

**WORLE BAPTIST CHURCH
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE PERIOD 1 JANUARY 2023 TO 31 DECEMBER 2023**

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER - 1198158

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Financial Statements

Period ended 31 December 2023

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Trustees' Annual Report

Period ended 31 December 2023

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the period 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name	Worle Baptist Church	
Charity registration number	1198158	
Principal office	43 Rawlins Avenue Worle Weston-super-Mare BS22 7FN	
The trustees	I Cook	(Resigned 5 March 2023)
	S Lucas	(Resigned 5 March 2023)
	K Needham	
	C Green	
	C Hammond	(Appointed 5 March 2023)
	A Bailyes	(Resigned 3 March 2024)
	D Toomer	(Appointed 3 March 2024)
	S Toomer	(Appointed 3 March 2024)
Independent examiner	P Lomax, FCA Westcotts (SW) LLP Tallford House 38 Wallscote Road Weston-super-Mare North Somerset BS23 1LP	

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Trustees' Annual Report

Period ended 31 December 2023

Structure, governance and management

- Treasurer
- I Cook (Resigned 5 March 2023)
 - C Green (Appointed 23 March 2023)
- Secretary
- K Needham

The trustees are appointed on the basis of qualification and experience relevant to the charity's operations. The governing document of the charity is the Constitution.

The charity is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

Objectives and activities

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 Purpose 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

When planning objectives and activities for the year, the Charity have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Achievements and performance

Worle Baptist Church have continued to gather to worship on a Sunday morning with a healthy number of people attending. The teaching series of People Jesus Met and Stories Jesus Told continued into 2024. It was paused through Lent when we joined with other Weston Baptist Churches to consider how the Old Testament relates to the story of Lent leading to Easter Sunday.

Worle Baptist Church continues to work in partnership with the other Baptist Churches in Weston to build God's Kingdom. Together the Renew 193 Wellbeing Space remains open 6 sessions per week on Worle High Street and other opportunities for joint mission have been explored. Worle Baptist Church continues to host 'Meeting Point' a weekly meeting in term time for more mature people, it is always well attended. Our weekly Toddler Church remains busy. We have also several small home groups meeting regularly. Outside of term time we hold a Community Café in the building and encourage people of all ages to pop in for a cuppa and more importantly, company.

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Financial review

As at the year-end the Charity is in a strong financial position. Total funds held were £147,915, split between funds as:

- £134,919 was held in Unrestricted funds
- £5,996 was held in Designated funds
- £7,000 was held in Restricted funds

The church aims to hold sufficient funds in general reserves to meet its obligations for at least a 3 month period.

Funds held in designated or restricted reserves are held until such as time as they are required in line with their designation or restriction.

The church was supported by its members who give freely and generously. Other income sources in the year include rental income (from the Pre School who use the building during term time) and income tax recovery (via Gift Aid).

During this period the church supported the following organisations by way of giving:

- BMS (annual support for overseas mission)
- Home Mission (annual support for Baptist UK mission work)
- Christians Against Poverty (annual support for UK poverty work)
- Drita E Botas (annual support for our partner church in Albania)

The trustees' annual report was approved on 18 Aug 2024 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

K.M. Needham

K Needham
Trustee

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Worle Baptist Church

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Worle Baptist Church (the charity) for the year ended 31st December 2023, which comprise of the Statement of Financial Activities and the related notes.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity 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 charity'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 2011 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.



