

WYMONDHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1199302

Details

Other names	WBC
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2022-06-14
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE PRINCIPAL PURPOSES OF THE CHURCH ARE:- 3.1.1 THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH ACCORDING TO THE PRINCIPLES OF THE BAPTIST DENOMINATION. 3.1.2 THE CHURCH MAY ALSO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND CARRY OUT OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND/OR OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD. 3.2 [NOTHING IN THIS CONSTITUTION SHALL AUTHORISE AN APPLICATION OF THE PROPERTY OF THE CHURCH FOR PURPOSES WHICH ARE NOT CHARITABLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 7 OF THE CHARITIES AND TRUSTEE INVESTMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005 OR SECTION 2 OF THE CHARITIES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2008.]

Activities: Wymondham Baptist church is a Christian church. As a church we hold regular church services. We also run a community cafe and other activities in support of the local community.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Norfolk

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£192,114	£189,309	-	-
2023-12-31	£132,555	£133,394	-	-
2022-12-31	£77,675	£69,943	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Paul John David Smith	Chair	2022-06-14
Dr Janet Joy Hunt		2025-04-06
Gillian Mary Price BA		2022-06-14
Jason Paul O'Dell		2022-07-17
Kate Kinsey		2026-04-26
Keith Anthony Hilton		2024-04-28
Mathew Mutokonya		2024-04-28
Vera Cooke		2023-03-26

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Accounts

WYMONDHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

UNAUDITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Trustees P J D Smith, Chair
V Cooke
K A Hilton (appointed 28 April 2024)
M Mutokonya (appointed 28 April 2024)
J P O'Dell
G M Price BA
N A Starling (resigned 24 November 2024)

**Charity registered
number** 1199302

Principal office Wymondham Baptist Church
Queen Street
Wymondham
NR18 0AY

Accountants BW Audit Ltd
Chartered Accountants
Berry & Warren
54 Thorpe Road
Norwich
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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the Charity for the year 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024.

Objectives and activities

a. Policies and objectives

The purpose of the charity is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination. Our vision is 'to be an authentic church with a place for everyone'.

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

b. Strategies for achieving objectives

The Trustees of Wymondham Baptist Church meet each month except in August and December and are responsible for the pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical mission of the church. The Trustees are also responsible for the maintenance of the church in Queen Street, Wymondham and the manse in Folly Road, Wymondham. Each member of the Leadership Team takes responsibility for an area of the work of the church. During the year many hours have been given to the development of a multi-purpose extension to the site at Queen Street so that we are more able to offer services to our community. We have also sought to bring the church building up to standard by installing air conditioning in the kitchen and employing a company to clean the external stonework.

c. Activities undertaken to achieve objectives

The Trustees have due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and they are committed to enabling as many people as possible to be part of the worshipping community. We have continued to live stream and record our services via Zoom. During 2024 we have shared time with the local Churches Together group. We have also welcomed children from a local school into the church building so that they could understand more about the Baptist denomination. During the year a Baptismal course was held to enable enquirers to understand more the significance of adult baptism. As a result of this course four people were baptised. As a fellowship we have spent times of prayer and reflection together. The Trustees spent a day together off site considering their roles and how they could work together more efficiently and effectively. At the beginning of September a church BBQ was held in the church garden to give opportunity for the whole fellowship to spend fun time together. As a fellowship we are aware of our safeguarding responsibilities and held a course in the autumn at the church for our workers and others within the Eastern Baptist Association.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Objectives and activities (continued)

d. Main activities undertaken to further the Charity's purposes for the public benefit

We are a welcoming church seeking to show Jesus and his love in all we do. We hold regular Sunday morning services, Children and young people are welcome and we offer activities suitable for their age groups. We celebrate communion on the first Sunday of each month. Communion is also taken to those who are housebound. Our services are open to all. We also run Cafe church four times a year. We tithe our giving in support of three overseas missions - Baptist Missionary Society, Good News Evangelical Mission and the Falconer Trust. During the year we have increased the number of home groups that we run. These groups offer members the opportunity to get together once a fortnight to study God's word in more depth, to share, offer support and care for one another. The group leaders have also met to review and share the progress of the groups.

We run a youth cafe each Tuesday after school during term time for young people from the local high school. We also run a Youth Group on alternate Fridays and attendance at both these activities has increased during 2024.

During 2024 we have opened our doors to Rosedale, a local funeral service, who have run bereavement courses on the premises and also offer a once a month follow on group at the church. We also welcomed a Ukelele group, but they had to cease meeting on our premises as we could not offer a big enough space for them to meet in. The Trussell Trust operates from our premises each Friday. Each week the local Menscraft group, who support men with mental health issues use the premises, they also offer one to one counselling from time to time. During the colder months the church has opened as a warm space one afternoon a week. This has proved very popular and valuable to many in the community who struggle to fund their heating but are also lonely. One again we arranged a collection of tools etc. for Tools with a Mission and also shared in the Samaritan's Purse Shoebox appeal. As a church we have taken part in Anglia in Bloom and Wymondham in Bloom, being awarded 'Best Hidden Gem' in 2024. Our premises are regularly used as a base for the local Litter Pick. Wymondham Youth Music Group have run two concerts at the church during the year for young people and their families.

We have a number of volunteers from the fellowship who share in the work of the church, as well as those from the local community and during the year we held a Volunteer celebration event to thank them for all the work that they undertake each week.

We have an ECO group who work to ensure that we are all aware of the part we play in valuing the world that God created. This group arranged an event to bring awareness of the ways in which we can care for our world and be more aware of creation. This group has also organized a School Uniform Bank to recycle outgrown school uniform and this bank opens regularly at our community cafe. We held a Christmas jumper swap but this was not so well supported. The group and others also care for our garden and have invited those from the surrounding area to enjoy our garden area.

In the Autumn our premises were broken into. The safe was broken open and monies stolen. At this difficult time we experienced the presence of God with us as we witnessed to His provision - all damage done and monies taken were returned through our insurance claim and the local community raised funds also that we have been able to use to improve our security systems.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Objectives and activities (continued)

Achievements and performance

a. Main achievements of the Charity

Our primary purpose is to teach people about Jesus, his life, death and resurrection and to this end our minister prepares a preaching programme following different areas of Bible study.

During the course of the year two members died, and four new members have been added. The church currently has 57 members.

Part of the current vision of Wymondham Baptist Church is to extend our premises to provide a purpose-built area which will be used by the church community cafe and also be available for use by the community. To this end we have had a number of fund-raising events to raise the necessary funds to make this a reality. We have held a Quiz Night, a Craft event, a Film Show, held an afternoon tea, held a Gospel Choir concert and two concerts presented by the Hemsby Singers as well as holding a Sponsored Bible Reading and a Giving weekend. A small group of members of the fellowship have spent many hours applying to charitable trusts and funders to seek their financial support of the project.

During December 2024 our pastor worked specifically with the children and young people on Sunday mornings and the adult services were led by other members of the fellowship. The young people and children then led the morning service on the last Sunday before Christmas. On the same day a Carol service was held in the evening. On the last Sunday of the year the fellowship went on a prayer walk, thanking God for the past year and looking to Him for the future of the fellowship and the local community as we seek to develop our work amongst those around us.

Financial review

a. Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

b. Reserves policy

At 31 December 2024, the charity held total funds of £3,031,189 (2023: £3,028,384) of which £2,944,022 (2023: £3,009,907) was unrestricted. Free reserves at 31 December 2024 are £29,300 (2023: £32,507).

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

Wymondham Baptist Church is a registered charity, number 1199302, and is constituted under a Trust deed.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Structure, governance and management (continued)

b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

The management of the Charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Trust deed.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:


.....
P J D Smith

Date: 11/6/25.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Wymondham Baptist Church ('the Charity')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2024.

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 2011 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 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 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 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.

This report is made solely to the Charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity and the Charity's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Signed:



Dated: 14 July 2025

Joanne Fox BA FCA

BW Audit Ltd
Chartered Accountants
Norwich

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

		Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	<i>As restated Total funds 2023 £</i>
	Note				
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	4	84,404	72,373	156,777	88,863
Charitable activities	5	31,226	88	31,314	26,679
Investments	6	976	-	976	905
Other income	7	3,047	-	3,047	10,109
Total income		119,653	72,461	192,114	126,556
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	8	185,538	3,771	189,309	172,221
Total expenditure		185,538	3,771	189,309	172,221
Net movement in funds		(65,885)	68,690	2,805	(45,665)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		3,009,907	18,477	3,028,384	3,074,049
Net movement in funds		(65,885)	68,690	2,805	(45,665)
Total funds carried forward		2,944,022	87,167	3,031,189	3,028,384

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

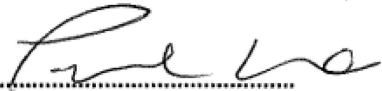
The notes on pages 9 to 22 form part of these financial statements.

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**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Note	2024 £	As restated 2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	12	2,938,680	2,977,400
		<u>2,938,680</u>	<u>2,977,400</u>
Current assets			
Investments	13	24,256	2,629
Cash at bank and in hand		71,255	48,355
		<u>95,511</u>	<u>50,984</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(3,002)	-
Net current assets		<u>92,509</u>	<u>50,984</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>3,031,189</u>	<u>3,028,384</u>
Total net assets		<u><u>3,031,189</u></u>	<u><u>3,028,384</u></u>
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	15	87,167	18,477
Unrestricted funds	15	2,944,022	3,009,907
Total funds		<u><u>3,031,189</u></u>	<u><u>3,028,384</u></u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:


P J D Smith

Date: 11/6/25.

The notes on pages 9 to 22 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1. General information

Wymondham Baptist Church is a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO), registered on 14 June 2022 under charity number 1199302. The principal office address is Wymondham Baptist Church, Queen Street, Wymondham NR18 0AY.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair' view. This departure has involved following the Charities SORP (FRS 102) published in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

Wymondham Baptist Church meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

2.2 Income

All income is recognised once the Charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Grants are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance Sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

Other income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.3 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.4 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

2.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Assets in the course of construction are included at costs incurred to date. Depreciation on these assets is not charged until they are brought into use.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives.

Depreciation is provided on the following bases:

Freehold property	- 2% straight line
Fixtures and fittings	- 10 year straight line

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.6 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

2.7 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities as a finance cost.

2.8 Financial instruments

The Charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.9 Pensions

The Charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the Charity to the fund in respect of the year.

