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Trustees' Annual Report

For the period: 23 August 2021 to 31 August 2022

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name	Ackhill Baptist Church
Registered charity number	1195592 (Date of registration: 23 August 2021)
Principal address	Ackhill Manse, Dolley Green, Presteigne, LD8 2EE
Charity Trustees (appointed by voting members of Ackhill Baptist Church)	

Name	Office Held	Dates Acting
Richard John Mansell	Pastor and Chairman	For the full financial year
Ronald William Crutchley		For the full financial year
Matilda Rose Phillips		For the full financial year
Philip Pain	Deacon	For the full financial year
Benjamin Peter Thornton		For the full financial year
Benjamin Gill		For the full financial year

Section B

Structure, governance and management

Type of charity	Ackhill Baptist Church is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
Governing document	Ackhill Baptist Church is governed by its constitution, dated 31 July 2021
Trustee selection	All Charity Trustees must subscribe and adhere to, in belief and lifestyle, the Statement of Faith as set out in the constitution. New trustees are proposed by the existing trustees or the leadership team at a members' meeting. A two-thirds majority of voting members is required for the proposed new trustee(s) to be appointed.
Policies and procedures	<p>Although Ackhill Baptist Church is a small fellowship (typ. 25 people attend Sunday worship each week), we nevertheless have put in place a number of policies and procedures to ensure the safety of our attendees and the proper management of our affairs. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health & Safety Policy (including a series of risk assessments for activities where hazards could lead to injury or harm)• Safeguarding Policy• Data Protection Policy• Conflict of Interest Policy (to ensure trustees' outside interests or loyalties do not compromise their ability to make decisions in the best interests of Ackhill Baptist Church)



Section C

Objectives and activities

Charitable objects as set out in our constitution

The Object of the CIO is, for the public benefit, the advancement of the Christian faith according to Baptist principles and in accordance with the Statement of Faith.

Main activities undertaken for the public benefit

We exist to glorify God and to exalt the Lord Jesus Christ as His disciples. We do this in a variety of ways. We:

- Gather for corporate worship, prayer and praise, welcoming all who would join us
- Proclaim the salvation available by grace alone, through faith alone in Christ alone
- Teach children the Word of God in Sunday School
- Run a mother-and-toddler group
- Encourage our members to live godly lives, understanding what God expects of them
- Stand ready to disciple new converts
- Observe the sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Table
- Reach out to those we meet with the compassion which Christ affords us, hoping to be the fragrance of Christ
- Hold faithfully to the whole counsel of God in our teaching and practice
- Cooperate with other evangelical fellowships
- Support missionary work at home and overseas

Grants and investments

Ackhill Baptist Church does not dispense grants, neither does it invest, other than at the bank in a savings account.

Section D

Achievements and performance

The effects of Covid-19

The Covid pandemic had a significant impact on our church life and its effects are still being felt today. In all, there were 3 enforced chapel closures between March 2020 and January 2021 which resulted in plans being put in place for Covid-safe gatherings when we were allowed to meet.

These plans included mask wearing, socially distanced seating, hand-sanitizing stations, no celebration of the Lord's supper and a prohibition on gathering to chat after services. As restrictions were eased, we reintroduced a risk-assessed Lord's supper and began to sing again, first from behind masks and then, when mask wearing was no longer mandatory, without masks.

Gradually, our voluntarily imposed restrictions were further relaxed as most church attendees began to feel more confident. We have reintroduced tea and coffee after services and dropped most of the risk control measures around the Lord's table.

Thankfully, all our usual attendees returned very quickly after the various closures, although some clearly had their confidence shaken and still remain cautious. For this reason, we have retained the socially distanced seating throughout the period.



Section D, cont

Achievements and performance

Main achievements during the year

However, there has been no Sunday School since the pandemic and the Dolley Tots mother-and-toddler group meetings only recommenced at the beginning of the March 2022. Having been moved to Zoom during the pandemic, mid-week prayer and Bible study meetings have continued to be held on-line.

Despite the difficulties due to Covid, Ackhill Baptist Church has continued to reach out to its congregation and the local community. We support the local Knighton and East Radnor Food Bank (recently renamed the Knighton & Presteigne Foodbank) both financially and with donations in kind, as well as providing the services of the treasurer and designated safeguarding officer free of charge. The church has long been a supporter of the Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Appeal by making up a number of boxes and acting as a local collection point and drop-off centre for the area.

