

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2023

Charity name: Calne Baptist Church

Charity registration number: 1195404

Objectives and Activities

The principal purposes of the Church are:

- 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.
- In fulfilling the purposes, the Church will engage in a range of activities either on its own or with others that will vary from time to time with activities being initiated, expanded, or closed, as appropriate.

The activities may include but are not restricted to:

- regular public worship, prayer, Bible study, preaching and teaching.
- baptism, as defined in the Baptist Union's Declaration of Principle.
- the Communion of the Lord's Supper which shall normally be observed at least once a month.
- evangelism and mission, locally, regionally, nationally and internationally.
- the teaching, encouragement, welcome and inclusion of young people.
- nurture and growth of Christian disciples.
- education and training for Christian and community service.
- giving and encouraging pastoral care.
- supporting and encouraging charitable social action in the United Kingdom and abroad.
- encouraging relationships with and supporting Baptists and other Christians.

Public benefit declaration

The trustees have noted their duty to have due regard to the commission's public benefit guidance and are committed to ensuring that the activities of the Church are well publicised and open to members of the public. Activities are published on the Church website.

Contribution made by volunteers.

The trustees are glad to acknowledge that the activities of the Church go ahead only with the voluntary engagement of members of the congregation. The trustees would like to thank all those who willingly give their time and effort to the services conducted by the church.

Achievements and Performance

During 2023 the church continued weekly worship on Sunday mornings, including Junior Church for children at Primary School. Regular prayer times also take place on some Sunday evenings. A weekly coffee morning open to all members of the community continues and some Film nights have taken place. The 'Warm Space' that began in November 2022 has continued as 'The Living Room' and has been regularly attended by fourteen people as well as occasional attendance by a further fourteen people over the year. Whilst numbers are relatively small, the opportunity to develop relationships are particularly good and significant conversations are able to take place. This has been especially helpful for people facing emotional difficulties and needing someone to talk to. The group is especially useful for older people who live alone and need company.

We put on a Community Big Lunch on 7 May to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III which was attended by at least one hundred people. This enabled the church to offer hospitality to all and to build relationships with others. Hospitality was again offered at the annual Motorbike meet held in July. Returning visitors were very interested in the plans for the church development and many complimentary comments were received. These events are also opportunities to share our faith with people and answer questions that they may have.

At the beginning of 2023 we welcomed 3 Iranian men, who are living in a nearby town, to our Sunday worship. This has been an opportunity to offer support and encouragement for those seeking refuge and asylum in the UK and several members of the congregation have drawn alongside these men and got to know them and offered practical help. All had stories to tell of very difficult circumstances in their own country and the discrimination they suffered because of their Christian faith. We were delighted to baptise two of them in May, this was a wonderful occasion for us all.

Early in 2023 we started working with other churches in the Calne Partnership of Churches to run a monthly 'Messy Church'. The Calne Methodist Church host this on the 2nd Sunday of the month and has volunteers from most of the churches in the Partnership. Numbers attending have been good, and families come along to take part and to share in a simple tea at the end. Feedback has been positive, and numbers have grown.

We have joined with Partnership churches during the year at various times including the week of prayer for Christian Unity, Lent groups, and Easter services. For the first time, we

jointly ran a stall at the Christmas lights event in November. We had a nativity scene and costumes for people to dress up and take their own photograph. We also gave out four hundred children's books from Bible Society and had many conversations with members of the public. We received lots of positive comments from people who appreciated what we offered. The 'Open the book' team has also continued to visit three of the local Primary schools and seems to be well appreciated by staff and children. We, as a church, were also invited into another school to lead an Assembly in December which we were delighted to do.

The Church was able to support the work of The Rise Trust by providing Tesco Vouchers to a number of needy families in December. We also supported the Prison Fellowship and TEARfund with donations at Christmas.

During this year we have had the privilege of receiving Ministry from at least a dozen very able speakers. We have been especially grateful for the support of the Regional Team and Todd Nightingale. In the Autumn we received a profile from a prospective Minister, and after meeting with him on several occasions, the Church decided to call him as our next Minister. Wayne Lawther will be joining us as our Minister on 1 March 2024.

Pastoral care has continued throughout the year by members of the church who visit and support those in need in many ways. Regular prayers are also said for all those whom we are aware of with specific needs. We were sorry to say goodbye to Geoff Cook who died in September, he is fondly remembered. We welcomed visitors to the church throughout the year and Luke and Therese into membership in December.

The church redevelopment plans were approved by Wiltshire Council in April subject to several conditions. In the time since then, many hours have been spent refining the details of the plans and conducting surveys such as the Archaeological Survey. Grant applications are also in the process of being made to top up the funds that we already have so that we can do all the things we have planned. This is very much on going and is not likely to be ready to submit for tender until March/April 2024.

Financial Review

During this year we had receipts totalling £103,861 and payments of £85,413 creating a surplus of £18,448. This means we ended the year with cash funds of £87,661. Part of the receipts was £56,013 interest from our Building Trust Fund and part of the payments were £48,938 of invoices relating to our redevelopment project. Our Building Trust Fund remains at £1,494,419.

In this coming year the appointment of a Minister, from 1st March, will have a significant impact on our general funds.