2.10 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

3. Prior year adjustments

On conversion to a CIO on 14 June 2022 the Church building and the Manse were transferred to the charity. A prior year adjustment has been made to reflect the donation of the asset at this date. A further adjustment has been made to capitalise the new kitchen which was installed in the year ended 31 December 2023.

4. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Donations	79,008	27,985	106,993
Grants	5,396	44,388	49,784
	<u>84,404</u>	<u>72,373</u>	<u>156,777</u>

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Donations	78,977	2,386	81,363
Grants	7,500	-	7,500
	<u>86,477</u>	<u>2,386</u>	<u>88,863</u>

5. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Church Activities	<u>31,226</u>	<u>88</u>	<u>31,314</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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5. Income from charitable activities (continued)

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2023 £</i>	<i>Restricted funds 2023 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Church Activities	25,976	703	26,679

6. Investment income

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2024 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Interest received	976	976

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2023 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Interest received	905	905

7. Other incoming resources

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2024 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Lettings income	1,440	1,440
Insurance claim	1,607	1,607
	<u>3,047</u>	<u>3,047</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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7. Other incoming resources (continued)

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2023 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Lettings income	1,200	1,200
Insurance claim	8,909	8,909
	<u>10,109</u>	<u>10,109</u>

8. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	<i>Activities undertaken directly 2024 £</i>	<i>Support costs 2024 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Church Activities	<u>181,696</u>	<u>7,613</u>	<u>189,309</u>

	<i>Activities undertaken directly 2023 £</i>	<i>Support costs 2023 £</i>	<i>As restated Total funds 2023 £</i>
Church Activities	<u>166,013</u>	<u>6,208</u>	<u>172,221</u>

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8. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs

	Church Activities 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Staff costs	45,013	45,013
Church premises costs	26,375	26,375
Manse costs	8,694	8,694
Outreach programmes	9,850	9,850
Roots	24,225	24,225
Building project	1,714	1,714
Other	3,147	3,147
Depreciation	62,678	62,678
	<u>181,696</u>	<u>181,696</u>

	Church Activities 2023 £	As restated Total funds 2023 £
Staff costs	38,749	38,749
Church premises costs	22,115	22,115
Manse costs	8,487	8,487
Outreach programmes	9,216	9,216
Roots	23,623	23,623
Building project	528	528
Other	2,240	2,240
Depreciation	61,055	61,055
	<u>166,013</u>	<u>166,013</u>

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8. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of support costs

	Church Activities 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Printing and stationery	1,532	1,532
Website and communication	943	943
Subscriptions	558	558
Licence fees	933	933
Bank charges	305	305
Accountancy and payroll fees	1,788	1,788
Sundry	1,554	1,554
	<u>7,613</u>	<u>7,613</u>

	Church Activities 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Printing and stationery	1,519	1,519
Website and communication	1,028	1,028
Subscriptions	416	416
Licence fees	760	760
Accountancy and payroll fees	318	318
Sundry	2,167	2,167
	<u>6,208</u>	<u>6,208</u>

9. Independent examiner's remuneration

	2024 £	2023 £
Fees payable to the Charity's independent examiner for the independent examination of the Charity's annual accounts	<u>1,440</u>	<u>-</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

10. Staff costs

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	40,857	35,605
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	4,156	3,144
	<u>45,013</u>	<u>38,749</u>

The average number of persons employed by the Charity during the year was as follows:

	2024 No.	2023 No.
Employees	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

The key management personnel of the charity are the Trustees and the leadership team. The pay and benefits (including employer pension contributions) of the key management personnel during the year were £45,013 (2023: £38,749).

11. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2023: £nil).

During the year ended 31 December 2024, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2023: £nil).

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12. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold property £	Asset under construction £	Fixtures and fittings £	Total £
Cost or valuation				
At 1 January 2024	3,052,755	-	16,228	3,068,983
Additions	-	23,958	-	23,958
At 31 December 2024	<u>3,052,755</u>	<u>23,958</u>	<u>16,228</u>	<u>3,092,941</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2024	91,583	-	-	91,583
Charge for the year	61,055	-	1,623	62,678
At 31 December 2024	<u>152,638</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,623</u>	<u>154,261</u>
Net book value				
At 31 December 2024	<u>2,900,117</u>	<u>23,958</u>	<u>14,605</u>	<u>2,938,680</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>2,961,172</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,228</u>	<u>2,977,400</u>

13. Current asset investments

	2024 £	2023 £
3 month notice account	<u>24,256</u>	<u>2,629</u>

14. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Accruals and deferred income	<u>3,002</u>	<u>-</u>

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15. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 January 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 December 2024 £
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds					
Maintenance reserve	-	-	-	3,000	3,000
Electricity reserve	-	-	(1,060)	3,620	2,560
Reserve fund	12,500	-	-	1,200	13,700
Roots Community Cafe	14,915	31,782	(24,375)	(8,523)	13,799
Kitchen fund	357	215	(1,345)	923	150
Fellowship fund	124	-	-	-	124
	<u>27,896</u>	<u>31,997</u>	<u>(26,780)</u>	<u>220</u>	<u>33,333</u>
General funds					
General Funds	<u>2,982,011</u>	<u>87,656</u>	<u>(158,758)</u>	<u>(220)</u>	<u>2,910,689</u>
Total Unrestricted funds	<u>3,009,907</u>	<u>119,653</u>	<u>(185,538)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,944,022</u>
Restricted funds					
Eco Church	517	88	(538)	-	67
Alpha	245	-	-	-	245
Building fund	17,294	68,118	(1,715)	-	83,697
Home from home	421	5	(518)	1,250	1,158
NCF Surviving Winter	-	3,500	(250)	(1,250)	2,000
South Norfolk DC	-	750	(750)	-	-
	<u>18,477</u>	<u>72,461</u>	<u>(3,771)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>87,167</u>
Total of funds	<u>3,028,384</u>	<u>192,114</u>	<u>(189,309)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,031,189</u>

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15. Statement of funds (continued)

Eco Church - for ECO projects at Wymondham Baptist Church

Alpha - to support the delivery of Alpha courses

Building fund - for the building of the extension at Wymondham Baptist Church

Home from home - to support our Warm Space

NCF Surviving Winter - to support our Warm Space

South Norfolk District Council - to support our Warm Space

A transfer has been made from NCF Surviving Winter to the Home from Home fund during the year, the funding is for our Warm Space and the reallocation reflects where the expenditure is incurred. Further transfers have been made from unrestricted for income that has been designated.

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15. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 January 2023 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Transfers in/out £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 December 2023 £</i>
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds					
Reserve fund	11,900	-	-	600	12,500
Roots Community Cafe	19,412	26,484	(23,622)	(7,359)	14,915
Kitchen fund	-	19,333	-	(18,976)	357
Fellowship fund	131	-	(7)	-	124
	<u>31,443</u>	<u>45,817</u>	<u>(23,629)</u>	<u>(25,735)</u>	<u>27,896</u>
General funds					
General Funds	<u>3,024,350</u>	<u>77,649</u>	<u>(147,223)</u>	<u>27,235</u>	<u>2,982,011</u>
Total Unrestricted funds	<u>3,055,793</u>	<u>123,466</u>	<u>(170,852)</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>3,009,907</u>
Restricted funds					
Eco Church	384	703	(570)	-	517
Alpha	283	-	(38)	-	245
Building fund	15,435	2,387	(528)	-	17,294
Home from home	2,154	-	(233)	(1,500)	421
	<u>18,256</u>	<u>3,090</u>	<u>(1,369)</u>	<u>(1,500)</u>	<u>18,477</u>
Total of funds	<u>3,074,049</u>	<u>126,556</u>	<u>(172,221)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,028,384</u>

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16. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current period

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	2,914,722	23,958	2,938,680
Current assets	32,302	63,209	95,511
Creditors due within one year	(3,002)	-	(3,002)
Total	2,944,022	87,167	3,031,189

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior period

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	2,977,400	-	2,977,400
Current assets	32,507	18,477	50,984
Total	3,009,907	18,477	3,028,384

17. Pension commitments

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the group in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the group to the fund. £nil (2023 - £nil) was payable to the fund at the balance sheet date.

18. Related party transactions

During the year a Trustee received remuneration for their role as Pastor. Remuneration including employers pension contributions for the year totalled £32,405 (2023: £29,748).

The authority for the remuneration of trustees can be found in the Constitution of the Charity.

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Preface from our Pastor

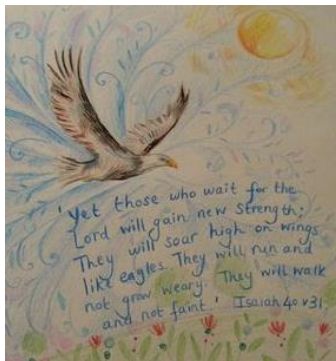
As you read this report, I pray that you are as encouraged as I am. There are lots of positive things happening in the life of WBC, not least of which is the numerical growth of the church. I thank all those involved in helping us to continue to reach out to each other and to those who are in contact with us, though various different ways, with the love of God. I thank you for all your hard work and sacrificial giving, for your prayers and support over the past 12 months. I thank you for the love you demonstrate as a fellowship. However, I wish to keep the following at the forefront of our minds - *'Unless the LORD builds the house, the work of the builders is wasted. Unless the LORD protects a city, guarding it with sentries will do no good'* Psalm 127: 1 (NLT)

It is important that we do not puff our chests out as some kind of proud peacock but instead give thanks in humble adoration as to what God has been doing amongst us. It is He whom has been at work and we have the great joy and privilege of joining Him in that. Let us stay focused and forever searching him for the ways forward. I look forward to the future.

As the song by Maverick city music goes 'I thank God'

Blessings

Paul



Wymondham Baptist Church

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Verse of the Year 2023:

‘Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.’ Joshua 1 verse 9

Vision Verse -

“Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back, lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes.” - Isaiah 54:2

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Pastor

I cannot believe I am sitting here again at my computer trying to capture another year that has passed. Where does time go. As always I am grateful to Cathy for helping me collate what happens in church life as we meet regularly and try to record month by month the events as and when they transpire. It always amazes me as I reflect on the past 12 months just how much WBC does! I will, as per usual, not mention everything nor go into in depth detail as many things will be duplicated in these reports by others, but, suffice to say I pray you are as encouraged as I am when you read them.