Many of the congregation struggle with health problems of various kinds and as well as long term troubles there are a number who have been waiting on operations. As we continue to remember one another in prayer and seek to encourage and support one another, there is a strong spirit of unity and love in the fellowship.

We continue to receive several visitors throughout the year. These have included people on holiday who have looked us up via our website, as well as people thinking of moving to the area. There have also been some who are already local or from the surrounding area. Several have continued to attend and in all 6 people have been received into membership during the period. This is a great reassurance for the future of Ackhill Baptist Church.

Following our registration as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), much work has gone on behind the scenes to transfer the various property assets of the church and make the CIO sole holding trustee of the property trusts. It is hoped to complete this work within the period to 31 August 2023.

Significant property maintenance has been required during the period, including a new garage door for the Manse, painting of exterior woodwork at the Chapel and a complete replacement of the Chapel outside lighting. Although identified during this reporting period, the latter two items were completed in September 2022.

Section E

Financial review

Reserves policy	We aim to maintain reserves at the bank of £60,000, £35,000 of which covers approximately 12 months running costs and £25,000 is designated for maintenance and repairs to the Chapel, Hall, and Manse. Timing of the expenditure of these designated funds is uncertain. However, repairs to the Manse roof and Chapel windows are expected within the next 2 years.
Funds in deficit	There are no areas where funds are in deficit.
Sources of funds	Income arises from weekly giving, monthly giving via standing order or direct debit (mostly administered by Stewardship), one-off gifts and gift aid.
Main areas of expenditure	Staff costs, building maintenance and utilities accounted for 71% of total expenditure in the period.
Payment to Trustee	As allowed within the Constitution, a salary and pension amounting to £17,220 for the year to 31 August 2022 was paid to the Pastor who is also a trustee of the church. Our independently reviewed financial statements are set out in the Appendix.

Section F

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above (at the trustees' meeting on 22nd September 2022).

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

Signature(s)



Full Name(s)

Richard John Mansell

Position

Chairman

Date

22nd September 2022



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Appendix

Ackhill Baptist Church financial statements for the year to 31 August 2022

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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Ackhill Baptist Church

Charity Number
1195592

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period
from

01/09/2021

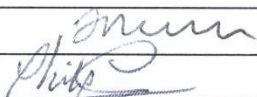

To

31/08/2022

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
General Fund	31,589	-	-	31,589	37,174
Various Missions	-	180	-	180	58
Upkeep of Graveyard	-	120	-	120	120
Interest Received	13	-	-	13	4
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	31,602	300	-	31,902	37,356
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	31,602	300	-	31,902	37,356
A3 Payments					
Salary & Pension Costs	17,947	-	-	17,947	17,996
Visiting Preachers	-	-	-	-	-
Various Missions	107	180	-	287	328
Insurance	827	-	-	827	768
Bank Charges	74	-	-	74	-
Council Tax & Water	2,432	-	-	2,432	2,345
Light & Heat	2,263	-	-	2,263	1,801
Repairs & Renovations	3,911	-	-	3,911	3,536
Health & Safety	1,273	-	-	1,273	327
Grounds Maintenance	299	120	-	419	641
Telephone/Broadband	369	-	-	369	355
Post, Stationery, Website, Literature, etc	-	-	-	-	51
Parish Expenses	99	-	-	99	179
Subscriptions & Licences	236	-	-	236	1,002
Professional Fees	6,644	-	-	6,644	2,876
Purchase of Equipment	1,199	-	-	1,199	-
Sub total	37,680	300	-	37,980	32,205
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	37,680	300	-	37,980	32,205
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 6,078	-	-	- 6,078	5,151
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	65,195	-	-	65,195	60,044
Cash funds this year end	59,117	-	-	59,117	65,195

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	HSBC Charitable Account	18,820	-	-
	HSBC Money Manager Account	40,297	-	-
	Cash received but not banked	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	59,117	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Chapel, Hall, Manse	General	-	-
	Graveyard, Car Park, Land	General	-	-
	Fixtures, Fittings, Equipment	General	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
			RICHARD MANSSELL	25/09/22
			PHILIP PAINE	25/09/22



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
ACKHILL BAPTIST CHURCH

On accounts for the year
ended

31 AUGUST 2022

Charity no
(if any) 1195592

Set out on pages

A1 AND A2

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 08 / 2022**.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

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

Independent
examiner's statement

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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn 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:



Date:

28/10/2022

Name:

CHRISTOPHER THOMAS NATHANIEL DAVIS

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qualification(s) or body
(if any):

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.

NOTHING FURTHER TO REPORT.