Peter Lomax, FCA

Westcotts (SW) LLP, Chartered Accountants and
Business Advisers

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Somerset
BS23 1LP

Date 30/8/24

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR 12 MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	2022 (6 months)
Receipts						
Regular Giving		57,674.08	533.20		58,207.28	28,136.84
Investment Income	2	3,101.06			3,101.06	681.24
Income Tax recovery		18,662.34			18,662.34	6,469.50
Rental Income		16,385.00			16,385.00	7,782.50
Other Income	3	1,317.22		200.00	1,517.22	924.62
Total Incoming receipts		97,139.70	533.20	200.00	97,872.90	43,994.70
Payments						
Ministry	4	50,903.83			50,903.83	24,139.18
Premises Expenditure	5	8,898.89	2,110.90		11,009.79	4,446.63
Giving	6	12,200.00		1,661.45	13,861.45	13,850.00
Governance Costs	7	2,271.10			2,271.10	
Other Causes Payments		705.70		280.69	986.39	
Other Expenditure	8	8,729.23	146.99		8,876.22	6,041.71
Total payments		83,708.75	2,257.89	1,942.14	87,908.78	48,477.52
Net Receipts(Payments)		13,430.95	(1,724.69)	(1,742.14)	9,964.12	(4,482.82)
Opening Funds brought forward		117,776.63	10,298.28	9,876.02	137,950.93	142,433.75
Transfers In/(Out)		3,710.99	(2,577.11)	(1,133.88)		
Closing Funds carried forward		134,918.57	5,996.48	7,000.00	147,915.05	137,950.93
Statement of Assets						
Assets						
CAF Bank Account		20,910.31		7,000.00	27,910.31	20,973.98
BU Deposit Account		98,707.39	5,996.48		104,703.87	101,654.26
Cash		897.63			897.63	919.45
Building Improvements		9,262.20			9,262.20	9,262.20
Equipment		5,141.04			5,141.04	5,141.04
		134,918.57	5,996.48	7,000.00	147,915.05	137,950.93

The church building is 20 years old but has not been valued. It is Insured for £1,334,072

During the year it was identified that £1,133.88 previously included as restricted donations should have been included as designated donations. Therefore the adjustment transferring these out of restricted funds has been made this year.

The notes on pages 6 and 7 form an integral part of these accounts

These accounts were approved by the Trustees on 18 Aug. 2024

And signed on their behalf by

Carol Green
A Carol Green - Trustee

K.M. Needham
B Kath Needham - Secretary

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NOTES TO ACCOUNTS
12 MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These accounts are prepared on a 'Receipts and Payments' basis and accord with S.133 Charities Act 2011

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	2022 (6 months)
2. Investment Income					
Bank Interest	3,101.06			3,101.06	681.24
	3,101.06	-	-	3,101.06	681.24
3. Other Income					
Church Ministries Giving	702.57			702.57	230.00
85th birthday event	500.00		200.00	700.00	
Games night/fish n chips night	114.65			114.65	
PCC Café				-	150.38
Messy Church				-	44.24
Warm Places Grant				-	500.00
	1,317.22	-	200.00	1,517.22	924.62
4. Ministry					
Minister's pay & pension	32,790.48			32,790.48	15,173.07
Manse Allowance & expenses	13,932.01			13,932.01	8,433.12
Visiting Speakers & other staff	4,181.34			4,181.34	532.99
	50,903.83	-	-	50,903.83	24,139.18
5. Premises Expenditure					
Repairs, Renewals & Housekeeping	4,876.14	2,110.90		6,987.04	1,463.56
Sound & Music					239.86
Lighting and Heating	2,451.79			2,451.79	730.16
Water And sewerage	532.47	-	-	532.47	(364.93)
Church Telephone	533.49	-	-	533.49	305.36
Rent	505.00	-	-	505.00	639.00
	8,898.89	2,110.90	-	11,009.79	3,013.01

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NOTES TO ACCOUNTS

Bank Interest

6. Giving

Drita E Botes	3,000.00	1,661.45	4,661.45	4,450.00
BMS	4,000.00		4,000.00	4,000.00
Home Mission	3,000.00		3,000.00	3,000.00
CAP	1,200.00		1,200.00	850.00
P & L Lynch, Bangladesh re projector	250.00		250.00	-
Weston Hospice Care	250.00		250.00	250.00
Embrace the Middle East	250.00		250.00	-
Food Bank	250.00		250.00	300.00
Renew Wellbeing				500.00
Somewhere to Go				250.00
Tools with a Mission				250.00
	<u>12,200.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,861.45</u>	<u>13,850.00</u>

7. Governance Costs

Audit and accountancy	540.00		540.00	-
Insurance	1,731.10		1,731.10	1,433.62
	<u>2,271.10</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,271.10</u>	<u>1,433.62</u>

8. Other Expenditure

Office Supplies/printing	5,091.00	146.99	5,237.99	686.60
Subscriptions	2,338.50		2,338.50	1,217.05
Audio Visual	180.00		180.00	
Outreach	1,119.73		1,119.73	430.45
Training/Conference				420.00
Legal Fees				972.00
Sunday School				123.15
Housekeeping/ Gardening				1,765.79
Mossy Church				208.14
PCC Cafe				218.53
	<u>8,729.23</u>	<u>146.99</u>	<u>8,876.22</u>	<u>6,041.71</u>