I can categorically say that in all my time here as pastor of WBC we have never known a year of growth numerically like 2023. We started out the year in January with 43 people in membership and by December had 55 people. Praise be to God for the increase in the harvest. This figure though only tells part of the story as that is just the number of people who have applied to be members. There has also been a large increase in the number of people who regularly attend our times of worship on Sunday mornings and also others who join in with the life of the fellowship.



January saw my ordination service take place where I 'officially' became Rev Paul Smith. It was a great celebration to be part of. For those of you who have been here from the start of this journey way back in 2012 it seemed a long while coming. However all good things come to those who wait (not a biblical verse) but it holds some truth. God's timing is always perfect. My thanks go to all who helped organise the day, to Chris Duffett who brought the message and the challenge, to those from other churches in the town who joined us and to the local councillors who came along. But special mention must go to Ray Finch who took the lead and organised everything. He will always hold a special place in my heart for his kindness and compassion and the way he longed to see this celebration as a significant marker for the church. I think he was right as it was from this point that we, WBC, started to see the growth. We hosted cafe church again and we continue to see this ministry grow. We also held a whole church prayer gathering.

Sadly, as February came upon us Ray was rushed into hospital and subsequently died. I cannot express how devastating I found this on a personal level. In fact I have to admit as I sit here today I still have not come to terms with it all. As a church we greatly miss Ray's gifting and his wisdom. I cannot write in this report all I would like to say about this, just to say our love and prayers continue to Cathy. I can only cry out to God and ask him to help us to come to terms with it all.

As we entered March we held our very first seed swap event as part of our ECO church mission. This was very well attended and a great building block to reaching out to the community. I had the privilege of sharing our vision as a church with the Rotary group, explaining our plans for the futures. The end of that month saw us host our final Home from Home as the better weather approached. We also held our AGM.

April saw the beginning of the powerhouse prayer focus. We also gathered for the film showing of 'Heaven is for real' before embarking on a sermon series looking at what we believe as Christians about life after death. Beth Powney retired from her role as regional minister and I was delighted to speak at her farewell gathering. I was greatly encouraged by a conversation I had with Lynn Green who is the general secretary of the BU saying she recognised me and indeed the church here at WBC from the Home Mission film we had been part of. We started a new Alpha course and also enjoyed a worship walk together in Ashwellthorpe woods.



In May we, like the nation, watched the King's coronation take place as a new era dawned upon the country. We gave out books as commemoration of the occasion. We were also paid a visit by the Home Mission grants team to see if we were eligible for continued funding here at WBC. It is always good to talk to others about how we believe God is at work here, and nothing speaks to me more about that than baptism. We had two candidates for our service and it was great to celebrate with Finlay and Carol as they answered the call of Jesus to be baptised.

Sadly, we suffered a leak in the kitchen which resulted in some unit damage.

Summer came along and as we entered June the building steering group met with Graham from the County Council as he gave us lots of advice on going forward with funding applications. We then held a day of prayer and fasting to seek God's continued guidance for the vision.

We looked at the options with regards to the kitchen and started consultations with the insurance company.

By July we had narrowed down what these were and presented them to the church, who desired that we future proof our facilities in line with the vision and so therefore we took a cash settlement from the Insurance Company and work commenced on replacing the entire kitchen. This meant that Roots closed for the summer holidays as works were carried out.

I was invited to join the EBA council and with the church's approval took on this new role.



In August myself, Emma, Penny and John carried on with the installation of the new kitchen. It was hard work but the results were amazing. We were amazed at the giving towards the works and not just by those who are part of WBC. We had a donation of £3,000 from one couple, who do not go to church, for the work we do.

September was a busy month as we started the autumn term with a big church clean. We had a fellowship BBQ after morning worship which was a great time of fellowship and catching up with each other after a busy summer.

We joined in with the town wide Vintage Day event. This saw many people come along for a day of fun. Though it is always a challenge as we do not have morning worship on that Sunday. I do believe it is a good witness to our community as we share that we are as much a part of the town and not just people out with an agenda.

We also hosted a TWAM collection and as per usual were inundated with lots of tools, but also we were gifted with £80 towards the cafe for the work it does.

In October we hosted a litter pick with Greening Wymondham and held our annual Shoebox Sunday. It was amazing how many boxes we had to send away as part of Operation Christmas Child.

Sadly, we lost Hilary as she died after a very short illness. She is sorely missed and it was such a privilege to have seen her grow in her faith since she came here.

At the end of the month we hosted an ECO focused service looking at how God wants us to think about creation care and we enjoyed a bring and share lunch together.

November saw us again take part in Wynterfest as we shared in a Christmas fair sharing the message of what the focus is all about. This continued throughout December. We hosted the Hemsbysingers at a carol concert in support of WBC raising funds for the building project. We also led a service of remembrance in conjunction with Rosedale funeral homes. We held our own Carol service and a youth led service.



As you look back over the past 12 months it is amazing. I often say that as a church we ‘punch above our weight’ with all the ministries we are involved in. It amazes me how much ‘work’ we do. but that is not my focus. It is incredible what we do at WBC but I am not sure that is what amazes me. What does, if I am honest, is just how much we are blessed by God. The verse for the year for 2023 was “be strong and courageous for your Lord your God is with you wherever you go”

Joshua 1:9. This verse was so important to me on a personal level as we faced ups and downs as a church. But as I look back I can see the hands of Christ in so many ways it gives me courage for the future. A future that I believe is looking brighter and exciting. Long may we focus on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, as we enter the new year.

Blessings

Paul

Prayer Life at WBC

This year we started some new prayer initiatives with these aims in mind:

- Encourage and build us up in our personal prayer lives
- Establish a framework of regular church prayer meetings
- Inspire the whole church to experience the power of praying together

1. **Tuesday Power Hour, 10-11am** - this weekly prayer time started in March and now has 4-8 regular pray-ers who say praying together has strengthened and deepened their own prayer lives.
2. **Day of prayer and fasting for WBC vision, Thursday 29th June** - over 20 people participated throughout the day. At the evening prayer time, we prayed around the WBC premises and Paul led us in dedicating afresh the gates of WBC, as per Nehemiah chapter 12.
3. **Prayer session with young people, Sunday 5th November** - it was a privilege to work with Ruth Rallan and young people aged 4 - 14 years, focusing on the Lord's prayer and then putting prayer into practice. It was great to see all the young people actively participate.
4. **New Year's Eve prayer gathering Sunday 31st December** - we looked back with gratitude over 2023, sharing testimonies to God's faithfulness, and praying into 2024 with faith and expectation.
5. **Monthly prayer meeting in 2024 (7.30-8.30pm first Thursday)** - we believe that corporate prayer is the engine room of the church and the Leadership Team has established this monthly prayer meeting in 2024.



We wrote last year of the huge need for prayer for crises facing individuals, our town, our country and our world - the needs are even more complex and challenging as we go into 2024. As God's people, we believe our prayers bring about change as we intercede for lives to be turned around, saved, delivered, healed. WBC's vision is to be a church with 'a passion for prayer' and like Jesus' disciples, we come to Him and ask, "Lord, teach us to pray".

Vera Cooke and Gill Price

Roots Community Café

Roots continues to grow, we are still welcoming new visitors to some sessions but equally have our regulars who have journeyed with us from the beginning.

Changing Monday to Wednesday has worked well and we have seen the day change helping with food waste and easier set up. We have been slower on a Wednesday than a Friday but that is normal and we are not concerned. It allows for more time getting to know our visitors and building stronger relationships.

As always we struggle with volunteers, last year I reported that we hadn't managed to find someone who can fill the kitchen role completely, but I'm happy to say Jane has really stepped up into this role and can on quieter days cope on her own if needed. Margaret has joined the team and brings a smile to all our faces with her witty sense of humour.

We have seen Bev Woodhouse attend a few services, mostly under the guise of helping out in the kitchen on cafe church days but slow and steadily feeling more able to turn up and feel welcomed in to other elements of church life.

Again there has been an increase in donations to the pay it forward board including a couple of grants we were awarded thanks to Cathy. Sadly there continues to be a high number of people using it due the continuing cost of living crisis.

Shopping bills for Roots have again increased and we will therefore be reviewing our prices at Easter.



The new kitchen has made a massive difference to the day to day running of Roots, we have more space and the eye level ovens really help. The whole layout makes the shift easier to manage.

Roots was pleased to be part of the Vintage day and Wynterfest celebrations in the town, we have had lots of positive feedback about how well we engage in the wider community and make the effort to build relationships with those outside the church. We were told we are always willing to look out and not simply focus on ourselves.

We catered for Hilary Marsh's funeral, as well as another for a young lad, again showing our love for others using skills we have in the .

I want to thank all those who have helped at Roots, either regularly or as and when, we have defiantly touched our community with Gods love this past year.

Emma Smith

Thrive@Roots

Thrive is our youth cafe that operates on Tuesday afternoons during term times from 2:15-4:30.

It is a ministry that started in order to provide a safe space for the youth school Year 7 and onwards, as the high school day finishes early on Tuesdays. It is run by a small team consisting of Emma, Ruth, Alison and Vic, Paul attends when he can and often works in the main hall.

Thrive continues to go from strength to strength. It has seen a growth in numbers since September with regular attendance now averaging around 14 Children.

The youngsters arrive and are free to enjoy a relaxed atmosphere where they are provided with a choice of snacks and drinks for them to purchase (there is a pay it forward board available) and games are set up in the main hall. There are also computers set up which have been provided by the county council which the youngsters use in order to do their home work.

Ruth often provides thoughtful craft activities on special occasions which the are a great way of engaging with the children. We also have lots of conversations around all kinds of subjects, from helping with homework to talking about future plans, football, faith, world news and everything else!

With regards to the future-



We face the possibility that the high school are changing their hours and the proposal is that the children will finish early on a Friday instead of a Tuesday.

This will be a challenge we might not be able to meet. We are asking for prayer in discerning the way forward.

We wish to continue to reach out to the young people but might not be able to offer thrive in the same format.

Emma Smith

Sunday Youth Church

Ramona, Ruth & Tracy continue to lead the sessions for the primary aged children on a Sunday morning. Charlotte was our regular helper until September when she left for university and now Daisy Burke is volunteering with us as part of her Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award. It is great to be able to provide this opportunity for our older teenagers and the kids really enjoy having them in the group.

We have changed from using Superbook to the RaiseUp Faith material which is the same as T412 and provides some continuity when the young people are all in together on the first Sunday of the month. We have been looking at the story of creation, the life of Abraham focussing on the theme of trusting God, and most recently the life of David and the ways in which God helped him -and helps us too.

