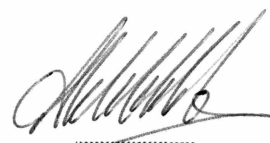
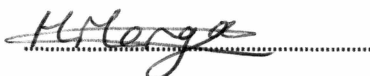
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**Deputy  
Auditor**

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Alan Webber

**Signatures:**



**Date**

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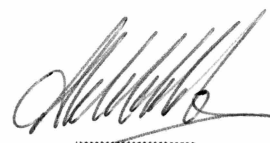
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