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Trustees' Annual Report

For the period: 01 September 2023 to 31 August 2024

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
Philip Pain	Deacon	For the full financial year
Benjamin Peter Thornton		For the full financial year
Cherry Tooley		From 14 th October 2023

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, Revision 1 dated: 24 April 2023
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. 35 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)• Financial Controls Policy• Reserves Policy



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 said farewell to two members of our congregation during the period as they went to be with the Lord. Funeral services were held at the Chapel, one of which saw ca. 250 people in attendance, including many from the local community.

Sunday School and the Dolley Tots mother-and-toddler group meetings are both running regularly, with all leaders and helpers being trained and DBS checked. Dolley Tots numbers continue to grow steadily. Sunday School numbers have fluctuated as families with Sunday School-age children have both joined and moved away from the area. We are often blessed to welcome visiting families and grandchildren of regular members. Our overall attendance at Sunday worship is up by ca. 16% compared to 2022/23.

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. In October 2023 we started a homegroup meeting for those wishing to meet face-to-face for fellowship, prayer and study during the week. This group, which meets twice a month, has grown to the point where it may soon split into two with one part meeting in a different geographical location.

Section D, cont

Achievements and performance

Main achievements during the year, cont.

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

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 under the oversight and direction of one of the trustees, Cherry Tooley.

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, visiting family members and 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 have become members, and it is expected that at least one further couple will be accepted into membership at the AGM in October 2024. 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 and all property assets have been registered in the name of the CIO at the Land Registry.

Some minor roof repairs have been carried out to the flat roofs over the Chapel kitchen and the Manse garage and a new overhead projector was purchased and installed inside the Chapel.

As well as the regular, in-house, quarterly electrical checks under our Health & Safety Policy (plugs, sockets, lighting, etc), we have also instituted annual PAT testing of all equipment by the same qualified electrician who undertakes our 5-yearly electrical system testing.



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Section E

Financial review

Reserves policy	We aim to maintain reserves at the bank of £68,000, £36,000 of which covers approximately 12 months running costs and £32,000 is designated for significant renovation/repair projects or other unforeseen major costs. Any additional reserves will be considered by the Trustees for funding other appropriate missions in keeping with the charitable objects of the church.
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 direct to the Ackhill Baptist Church bank account, one-off gifts and gift aid. One regular gift aided donation is still administered by Stewardship and paid by grant to the church each month.
Main areas of expenditure	Staff costs, building maintenance and utilities accounted for 71% of total expenditure in the period. Other significant items were solicitor's fees of £1,990 (final costs of charity formation), Council Tax of £2,392, and purchase of equipment of £1,052.
Payment to Trustee	As allowed within the Constitution, a salary and pension amounting to £21,172 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 20th September 2024).

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

Signature(s)

Full Name(s)

Richard John Mansell

Position

Chairman

Date

20th September 2024



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Appendix

Ackhill Baptist Church financial statements for the year to 31 August 2024

This draft contains last year's IER for now ...

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Ackhill Baptist Church

1195592

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
01/09/2023

To

Period end date
31/08/2024

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					
Weekly Offerings	16,363	-	-	16,363	13,340
Stewardship	2,822	-	-	2,822	5,445
Giving with Gift Aid Declaration	21,800	-	-	21,800	14,855
Gift Aid Payments from HMRC	6,413	-	-	6,413	4,316
Upkeep of Graveyard	-	120	-	120	120
Other Donations	2,020	165	-	2,185	1,250
Resale of Teaching Materials	153	-	-	153	114
Interest Received	922	-	-	922	400
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	50,493	285	-	50,778	39,840
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	50,493	285	-	50,778	39,840
A3 Payments					
Salary, Pension & Tax Costs	21,779	-	-	21,779	19,347
Visiting Preachers	70	-	-	70	140
Various Missions	695	165	-	860	658
Insurance	915	-	-	915	853
Bank Charges	133	-	-	133	122
Council Tax & Water	2,661	-	-	2,661	2,554
Light & Heat	1,175	-	-	1,175	2,641
Repairs & Renovations	2,980	-	-	2,980	2,794
Purchase of Equipment	1,052	-	-	1,052	-
Health & Safety	786	-	-	786	404
Grounds Maintenance	640	120	-	760	152
Telephone/Broadband	478	-	-	478	425
Post, Stationery, Website, etc	196	-	-	196	302
General Expenses	246	-	-	246	62
Subscriptions & Licences	306	-	-	306	265
Professional Fees	2,344	-	-	2,344	6,310
Sub total	36,456	285	-	36,741	37,029
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	36,456	285	-	36,741	37,029
Net of receipts/(payments)	14,037	-	-	14,037	2,811
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	61,928	-	-	61,928	59,117
Cash funds this year end	75,965	-	-	75,965	61,928

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	7,346	-	-
	HSBC Money Manager Account	68,619	-	-
	Cash received but not banked	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	75,965	-	-

(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 £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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 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

[Signature]
[Signature]

RICHARD MANSELL
PHILIP PAIN

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06/09/24

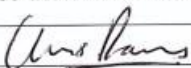


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Independent examiner's
report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	ACKHILL BAPTIST CHURCH		
On accounts for the year ended	31 AUGUST 2024	Charity no (if any)	1195592
Set out on pages	A1 AND A2		
<p>I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 08 / 2024.</p>			
Responsibilities and basis of report	<p>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").</p> <p>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.</p>		
Independent examiner's statement	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or the accounts do not accord with the accounting records <p>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.</p> <p><i>* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.</i></p>		
Signed:		Date:	01/11/2024
Name:	CHRISTOPHER THOMAS NATHANIEL DAVIS		
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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.