The children really benefitted from the prayer session led by Vera in the autumn and it has been encouraging to hear the children share their prayers including recognising when those prayers have been answered. The children are the first to suggest prayer as a first line reaction to a problem such as technical issues with the computer.



It has been a blessing to see the children and leaders grow to trust each other, as we together learn Bible stories and what they mean for our lives. Our desire is that the children would grow to know God for themselves & understand what a life of faith looks like as they learn from those who have gone ahead of them. Please do

talk to them about what they have been doing and join us in praying about the future of this work.

We continue to face the challenges of a small team, significant variation in numbers of children from week to week, and the large range of abilities in children from Reception to Year 6. It would be good to have new people joining the team and for the young people to feel more connected to the wider church. If you feel God may be calling you to be part of this work, please come and speak to us.

Ruth Rallan

T412

T412 is the group myself and Grace run at WBC aimed at the school years 7 and above. The name is derived from the passage 1 Timothy 4:12 which says 'Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity'.

It is our belief that we should not look down on our young people but instead should listen to them as we can learn as much from them as we can teach them!

It is clear in listening to them that they are growing in faith. An example of this is when Daisy shared how she had been reading her bible studying the whole new testament in a year!

Other examples are the youths willingness to share prayers and questions they have.

Our greatest challenge sadly seems to be that the youth, or indeed we as youth leaders, do not feel that the whole church values them and that they seem to be an after thought. Whilst these reports are to encourage they are also a time when we are to be honest. Indeed our church vision is to be 'an authentic church, with a place for everyone'.

The youth feel that the songs we sing in worship are often older and not of a style they would choose. They also feel that they have minimal input into the worship element of the churches life.

Some of this could be that for many of them the only contact they have, is with the same Sunday school teachers that they have had ever since they have been here and sadly, despite our best efforts we can become stale as it is always the same voice that they hear.

Going forward it would be really good to see more people involved with our youth, to ask them for their input with regards to worship songs and perhaps if we as a church could ask ourselves are we giving our youth the best or just what will do?

We use Raise up Faith resource for both groups now and T412 have used One Story Jr High curriculum these are some of the subjects we have been looking at -

Genesis - Creation

- Perfection
- People
- Rest
- Broken

Genesis - Trust

- Confused
- Impossible
- Ridiculous
- Promise
- Afraid



Emma Smith

Friday Night Youth

Emma and I have been running Friday night youth group for around 10 years now! We have been supported by Jamie Burke for many of those years and in recent months have also been joined by Jason O Dell.

It is a real blessing to look back and see how some of our young people have grown, not just physically, but also spiritually. It is often the case that you do not notice growth until you look back. Our numbers on these evenings

fluctuates, as they have done throughout the years, where there were points in the past year when we were really low on numbers and to be honest we considered the viability of the group. However, it was on reflection when we looked at how God has worked through the young people in the past we felt it wasn't time to give up yet. We have since seen our numbers on the increase.

But for us it is the growth in the young people's faith which has been so encouraging.



The evenings consist of the young people having 45 minutes of free time where they can meet up, play various different games or just chill. Then we have tuck, where they take it in turns to serve one another. For the final half an hour we spend doing some teaching.

Since the start of the year we have changed things up whereby we now play a worship song via video, then they play a team game based on the theme for the evening, some Bible study and a memory verse for the session and we close in prayer, reflecting on what we have been studying.

We have also enjoyed over the past year some fun evenings such as taking the youth to Kings Head meadow for some cricket, also tubing at Norwich ski slope and the Christmas party which the group ask for every year and so enjoy.

God has been evident in the group as we see them sharing prayers, asking questions, encouraging each other and in the way they engage with the studies.

Going forward we would ask for your prayers in the continued growth both in numbers and the youngsters' faith, for energy to keep going, and for the wisdom to know when it's time for us to stop, if that is indeed what we should do, but more importantly that we disciple others to help take this group forward.

Finally thank you for allowing us the space and the support.

Blessings

Paul, on behalf of the Friday night youth team.

Secretary

As I write this report I am very aware of how inadequate I feel in the role of co-opted Church Secretary. With God's help I am trying to do my best for as long as He wants me to.

Early in 2023 we were thrilled to be able to celebrate Paul's ordination. This was the climax of years of study for Paul and the end of one stage in the church life and the beginning of another as we seek to follow God, seeing Him at work in Wymondham.

In March we were pleased to be able to offer our premises for an away day for the leadership of Carleton Rode Baptist Church. This is something we would like to be able to offer more one the building is extended and we have a flexible space that can be used.

Initially the leak in the kitchen seemed to be another mountain to climb, but God had everything in control and showed us how we should use this disaster to take the first step in our progress with the vision that God has given us, in re-modelling our kitchen for future use as part of the extension. God provided us with the expertise of



both Penny and John Seall and Paul and Emma.

Another step in our vision path was the holding of another Alpha course. As we look to the next course later in 2024, we are praying that God will speak to more people on the fringe of the fellowship to come along and join the course and feel able to ask those important questions.

On a couple of Saturdays during the early summer a group of members of the fellowship came together to install the path in the church garden. We are pleased to now have a little team of people working on our church garden.

The plan is that in time our church garden can not only be used by the church fellowship, at Roots but also used by members of the local



community - a quiet space for reflection and prayer. The efforts of this team were rewarded by official recognition from Wymondham in Bloom when we achieved 'Outstanding and Most Creative' award.

By working with Rosedale Funeral Services, Paul has led a number of funerals in the church, not only for members of the fellowship but also for members of the community. Emma and some volunteers have been able to serve refreshments after the services. This has been another way in which we can show the love of God to our community.

During the year we have been able to support Ketts Books by allowing them use of the premises for their Author events. Wymondham Youth Music Society have also held concerts at the church. We were also thrilled to be able to welcome the Hemsby Singers in December. The concert that they gave was wonderful and we look forward to their return on two occasions in 2024 - make sure you don't miss these visits - thank you to Norman and Helen for arranging them.

Trussell Trust foodbank continue to operate from the church premises on Friday morning. As part of this service a representative from Shelter is also available for help and advice.

As a Leadership Team we meet monthly. At these meetings we spend time seeking God's guidance for our church fellowship, sharing the responsibility, as your representatives, for the practical aspects of running the church. We also spend some time praying for guidance in all aspects of church life.

As we look to the future we know that God will continue to work and we encourage you all to pray continually that we will be aware of His presence and guidance. We long to see miracles happen here in Wymondham, more people come to know Him and the start to the building project, literally digging in the car park!! God can do it, he needs us to be His hands and feet here in Wymondham.

Cathy Finch

Church Administrator

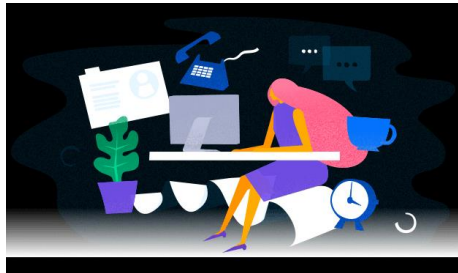
During 2023 I have continued to be present in the church office on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. I have tried to keep track of church policies and endeavoured to keep them up to date and regularly reviewed by the Leadership Team. I have also endeavoured to ensure that the general notice boards around the church are kept as up to date as possible. Paul and I spend some time together on Tuesday morning checking through work that needs to be done etc. etc. On Wednesday morning we test the fire alarm and emergency lighting.

As part of my role I am responsible for the church duty rotas for the Welcome Team, Refreshments Team, Communion Team and the Duty Deacon. I am grateful to all those who have helped in these duties and would welcome some more volunteers on these teams. Please let me know if you think you might be able to help. I am grateful to Robbie Hilton who has agreed to take responsibility for the Welcome Team. These Sunday duties are vital to the work of the church as a warm welcome will usually mean that visitors



will return and want to engage with the work here at WBC. Please let me know if you would like to volunteer on one of these teams.

During the year I have endeavoured to prepare an up-to-date weekly notice sheet, and bi-monthly magazine - The Rooted Life. If you want something added to either of these publications, please let me have them. Both are posted on the website. I also endeavour to keep the website up to date. If you have something you would like included on the website, let me have it and I will do my best to include it.



I try to regularly review the notice boards, the Fellowship directory and keep in touch with those we don't see very often. I have appreciated your prayers and your support, please continue this during 2024.

Cathy Finch

Treasurer

We have so much to thank God for in his provision for us during 2023. As we entered 2023 and indeed even toward the end of 2023 we anticipated that we would encounter a shortfall at the end of December 2023, in fact we ended the year with money in hand in the General Fund. Thank you for your continued sacrificial giving. Particularly as we faced increased expenditure in connection with the kitchen refurbishment, which came in on budget with all costs met.

During 2023 we have continued to tithe our income and given this to GEM in support of Rachel Spencer, to the BMS and to the Falconer Trust. We have continued to seek to upgrade the manse, replacing windows etc - there are still windows etc to be attended to in future months. Keith has regularly dealt with jobs around the church and we have managed to install a path in the garden to help us meet the need for a fire exit for those with reduced mobility.

We are grateful to Mary (Church) and to Alison (Roots CC) who deal with the regular input of data on to our book-keeping programme, paying bills and raising invoices as necessary. Reports are regularly presented to the Leadership Team for their questioning and consideration.

