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# Trustees' Annual Report

For the period: 01 September 2022 to 31 August 2023

## Section A

## Reference and administration details

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

<b>Name</b>	<b>Office Held</b>	<b>Dates Acting</b>
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		For the full financial year
Benjamin Peter Thornton		For the full financial year
Benjamin Gill		For the full financial year
	Deacon	

## Section B

## Structure, governance and management

<b>Type of charity</b>	Ackhill Baptist Church is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
<b>Governing document</b>	Ackhill Baptist Church is governed by its constitution, Revision 1 dated: 24 April 2023
<b>Trustee selection</b>	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. Three trustees will step down in the coming period and at least one new trustee will be appointed.
<b>Policies and procedures</b>	<p>Although Ackhill Baptist Church is a small fellowship (typ. 30 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"><li>• Health &amp; Safety Policy (including a series of risk assessments for activities where hazards could lead to injury or harm)</li><li>• Safeguarding Policy</li><li>• Data Protection Policy</li><li>• 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)</li></ul>



## 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. Total funds in our current and savings accounts do not exceed the FSCS compensation limit of £85,000.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

### Main achievements during the year

We are thankful to the Lord that there was no serious ill-health in the congregation due to the Covid pandemic. All restrictions and constraints due to Covid have now been lifted, the last to go being socially distanced seating.

Sunday School and the Dolley Tots mother-and-toddler group meetings are both running once again. Dolley Tots numbers are growing steadily and are almost back to pre-pandemic levels, whilst the new families attending Sunday worship have boosted Sunday School numbers. Our overall attendance at Sunday worship is up by ca. 20% compared to 2021/22.

Our mid-week prayer and Bible study meetings continue to be held on-line as this has been found to suit those living further away from the Chapel and not wishing to drive, especially during winter months. Consideration is being given to starting one or two homegroup meetings for those wishing to meet face-to-face for fellowship and prayer during the week.

Ackhill Baptist Church has continued to reach out to its congregation and the local community. We have held two fellowship meals in the period – one at Christmas and a barbecue in the summer. As well as regular chapelgoers, friends, family and neighbours were invited, all free-of-charge.

## Section D, cont

## Achievements and performance

### Main achievements during the year, cont.

We continue to support the local 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. Both treasurer and safeguarding officer are also trustees of the foodbank.

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. This work continues despite our sister-in-Christ, Margaret, being called home by the Lord. Margaret was the main driving force behind our Shoebox work for many years. We also said farewell to another lady in the period, confident that she is at rest with the Lord. Funeral services for both ladies were held at the Chapel.

Several in the congregation are elderly and struggle with health problems of various kinds. As well as long term health 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 regularly and are thinking of becoming members. It is expected that some of these will be accepted into membership at the AGM in October 2023. This bodes well for the future of Ackhill Baptist Church.

Following our registration as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), all work to transfer the various property assets of the church and make the CIO sole holding trustee of the property trusts has been completed. We are now waiting for the Land Registry to register the titles in the name of the CIO and have been advised that this might not happen until autumn 2023 at the earliest.

Significant property maintenance has been required during the period, including two new toilets for the Manse, painting of exterior woodwork at the Chapel and a complete replacement of the Chapel outside lighting. Also woodworm had been identified in the Manse roof timbers, but treatment could be undertaken until sometime within a two-week window in September, due to the suspected presence of a bat roost. This work has now been carried out.



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## Section E

## Financial review

<b>Reserves policy</b>	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.
<b>Funds in deficit</b>	There are no areas where funds are in deficit.
<b>Sources of funds</b>	Income arises from weekly giving, monthly giving via standing order direct to the Ackhill Baptist Church bank account, one-off gifts and gift aid. One or two regular gift aided donations are still administered by Stewardship and paid by grant to the church each month.
<b>Main areas of expenditure</b>	Staff costs, building maintenance and utilities accounted for 68% of total expenditure in the period. Other significant items were solicitor's fees of £5,974 (for charity formation) and Council Tax of £2,256.
<b>Payment to Trustee</b>	As allowed within the Constitution, a salary and pension amounting to £18,520 for the year to 31 August 2023 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 28<sup>th</sup> September 2023).

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

**Signature(s)**

**Full Name(s)**

Richard John Mansell

**Position**

Chairman

**Date**

28<sup>th</sup> September 2023



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# Appendix

## **Ackhill Baptist Church financial statements for the year to 31 August 2023**

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Ackhill Baptist Church

1195592

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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period  
from

01/09/2022

To

31/08/2023

### 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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Weekly Offerings	13,340	-	-	13,340	13,664
Donations	1,070	-	-	1,070	1,847
Stewardship	5,445	-	-	5,445	14,569
Giving with Gift Aid Declaration	14,855	-	-	14,855	-
Gift Aid Payments from HMRC	4,316	-	-	4,316	1,395
Various Missions	-	180	-	180	180
Upkeep of Graveyard	-	120	-	120	120
Resale of teaching materials	114	-	-	114	114
Interest Received	400	-	-	400	13
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>39,540</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>39,840</b>	<b>31,902</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>39,540</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>39,840</b>	<b>31,902</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Salary, Pension & Tax Costs	19,347	-	-	19,347	17,947
Visiting Preachers	140	-	-	140	-
Various Missions	478	180	-	658	287
Insurance	853	-	-	853	827
Bank Charges	122	-	-	122	74
Council Tax & Water	2,554	-	-	2,554	2,432
Light & Heat	2,641	-	-	2,641	2,263
Repairs & Renovations	2,794	-	-	2,794	3,911
Health & Safety	404	-	-	404	1,273
Grounds Maintenance	32	120	-	152	419
Telephone/Broadband	425	-	-	425	369
Post, Stationery, Website, Literature, etc	302	-	-	302	-
Parish Expenses	62	-	-	62	99
Subscriptions & Licences	265	-	-	265	236
Professional Fees	6,310	-	-	6,310	6,644
Purchase of Equipment	-	-	-	-	1,199
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>36,729</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>37,029</b>	<b>37,980</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>36,729</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>37,029</b>	<b>37,980</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>2,811</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,811</b>	<b>- 6,078</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>59,117</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>59,117</b>	<b>65,195</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>61,928</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>61,928</b>	<b>59,117</b>



## 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	HSBC Charitable Account	21,231	-	-
	HSBC Money Manager Account	40,697	-	-
	Cash received but not banked	-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>61,928</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

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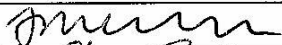
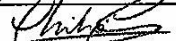
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Chapel, Hall, Manse	General	-	-
	Graveyard, Car Park, Land	General	-	-
	Fixtures, Fittings, Equipment	General	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	RICHARD MANSELL	28/09/23
	PHILIP PAIN	07/09/23



# 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

ACKHILL BAPTIST CHURCH

On accounts for the year  
ended

31 AUGUST 2023

Charity no  
(if any)

1195592

Set out on pages

A1 AND A2

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 08 / 2023**.

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.

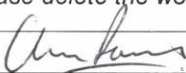
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below \*~~) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- 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:

06/02/2024

Name:

CHRISTOPHER THOMAS NATHANIEL DAVIS

Relevant professional  
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.