The Charity remains in a strong financial position.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Church is governed by a constitution dated 23 May 2021

The Church is registered with the Charity Commission as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

Any person qualified to be a Member of the Church is eligible for election as a Charity Trustee (unless disqualified by statute) provided that they affirm in writing when accepting nomination that they uphold the Purpose of the Church as stated in clause 3 and the Beliefs as stated in clause 4 of the Constitution.

The Church Secretary and Church Treasurer shall automatically be a Charity Trustee because of their role and responsibilities.

Any Minister or Ministers appointed to serve the Church shall automatically be a Charity Trustee.

The Church is a member of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and the Regional Association known as webnet.

The Church supports the work of BMSWorldMission.

The Church is a member of the Calne Partnership of Churches and is affiliated to the Evangelical Alliance.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name Calne Baptist Church

Registered charity number 1195404

Charity's principal address Castle Street, Calne SN11 0DX

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity.

Trustee name	Office (if any)
Mr Terry Mills	Treasurer
Mrs Ros Mills	
Ms Imogen Willgress	
Mrs Jenny Woods	Secretary

Mr Terry Mills was appointed as Treasurer and therefore Trustee on 22 May 2022 following the resignation of Mr Adrian Bray. Reverend Sam King resigned as Charity Trustee from 31 July 2022.

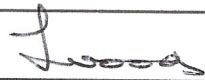
Looking ahead

1 March 2024 will see the appointment of Mr Wayne Lawther as the next Minister of Calne Baptist Church. The Trustees look forward to a new Ministry and the opportunities that this will bring to the life of the Church. The ongoing building plans continue to be a challenge to make sure everything is correct, and we look forward to the work actually starting in the Spring/Summer of 2024. During the time that we will not be able to use our own building, the Trustees hope that some temporary accommodation can be secured which will enable the church to continue to have a presence in the town. If at all possible, we want to be able to engage with people in a temporary place and to rent premises for Sunday worship. This is all to be negotiated at the appropriate time. During this period of change, the Trustees need to keep the focus of the church on its core principles and values.

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		Imogen CFAwillgress
Full name(s)	JENNIFER SUSAN WOODS	IMOGEN CRESSIDA PATRICIA ANN
Position (e.g. Secretary, Chair)	SECRETARY	TRUSTEE
Date	13th FEBRUARY 2024	13th February 2024



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/01/2023

To

31/12/2023

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	27,535	-	-	27,535	43,650
Gift Aid Claims	7,996	-	-	7,996	4,347
Interest	1,919	-	-	1,919	32
Rental Income	7,490	-	-	7,490	10,369
Investment Income	56,013	-	-	56,013	12,149
College Contributions	-	-	-	-	6,745
Room Hire	2,120	-	-	2,120	2,193
Warm Spaces	495	-	-	495	220
Rise Trust	-	-	-	-	300
Coffee Morning	-	-	-	-	10
Film Night	68	-	-	68	200
Here I Stand	-	-	-	-	32
CARP	-	-	-	-	77
BMS	225	-	-	225	-
Funds from UIA	-	-	-	-	73,232
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	103,861	-	-	103,861	153,557
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	103,861	-	-	103,861	153,557
A3 Payments					
Accountancy Fees	1,103	-	-	1,103	1,126
Bank Charges	72	-	-	72	90
Bookkeeping	-	-	-	-	595
Cleaning	-	-	-	-	35
Donations	5,800	-	-	5,800	5,815
General Expenses	1,665	-	-	1,665	4,051
Housing Allowance	-	-	-	-	4,186
Insurance	2,017	-	-	2,017	2,358
IT Software and Consumables	297	-	-	297	487
Legal Expenses	379	-	-	379	1,701
Utilities	10,690	-	-	10,690	2,662
Ministers Costs	609	-	-	609	31,653
Marketing	753	-	-	753	418
Pension	-	-	-	-	9,318
Postage	79	-	-	79	92
Pulpit	4,325	-	-	4,325	2,440
Rates	178	-	-	178	991
Repairs and Maintenance	6,404	-	-	6,404	920
Staff Training	188	-	-	188	96
Stationery	-	-	-	-	47
Subscriptions	1,099	-	-	1,099	879
Warm Places	597	-	-	597	210
Property Fund	48,938	-	-	48,938	13,662
Rise Trust	-	-	-	-	430
Film Night	-	-	-	-	50
Here I Stand	105	-	-	105	32
Syria	100	-	-	100	-
Penny Pot	15	-	-	15	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	85,413	-	-	85,413	84,343

A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	85,413	-	-	85,413	84,343
Net of receipts/(payments)	18,448	-	-	18,448	69,213
A5 Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	69,213	-	-	69,213	-
Cash funds this year end	87,661	-	-	87,661	69,213

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Held by Church	86,661	-	-
	Paypal account	1,000	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	87,661	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

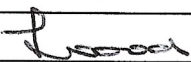
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Calne BC 3 month notice trust account	-	1,404,794	-
	Calne BC Trust Funds	-	89,625	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	Church premises at insured value	General fund	-	2,539,422
	Manse at insured value	General fund	-	331,356
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	JENNIFER WOODS	13.02.24
Imogen CPA Willgress	IMOGEN WILLGRESS	13.02.24



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees	Calne Baptist Church		
On accounts for the year ended	31 December 2023	Charity no (if any)	1195404
Set out on pages	1		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

R.Proto

Date:

15/02/2024

Name:

Rachel Proto

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

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Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.