Mary Wright and Cathy Finch - Finance Team

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31.12.2023

	As At 31.12.2023	As at 31.12.2022
Fixed Assets	0	0
Current Assets:-		
Cash in Hand - Church	95.00	95.00
Cash in Hand - Roots C.C.	150.00	150.00
Church Bank A/c &	35,973.80	32,315.31
Savings A/c	14,764.90	19,261.97
Roots C.C. Bank A/c &		
Savings A/c		
TOTAL	50,983.70	51,822.28
Represented by:-		
Unrestricted - General Fund	4,610.65	2,123.05
Designated - Fellowship	124.59	131.17
Fund	356.92	0
Kitchen Fund	12,500.00	11,900.00
Reserve Fund	14,914.90	19,411.97
Roots C.C.		
Restricted - Eco Church	516.85	384.48
Alpha	245.00	282.50
Building Fund	17,293.57	15,435.06
Home from	421.22	2,154.05
Home		
TOTAL	50,983.70	51,822.28

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

1.1.2023 - 31.12.2023

	Unrestricted And Designated funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	2022 Total Funds
INCOME:-				
Donations	56,934.64	1,150.74	58,085.38	68,008.96
Income from Charitable Activities	25,006.88	702.68	25,709.56	29,630.09
Other Income	47,524.80	1,235.77	48,760.57	45,990.38
TOTAL INCOME	129,466.32	3,089.19	132,555.51	143,629.43
EXPENDITURE:-				
Expenditure on Charitable Activities	29,324.90	435.32	29,760.22	25,155.65
Other Expenditure	102,700.55	933.32	103,633.87	90,914.25
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	132,025.45	1368.64	133,394.09	116,069.90
NET INCOME/EXPENDITURE before transfers	-2559.13	1,720.55	-838.58	27,559.53
TRANSFERS:-				
Gross transfers between funds - in	11,483.52	0	11,483.52	1,371.48
Gross transfers between funds - out	-9,983.52	-1,500.00	-11,483.52	-1371.48
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	-1,059.13	220.55	-838.58	27,559.53
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD	33,566.19	18,256.09	51,822.28	24,262.75
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	32,507.06	18,476.64	50,983.70	51,822.28



Music in Worship

The music team currently consists of Neil, Vic, Mary, Owen, Katie, and Lara. We are also grateful for the work of the Tech Team on the sound desk. Our thanks also to Chris and Susie who departed the worship group in 2023.

During 2023 we operated a rota system, with the intention of giving each member of the group the opportunity to be part of the worship from within the congregation. This gives us an important insight into the experience of sung worship for others.

Our aim is always to try to provide an environment within which everyone is able to express their own worship freely, while being part of the corporate expression of worship. This is always a difficult balance to strike, as everyone has their own preferences in terms of style of worship and choice of songs and hymns, but we hope to create an environment within which everyone is able to feel part of the worship experience. In 2024, monthly evening praise and worship meetings are planned, in which everyone is encouraged to explore new and varied ways of expressing their worship, not only through song, but through art, dance, poetry, or any other means of expression.



Neil Starling

Buildings, Garden and Maintenance

As you read this report, please bear in mind it goes hand in hand with other reports, i.e. kitchen and preparatory work for the new build.

My thanks to Keith Hilton who is the man going around with drills and screwdrivers, repairing and replacing as necessary. Many of these jobs are comparatively small works, but nevertheless keep our premises up to scratch.

Some of the jobs included removing the old church signboard at the end of the school rooms and making good to receive the new logo and lettering. One of the larger jobs, involved the preparing and laying of the new pathway in the garden alongside the church with retaining boards. The shed in the garden has been repaired and re-painted and a new hose system installed. A raised bed was constructed by Keith and Daniel, and we have already had our first crops. My thanks to those who have worked so hard in making our church garden attractive and a usable space, where we enjoyed the church barbecue. The long list of jobs carried out shows what goes on 'behind the scenes' even like light bulb changing, toilet seat replacement and some decorating. Keith would be able to give you a comprehensive list.



The guardianship of the buildings we have been entrusted with includes our church's manse and as I have reported before, my thanks, on behalf of the church go to Paul and Emma who keep our manse in such good decorative order, and we are so grateful for the love and care they show. Not only is the house kept well, but the garden also. As you know from Church Meetings, we have had some more replacement windows fitted which is quite a large expense. In the coming months, as passed by the Church Meeting, some more windows and the front door will be replaced.

It is good to know that in keeping our premises up to a standard we are able to have rooms used for prayer, foodbank and Rosedale Bereavement groups. Paul's office has now been relocated to the other end of the school rooms.

In keeping our premises safe we have regular tests on our fire alarm system and electrical and extinguisher checks.

I feel that we have been honouring to the buildings that we already have and are making great use of them. Now, we look forward to being entrusted with bigger premises as we reach out to those in our community and further afield.

Vic Wright

Outreach and Mission

Many of our Mission and Outreach activities and connections are covered in other reports, but here are others that are not:

Rachel Spencer

Rachel is working in Paris with GEM (Greater Europe Mission) seeking to bring the gospel to a nation which is deeply secular, though with a significant Muslim population in the region where she is living. She is doing this in a number of ways, including English language classes, parenting classes, and partnering with other Christians and organisations. In November she attended a training weekend run by the Alliance Biblique de France (French Bible Society) to be able to facilitate groups supporting people who have experienced trauma.

She writes: "I've had some very good conversations with the local Catholic priest this term, who is very open to working together and appreciates the different perspective that I can bring. He has invited me to get involved in the life of the Parish in various ways, and I have agreed to help with pastoral visiting of older or isolated people, and with baptismal classes for adults."

As well as her outreach work, Rachel is studying for a PhD. In September 2023 she visited the UK for the annual conference of the Ecclesiology and Ethnography Network in Durham. This was three days of presentations of research in Practical Theology, Pastoral Theology, Missiology... anything relating to how people live and experience their faith, their church life, or their ministry.

At WBC we support Rachel's work through our church tithes as well as our prayers.

Alan and Megan Barker

Alan and Megan Barker are currently based in Kathmandu, Nepal working under the umbrella of BMS. Megan works as an occupational therapist, and Alan works in project management.

In January 2024 we were privileged to have Alan and Megan visit us and share in our morning service. They have been able to spend time visiting several churches during their time in the UK, as well as seeing family and friends. It was good for us to have the opportunity to learn more about their work, and about their everyday life in Nepal.

Alan and Megan report that in November an earthquake hit Nepal. Many homes were destroyed and HDCS, the BMS partner organisation that they are seconded to, has begun to help one village to rebuild. This includes building earthquake resilient homes and training local builders in their design and construction. Alongside this they have been helping teachers and students to get back to school and also supporting disabled people with donations of warm clothes and blankets.

Megan is thankful for the Association of Nepal's Occupational Therapists (ANOT) being both recognised by the government of Nepal in spring 2022 and then accepted into the World Federation of OTs (WFOT) in December 2023.

Neil Starling

The Falconer Trust

The Falconer Home in Kabulamema, Zambia currently provides a home for around sixty children of all ages from 2 years to mid-teens.

In June 2023 Neil visited the Home, along with one of the trustees, Dennis Webb. This was the first visit since 2019, with the Covid pandemic having prevented visits in the intervening years. They were able to observe a great deal of building work which is



taking place in order to provide improved accommodation for the children. An old derelict church is being converted into a girls' dormitory, which will include toilets, showers, and a kitchen and social area. Two further buildings are also being built - a toilet and shower block next to the boys' dormitory, and a kitchen, both required by Social Welfare in order to meet their requirements. This work is obviously placing great demands on the Trust's financial resources.

Neil will be visiting the Home again in May or June - dates yet to be decided.

Following the resignation of two trustees in January 2023, new trustees are still being sought, to work alongside the three remaining trustees. Please pray for the team as we seek the way forward in all aspects of the work.

The Trust is very grateful for the financial support given by WBC through its tithes.

Neil Starling

Homegroups at WBC



WBC made good progress with developing our homegroup structure in 2023 and by the end of the year, had grown from 3 groups (29 members) to 6 groups (50 members). We discussed and agreed with church members the

purpose of WBC homegroups and the role of our homegroup leaders. Termly meetings for homegroup leaders were set up, for mutual encouragement, sharing and learning from each other's experience. Our pastor Paul Smith updates them on how homegroups underpin our church's vision - this way, we are all connected into the heart of the church's vision, as Jesus told us all to remain connected to Him, the True Vine.

WBC's vision is that everyone in the fellowship has opportunity to join a homegroup and we are strongly encouraging this. We have created a leaflet for people interested in joining a group, explaining how WBC homegroups are a vital part of our church life, providing an opportunity for 'friendship, fellowship, family, food and fun'. Our website information will soon be updated as well. Depending on the need, we may seek to set up another homegroup(s) in 2024.

Our homegroups are a network of loving, genuine relationships which support pastoral care and discipleship at WBC. We are hugely grateful to all our homegroup leaders for their commitment and their key role in making this happen.

Vera Cooke and Gill Price

ECO Church

We have now had 2 years of affiliation with the A Rocha charity and with Eco Church. This affiliation goes hand in hand with our church's vision and mission.

The vision of Eco Church is as follows: 'for churches of all denominations to care for creation as an integral part of loving their neighbours and following God faithfully' (taken from Eco Church website).

At Wymondham Baptist Church, our church vision is centred on elevating and worshipping God in all that we do, engaging with and serving our wider community and looking after our environment and buildings.

Eco church encourages us to express our care for God's creation in the following areas:

- in our worship and teaching,
- in looking after our buildings and land,
- in engaging with our local community and in global campaigns
- in the personal lifestyles of our congregation.

So, how did we honour God and the Eco Church/WBC vision in 2023 and what did we do to build on the Bronze Award we received in November of that year?



Honouring God in our Worship and Teaching

Led by Ruth Rallan, our young people spent one Sunday session looking at the importance and awesomeness of trees and the many roles they play in the environment. Then, on these pieces of cut birch

wood (see image above), we made a pledge on how we would help to look after the trees around us.

In October, as part of the preaching series 'God's journey with Jacob', we looked at the 'Tipping Point' and were hopefully encouraged again to hear that we can all make a difference to our world by the many small and simple choices and actions we make daily.

Our church flower displays are also an act of worship. Jan prepares and arranges our flowers each week to enhance our building and our worship. Since joining the Eco Team, Jan has been giving thought to how she can source and arrange our flowers more sustainably, from no longer using oasis flower foam to using flowers and greenery from our own gardens. Thank you Jan.



Spring Worship Walk

This took place on Sunday 30th April from 3 -5pm in Ashwellthorpe Woods. It was a beautiful afternoon and 20 of us spent just over an hour walking round these beautiful woods, looking at and listening to some of the local wonders of creation:

bluebells, wild garlic, early purple orchids, butterflies and a host of birdsong. We hope that it was a reflective but exciting time of fellowship and worship in the open air.

Looking after our buildings and land

In March, Keith and Daniel made a wonderful raised bed which Keith then erected in the church garden. He planted seeds which we were able to share out among our fellowship. Ruth and Daniel Rallan have planted some over wintering seeds and we will encourage our church community to share and use the produce as it ripens.





We have a wonderful team of people who look after our garden, watering, weeding, mowing and planting. We are focussing on replanting flowerbeds with more pollinator friendly plants to increase the biodiversity in the garden.

As a church, we took part in Wymondham in Bloom which this year had a theme of edible displays. Again, our garden team produced some really creative, beautiful and delicious displays of herbs, tomatoes and strawberries which we were able to enjoy as they ripened.

Engaging with our local community and with Global campaigns

Seed Swap event: This took place on the 4th March 2023 and was a real success, bringing together many community groups in the town including The WI, the allotment association, Greening Wymondham and Browick Road Junior School Gardening Club. Encouragingly,



we also had people come who had seen the event on Facebook and advertised through the Rosedale's Bereavement Group. The remaining seeds were divided up and donated to several other local groups who are looking to improve their outdoor spaces. The event could not have happened without the strong support of members of WBC.



Summer Supper with Speaker: On the 2nd June, we invited members of our fellowship and the wider community to come and share in a ploughman's supper and then hear Hannah Gray who is a volunteer speaker with A Rocha. We had guests from Greening Wymondham, The Abbey Eco Team and Wymondham Nature Group. It was a positive evening with an interesting talk about the climate crisis and our role and responsibilities.

The Great Big Green Week (GBGW): As a church, we took part in the GBGW in our 2 Roots café sessions. Emma and the Team kindly provided a greater variety of plant-based food, there were colouring sheets based on trees for the children and we had a Powerpoint running showing the WBC Eco church activities.

September 2023: TWAM Tool collection day: While not exclusively an Eco Church event, it is included here because the TWAM charity cleans, mends and repurposes tools before sending them to Africa to be used in helping people set up local businesses. The charity saves about 405 tonnes of tools from landfill therefore saving about 1,134 tonnes of CO₂ every year. By supporting TWAM and its ethos of sustainability, we are making another positive choice in looking after our environment.

Caring for God's world in the personal lifestyles of our fellowship

Recycling: In February 2022 we started a recycling scheme at WBC for items that cannot be recycled by the roadside collections. Our used stationery items are taken to Rymans in Norwich while other items are taken to Val Keel in Wreningham to be recycled via Terracycle. Unfortunately, we had to stop the collection of blister packs at the end of 2022 but expanded the recycling in 2023 to include crisp packets. We have a recycling notice board in the corridor with all the information about our scheme.

New coffee: Roots has changed to a Lavazza coffee. Lavazza is Rain Forest Certified and supports growers in 17 countries through a variety of sustainability projects. They are working towards lower-carbon emissions, more reforestation and sustainable cultivation and to improving the recyclability of their packaging.

Rooted Life magazine: Regular Eco Church updates, eco tips, and suggestions are included in the Rooted Life magazine, both from members of our fellowship and from Nicola Maunders from Greening Wymondham.

Eco Church Calendar 2024: This was a truly team effort as we had contributions from many people from our fellowship photos, artwork, recipes and eco tips. It was very well received and about 50 copies sold. All proceeds will go towards Eco church projects in 2024.

Christmas card display board: We were delighted that so many of us chose to 'send' just one Christmas card to the whole fellowship. The board looked beautiful and the messages inside them were heartwarming. Instead of throwing them away, we will reuse the fronts of the cards to make some Christmas bunting for Christmas 2024.

Plans for 2024

We have already enjoyed a New Year's Day walk and lunch.

Over the Easter weekend, we are organising an Easter Garden display to enhance our worship and meditations.

We are also planning several community clothes swaps: 2 school uniform swaps in the spring and summer and a Community Christmas Jumper Swap on the 16th November. We will keep you up to date with the details of these events nearer the time.

And finally....

Finances: We are a self-funding group and with the funds raised this year, we have given a £100 donation to A Rocha charity. A further £268 was spent on materials for the raised veggie bed and some sand and shingle for the area around it. We also purchased a new hose with a long extension to make watering the garden easier for our gardeners. We have a balance of £516.85 at the start of 2024. This will be used throughout the coming year on Eco Church projects in the garden and around our building.

In November of 2022, we were delighted to receive the Bronze Eco Church Award and are hoping that this will inspire us to look for more and more ways to put our love for God's creation at the heart of everything we do at Wymondham Baptist Church. We are aiming for our Silver Award in 2024.

As a fellowship, we are hugely supportive of each other and once again, we would like to thank everyone who has supported the Eco Church activities and events over this year, both with their time, skills, and finances. It is very much appreciated.

The team meets about every 6 weeks, and we would be delighted to see new faces or to hear from anyone who has ideas for future projects.

Nicki Waterworth on behalf of the Eco Church Team

Café Church

Café Church was originally introduced in 2019 and is now settled into a recognisable format which is well established in the WBC calendar. The intention of Café Church is to offer a less formal introduction to our Sunday morning services. We have a lot of people who visit of church throughout the week or who meet our regular members, and we know that some of these find it hard to consider coming to church on Sunday. Some have been put off due to past experiences or some have negative perceptions about what it will be like. Café Church aims to offer a stepping stone for people who are not quite ready for the full service but are comfortable with a service which looks a bit like Roots Café.

The services are always well attended, and we are pleased to report that we consistently have at least one person who attends specifically because its Café Church. A particular highlight from this year was seen during Vic's service when a non church attending young man stood up and got actively involved. Clear evidence that we were able to make him feel welcome and comfortable at WBC.



The Café Church team are Owen, Vic, Matthew and me and we each lead a different Café Church service an annual basis. Using a film to help deliver a godly message has worked so well that we have decided to continue this into 2024/25, with 4 new films now being advertised: The Lion King, the Plank (a short film), Harry Potter and E.T.

We routinely undertake questionnaires after a service and the feedback has been positive, with some ideas also being suggested which the team will discuss when we next meet. The Café Church sessions are a team effort, requiring a lot of people working both upfront and behind the scenes. We thank everyone who has helped to make Café Church a success and we look forward to seeing more fruit from our labour in the coming year.

Grace Burke

Care in the Community/Home Communion

This ministry has continued throughout 2023, responding to requests for home visits, including those when we specifically 'break bread' together. All requests this year have come from members of our fellowship who are housebound or have mobility issues, or find they are able to participate more fully in communion in a smaller, home setting. A couple of potential befriending visits were discussed with Carers who made contact with WBC, and we are waiting to hear if these will be followed up at any stage.

This year we have worked on our home communion leaflet/'order of service' and have updated, simplified wording and increased readability (size of font etc). In addition we drew on Baptist Union templates short home communion services which were helpful. We've trialled this new leaflet a couple of times and it's working well, and is available for homegroups and any other context where people are breaking bread together informally.



The Church Office is informed of each visit and the team goes in pairs. Home visits are personal and those going into people's homes are

subject to the church's safeguarding protocol and the need for confidentiality. Those who have visited this year are Shirley Marwood, Nicki Waterworth, Penny Seall, Frances Sullivan, Jane Poyntz and Vera Cooke.

It's a privilege to be used in this way in this quiet ministry and the appreciation shown has been both encouraging and humbling. If you know of a need then do chat with a member of the Team or ring the Church Office for details. We look forward to continuing this valuable ministry in 2024.

Shirley Marwood and Vera Cooke

Home from Home

Home from Home our Warm Space ran during 2023 until April 2023. Thank you to all those who took up the challenge after Ray died and I didn't feel able to take a lead.

During the warmer months (apart from when the work was in progress in the kitchen) the group continued to meet on the second and fourth Thursday of the month. We have continued to meet in this way since September. The numbers accessing this service have been quite low, however, those attending have found it a source of warmth and friendship, a listening ear, conversation and support as much for those volunteering at the group as those we welcome from the community.



Once again we have been successful in our grant applications to the Norfolk Help in the Community Grant and Norfolk Community Foundation this year we applied on behalf of Roots and Home from Home as both services offer a valuable warm space and friendship to all who come along.

During 2024 we will be considering whether this is a service that we continue to offer or whether we focus on other areas to support our community.

Cathy Finch

Building Project Team

Proposed Extension

Give thanks for approval of the planning application for the proposed extension in late 2022!

Early in 2023, building upon the great work done by Ray Finch and others we reviewed the use of the premises and location of the existing underground services. We have prepared a report to go to the architect to inform the next phase of the work, which includes the detail drawings and specification of the work required to obtain prices from builders.



Quotes totalling £30,000 for this detailed work have been obtained from our architect, structural engineer and independent energy consultant and approved by a Church Members Meeting in November 2023, subject to having the necessary finance. We are hopeful that this work will start in April 2024. We already

have £17,000 in the Building Fund, but we need to have the bulk of the funds or promises of funds before we can start. This will still be true even if we are successful in obtaining the community grant being applied for, as we have to pay for the work first and reclaim the grant afterwards.

When this detailed work is done, it will enable us to obtain prices from builders to do the work. This could potentially enable us to start construction later in 2024, but more likely not before Spring 2025, dependent of course of having the necessary finance.

Give thanks too for the sterling work of Paul and Emma Smith and John and Penny Seall who have used their skills to provide us with an upgraded kitchen in advance of the extension, having been pushed into doing something a result of a burst water pipe. Give thanks too for the funds to do this work. God has been good to us.

We have a way forward but it is still hard to see where all for the money need will come from. The total required to complete the extension is approximately £500,000. Please pray that God's will may be done.

A more detailed report is available for those who like to read it - please speak with Cathy in the Office who will give you a link to the full report.

David Frith

WBC Building Project External Fund-Raising Steering Group (Creating a place for Everyone)

Since August 2023, the group has met five times with the objective of developing a business case and associated documents to enable the group to apply for grants to raise funds for the building extension.

By February 2024, the steering group has developed:

- A business case to be used to apply to grant awarding bodies. The business case contains, the background to the project, a revised audit to explain why this project is so important, together with a marketing strategy and financial information.
- A project programme (timeline) for the building of the extension.

- Developed a database of potential funders, approximately 25+ to date.
- The impact of the extension over the coming years (Outcomes). This will enable the group to track the changes over time.
- Submitted an application in January 2024 to South Norfolk Council to obtain a grant from the Pride in Place fund to undertake a feasibility exercise for the extension project.

Members of the steering group have presented to the Leadership team in January 2024 and also to the church meeting. Approval was sought and given to proceed approaching grant award bodies in the spring of 2024.

Next steps

- Await the outcome of the Pride in Place application.
- Further refine the business case.
- Plan a schedule of grant applications to commence as soon as possible.
- Commence the outcomes baseline.
- Continue to refine database grant awarding bodies to identify any gaps/other potential funders.

I give thanks for the work of others; Grace, Cathy, Keith, David and Ray, together with Paul and the Leadership Team for the help, support and prayers for the group. Please continue to remember us in your prayers.

Kate Kinsey

Windmill House

I'm delighted to report that in 2023 we were able to visit Windmill House 6 times to lead a simple worship service for the residents, together with some of the staff caring for them and sometimes a few visitors. When we can all be there we are a team of 5 - Vic, Mary, Christine Frith, Doug and me. Many of the residents are living with quite advanced dementia and may have difficulty holding a conversation but still know and love old familiar hymns. Windmill House had been going through a difficult time in 2023 and went through many staff changes. We were still made very welcome during that time. Fran Annis who had been Wellbeing Lead for many years, loved working

at Windmill House and was always very enthusiastic about our visits, left for a few months to work at a different care home but I'm glad to say she returned in the summer.

Highlights of the year were a Harvest Thanksgiving Service in September illustrated with colourful pictures by Vic and enjoyed by all who were there, and our first live Carol Service for many years with (LED) Advent Candles, a short talk about the birth of Jesus with a baby doll representing Jesus (cuddled by several of the ladies after the service!)

Our aim always is to bring 'church' to those who can no longer go to a church building, to assure the residents that God loves them and cares for them. We never rush away after the service but spend time sitting talking with the residents.

Please continue to pray for this ministry and for all who live and work at Windmill House.

Jan Hodges

GALLERY FROM 2023





Wymondham Baptist Church

Analysis of income and expenditure Selected period: 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	
					This year	Last year
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies						
ALPHAiNC1 - ALPHA GIFT AID GIVING	-	-	-	-	-	£44.00
BFINC1 - Building Fund Gift Aid Income	-	-	£262.48	-	£262.48	£14,258.00
BFINC2 - Building Fund Non-Gift Aid income	-	-	£888.26	-	£888.26	£3,781.32
INC1 - Gift Aid Income	£34,612.72	-	-	-	£34,612.72	£38,850.50
INC18 - Kitchen Gift Aid income	-	£3,794.92	-	-	£3,794.92	-
INC2 - Non Gift Aid Giving	£18,227.00	-	-	-	£18,227.00	£10,026.00
RINC2 - Roots Community Cafe Donations	-	£300.00	-	-	£300.00	£1,049.14
Donations and legacies Totals	£52,839.72	£4,094.92	£1,150.74	-	£58,085.38	£68,008.96
Income from charitable activities						
ECO INC - ECO Income account	-	-	£702.68	-	£702.68	£574.25
INC12 - Pop Up Restaurant Income - A Rocha	-	-	-	-	-	-
INC13 - Pop Up Restaurant Income - Alpha	-	-	-	-	-	-
RINC1 - Roots sales at Cafe	-	£24,784.88	-	-	£24,784.88	£28,836.40
RINC6 - Youth Group Income	-	£222.00	-	-	£222.00	£219.44
Income from charitable activities Totals	-	£25,006.88	£702.68	-	£25,709.56	£29,630.09
Other trading activities						
Other trading activities Totals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investments						
Investments Totals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other income						
BFINC3 - Building Fund Gift Aid Refund	-	-	£132.00	-	£132.00	£3,877.85
BFINC4 - Loose cash to Building Fund	-	-	£1,103.77	-	£1,103.77	£1,963.39
INC10 - MISC	£35.05	-	-	-	£35.05	£700.00
INC11 - REimbursement from Roots	-	-	-	-	-	-
INC14 - Home from Home Income	-	-	-	-	-	£306.17
INC15 - Home from Home Grant	-	-	-	-	-	£2,600.00
INC16 - Insurance claim	-	£8,909.00	-	-	£8,909.00	-
INC17 - Miscellaneous Income for kitchen	-	£5,895.36	-	-	£5,895.36	-
INC19 - Kitchen Gift Aid refund	-	£733.65	-	-	£733.65	-
INC20 - NCF Surviving Winter Grant Inc	-	-	-	-	-	-
INC21 - South Norfolk DC grant	-	-	-	-	-	-
INC3 - Loose cash	£6,138.92	-	-	-	£6,138.92	£5,980.68
INC4 - Gift Aid Refund	£9,239.14	-	-	-	£9,239.14	£11,438.39
INC5 - Interest	£696.71	-	-	-	£696.71	£246.77
INC6 - Grants	£7,500.00	-	-	-	£7,500.00	£7,071.00
INC7 - Roots Contribution to Salary	£6,000.00	-	-	-	£6,000.00	£3,000.00
INC8 - Furlough receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-
INC9 - Lettings Income	£1,200.00	-	-	-	£1,200.00	£1,100.00

					Total	
	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
RINC3 - Roots - Grants	-	-	-	-	-	-
RINC4 - Roots Community Cafe - Misc	-	£968.86	-	-	£968.86	£2,433.81
RINC5 - Roots - Insurance reimbursement	-	-	-	-	-	£5,272.32
RINC7 - Roots Bank Interest	-	£208.11	-	-	£208.11	-
RINC8 - Loan from WBC bank	-	-	-	-	-	-
RINC9 - Pay It Forward Income	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other income Totals	£30,809.82	£16,714.98	£1,235.77	-	£48,760.57	£45,990.38
Income and endowments Grand totals	£83,649.54	£45,816.78	£3,089.19	-	£132,555.51	£143,629.43

Expenditure on:

Raising funds

Raising funds Totals	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Expenditure on charitable activities

EXP2 - Mnister's Travel	£957.15	-	-	-	£957.15	£881.00
EXP59 - ADMIN - Data Protection	£35.00	-	-	-	£35.00	£35.00
EXP62 - Alpha	-	-	-	-	-	-
EXP63 - Eco Church	-	-	£435.32	-	£435.32	-
EXP64 - Fellowship Account	£289.99	£6.58	-	-	£296.57	£18.83
REXP1 - Roots groceries	-	£17,249.91	-	-	£17,249.91	£16,973.29
REXP10 - Roots - Grant expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	-
REXP11 - Roots charges - Sum-Up/Tesco/Bank	-	£587.71	-	-	£587.71	£460.17
REXP12 - Purchases for other events	-	£709.35	-	-	£709.35	£620.55
REXP14 - Coffee Machine Pressure Test	-	£390.00	-	-	£390.00	£418.56
REXP4 - Roots - Coffee machine rental	-	£2,160.00	-	-	£2,160.00	£2,160.00
REXP6 - Roots - Salary contribution	-	£6,000.00	-	-	£6,000.00	£2,500.00
REXP8 - Roots - kitchen supplies	-	£939.21	-	-	£939.21	£1,088.25
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	£1,282.14	£28,042.76	£435.32	-	£29,760.22	£25,155.65

Other expenditure

ALPHA1 - Alpha gifts	-	-	-	-	-	£44.00
ALPHA2 - ALPHA food	-	-	£37.50	-	£37.50	-
BEXP1 - Building Fund - Professional Fees	-	-	£528.00	-	£528.00	£10,374.70
BEXP2 - Msc.	-	-	-	-	-	£2,348.60
ECO1 - ECO Msc	-	-	£134.99	-	£134.99	£534.50
EXP1 - Mnister's Stipend	£30,408.66	-	-	-	£30,408.66	£27,833.16
EXP11 - Roots Project Manager Salary	£8,340.00	-	-	-	£8,340.00	£7,800.00
EXP12 - Payroll Fees	£318.00	-	-	-	£318.00	£298.80
EXP20 - Church Utilities - Gas	£165.66	-	-	-	£165.66	£209.05
EXP21 - Church Utilities - Electricity	£12,426.00	-	-	-	£12,426.00	£5,922.00
EXP22 - Church Repairs and Maintenance	£2,599.31	-	-	-	£2,599.31	£2,771.37
EXP23 - Church Insurance	£1,200.00	-	-	-	£1,200.00	£1,000.00
EXP24 - Church cleaning	£1,792.00	-	-	-	£1,792.00	£1,771.50
EXP25 - Church Water	£17.96	-	-	-	£17.96	£156.00
EXP26 - Church Rates	-	-	-	-	-	-
EXP27 - Church Garden	£1,036.94	-	-	-	£1,036.94	£245.82
EXP28 - Flowers for church	£129.00	-	-	-	£129.00	£217.93
EXP3 - Mnister's Telephone and Broadband	£60.39	-	-	-	£60.39	£597.68

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	
					This year	Last year
EXP31 - Manse Costs - Repairs and Maintenance	£4,053.35	-	-	-	£4,053.35	£7,116.21
EXP32 - Manse Costs - Council Tax	£2,154.89	-	-	-	£2,154.89	£2,062.34
EXP33 - Manse Utilities - -Light & Heat	£930.00	-	-	-	£930.00	£300.00
EXP35 - Manse Costs - Insurance	£544.67	-	-	-	£544.67	£453.83
EXP36 - Manse Water Rates	£744.00	-	-	-	£744.00	£744.00
EXP4 - Minister's Training	£184.99	-	-	-	£184.99	£428.06
EXP41 - Outreach - Youth Work	£682.69	-	-	-	£682.69	£415.54
EXP42 - Outreach - Gifts	£153.50	-	-	-	£153.50	£40.00
EXP43 - Outreach - Vision	£913.88	-	-	-	£913.88	£380.55
EXP44 - Outreach - Overseas	£3,497.00	-	-	-	£3,497.00	£3,316.00
EXP45 - Outreach - Home Mission	£3,492.00	-	-	-	£3,492.00	£3,315.03
EXP46 - Preaching Fees	£50.00	-	-	-	£50.00	£200.00
EXP47 - Outreach - Events Publicity	£387.53	-	-	-	£387.53	£89.35
EXP51 - ADMIN - Photocopier/Printing	£1,518.84	-	-	-	£1,518.84	£1,510.85
EXP52 - Admin - Website	£574.48	-	-	-	£574.48	£524.92
EXP53 - ADMIN - Subscriptions	£416.45	-	-	-	£416.45	£416.19
EXP54 - ADMIN - Telephone/Internet	£453.76	-	-	-	£453.76	£393.29
EXP55 - ADMIN - Training	£79.98	-	-	-	£79.98	£200.00
EXP56 - ADMIN - Other	£2,087.10	-	-	-	£2,087.10	£404.99
EXP57 - Professional Fees	-	-	-	-	-	£1,766.40
EXP58 - ADMIN - Licences	£725.27	-	-	-	£725.27	£220.00
EXP60 - Transfer of Gifts to Roots	-	-	-	-	-	-
EXP61 - Expenditure on behalf of Roots	-	-	-	-	-	-
EXP65 - H0me from Home Expenditure	-	-	£232.83	-	£232.83	£127.12
EXP66 - H0me from Home Energy costs	-	-	-	-	-	£625.00
EXP67 - Kitchen Building costs	-	£16,228.06	-	-	£16,228.06	-
EXP68 - Kitchen Msc Costs	-	£2,747.95	-	-	£2,747.95	-
EXP69 - Bank loan to Roots	-	-	-	-	-	-
EXP71 - South Norfolk DC spending	-	-	-	-	-	-
EXP72 - Sum Up charges	-	-	-	-	-	-
PEd1 - Graduation costs	-	-	-	-	-	£350.00
REXP13 - Roots - Gifts	-	£40.00	-	-	£40.00	£50.00
REXP15 - Repayment of WBC bank loan	-	-	-	-	-	-
REXP16 - Pay It Forward Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	-
REXP2 - Roots - Cleaning materials	-	£75.57	-	-	£75.57	£154.92
REXP3 - Roots - Refuse Collection	-	£477.88	-	-	£477.88	£237.38
REXP5 - Roots - Copy Paper	-	-	-	-	-	-
REXP7 - Roots - Training	-	-	-	-	-	£12.00
REXP9 - Roots - Msc	-	£992.79	-	-	£992.79	£2,935.17
Other expenditure Totals	£82,138.30	£20,562.25	£933.32	-	£103,633.87	£90,914.25
Expenditure Grand totals	£83,420.44	£48,605.01	£1,368.64	-	£133,394.09	£116,069.90

Report of the Independent Examiner(s) to the Trustees of Wymondham Baptist Church

Accounts for the year ended 31.12.2023

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Church's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The church's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the church and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

Signed by or on behalf of the Examiner

Date ...16th February 2024

Name ...DAVID JOHN GISS

Relevant Professional Qualification(s) or body (if any).....F.C.A.

Address...3, Carleton Close, Wymondham NR2180SS

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the cold and wet (and my instructions) to put them up and take them down again.

For Christmas 2023 we will be working closely with the Town Council to plan, purchase new lights and install them around the town centre.

Doug Hodges

GALLERY FROM 2022



Wymondham Baptist Church 2022 Annual Reports



Preface from our Pastor

Wow another year has gone by and seems to me that it is difficult at times to even begin to remember what happened in 2022. By now we are already nearly a quarter of the way through 2023!

However, Cathy and I meet on a regular basis and jot down things that happen as we go along, so my thanks to her for collecting all the info.

Our verse for the year which was from Romans 14:8 with an emphasis on everything we do should be for 'the Lord'.

As you read through all the reports and actions that happened, I pray you capture the thread that indeed everything we do is because we belong to Jesus and we want to honour him in all that goes on in our life as a fellowship together. I pray as you reflect you see that God really is moving in our midsts. There is much to give him praise for and lots for us to be excited about in the future.



especially, organised the very popular Wynterfest in December. Here the streets were packed with people, stalls in Market Place and Market Street, performers and bands on the 'stage' (beneath the Market Cross) and elsewhere, funfair in Middleton St - and, of course, at WBC. If you missed the day or were busy working in the church that day, search on YouTube for Wymondham Wynterfest 2022 and you'll find a couple of videos (both of which



somehow manage to miss the events at the church!):

A Jubilee Picnic had also been planned for June and all preparations made but cancelled due to the forecast of very poor weather - the first time a Town Team event has had to be cancelled.

Town Team and its organisation of future events is a little uncertain at present as Fran Young, who has led the Team and organised the major events is taking a well earned rest after 6 years.



As in previous years, Wymondham Town Team volunteers are also responsible for Christmas Lights in the streets around the town centre and also North Wymondham Community Centre. WBC is very much the base for this and a hive of activity on the

installation and take down days. Ladies from the WI (with, this year, some male assistance) unpack and dress the little Christmas trees and pack them away afterwards and my team of other volunteers brave

pictures on the hymn sheets and the TV screen to give the residents something visual to bring back memories of past harvest celebrations.

We were eagerly anticipating sharing a Carol Service in December for the first time after having to be on zoom in 2021. Our son was coming to accompany the carols as Vic and Mary were not available and everything was in place for great time together. Then sadly, Doug and I had Covid and we had to lead the service on zoom from our lounge! Having been back in person we were much more aware of how difficult it is when working remotely to make things meaningful for residents with dementia.

We have since been back and are now able to freely meet the residents with no restrictions in place. Our team now consists of Vic, Mary, Doug, Christine Frith and me. Every 2 months we go to lead this simple act of worship, to share the love of God with people who can no longer attend a place of worship, to encourage, to bless and to pray for and with them.

Thank you for praying for us in this part of the ministry of WBC. Please continue to pray for us and for the residents and staff of Windmill House.

Jan Hodges

Town Team



provided assistance with both the Jazz Picnic and the Rotary Food and Drink Festival but, more

2022 was another successful year for Wymondham Town Team who



Wymondham Baptist Church

Annual Reports

Verse of the Year 2022:

"If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord." - Romans 14:8

Vision Verse -

"Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back, lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes." - Isaiah 54:2



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Thank you all for your continued support, please remember the Guides in your prayers as we look forward to growth in the unit and discern the future for 5th Wymondham Guides as we prepare to celebrate our 15th Year in September.

Blessings

Ramona

Windmill House

At the beginning of 2022 we were still leading services on zoom every 2 months, alternating with Wymondham Methodist Church, though part way through the year they were no longer able to participate.

In May we were able to return in person for the first time since February 2020 with some restrictions still in place - we were some distance from the residents for the service and needed to wear masks when we went to speak to them afterwards but that was only a small challenge. After so long without any face-to-face contact we were all delighted to be together again and were very warmly welcomed. There had been many changes in the intervening time and we recognised only a few of the residents. Singing hymns to live music and sharing a simple Bible message was something we had been looking forward to.



Christine Spencer who first started leading services for WBC at Windmill House spoke in July but has had to withdraw for health reasons. We appreciate her involvement and hope she will be well enough to join us again in the future.

In September we celebrated God's faithful provision for us in creation, the changing seasons and the harvest with some of Vic's lovely

we have seen slow but steady growth and now have 8 Guides. Someone once told me God only gives us as much as we can handle and I often wondered if he had a little more faith in me than I did! What I've learned over the years isn't that God only gives us what we can handle but he builds us up in his timing and by his strength we will grow and develop.

Although a small group we have seen significant growth in relationships and confidence in the few girls we have and the space Wymondham Baptist Church provides is a rare blessing. We have been able to utilise the garden in the Summer for outdoor cooking and games. The hall for our annual Panto this year we performed "Encanto the Panto" written by our Guides and performed for a group of Brownies we hope will be joining us after Easter when they have turned 10. We are also able to use the back lounge to conserve heating and lighting being a smaller group.

Last week we even made flapjacks as part of our baking challenge and we're able to leave some for home from home. Teaching the Girls the importance of community, something we do often including community litter picks and supporting with freshening up the recycled flowers on the train station approach.

Having the use of the church allows much more than just a safe space to play, learn and develop. Each week something catches their interest and prompts questions about faith, especially the pictures by Charlotte George and Vic Wrights painting in the school room often triggers questions about whether there were watches in biblical times.

Parents dropping off or collecting our Guides find themselves reading notices about our church life and this prompts questions and interest.

Sometimes it can be difficult with such a small group to see the difference you are making but a difference is being made, not through Bethany or myself as leaders but through God and how he is working in this place and in this community.



Pastor

It is hard to try and condense what transpired over the past twelve months into a few paragraphs so I will endeavour to share the highlights and challenges as opposed to giving you every detail. There are also other reports that will also cover some of the things I touch on. As already stated my thanks to Cathy for helping capture every month the things that go on in the life of WBC.

At the start of the year we held an Alpha course which was very encouraging and, although most who attended already had a connection with the church, none the less it was very fruitful and gives us encouragement for the future. Also in January the ECO church team formed and met to see how we could engage with environmental issues as a church. On a personal level I attended the Fresh Streams conference for 3 days and found it very informative and refreshing for me spiritually.

In February again on a personal level I was interviewed by the ministry recognition panel to see about my eligibility to become a regionally recognised minister. I am pleased to say I was and then advised to seek national recognition which I later did. As a fellowship we held a Listening day to seek what God was saying to us through prayer and we were really pleased at the number of you who engaged. We also held a Giving day with a specific focus on the proposed building project as part of our Vision. I was amazed and praise God for the response. It was as though Jesus himself was affirming the vision by your sacrificial giving.

Sadly as March came into being, the conflict in the Ukraine broke out. As a fellowship we reached out to the other churches in town and organised a prayer meeting in the town centre.

The building project took a step forward as Ray and I met with the architect to seek a way forward. We then headed into Easter where we held various services and celebrations. Emma and I alongside the girls attended Spring Harvest. We had a really good time and it was so

good for me personally to sit with Emma and receive some teaching and worship together. Something we seldom get to do. May saw the return of cafe church and the team did a sterling job of leading this, again based on films we really believe this is a vital 'stepping stone' for non-church people to be able to attend and explore faith. I attended my graduation service in Chester to celebrate passing my degree in theology, mission and evangelism.



As summer approached we were all invited to the celebration of Vic and Mary's 50th wedding anniversary. It was so good to join in with them and enjoy time together. As well as this we held a quiz evening with Rosedales.

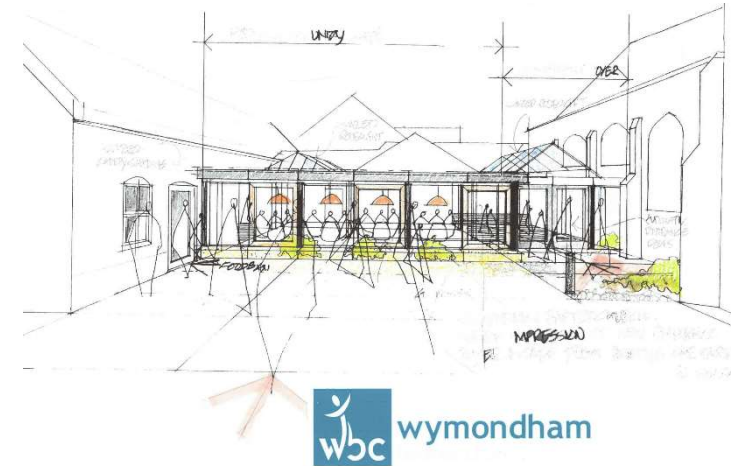
The BU launched a home mission film with WBC as the focus, this is still available to view via our website, just follow the link. More celebrations happened as we entered July with Rita Harris' 90th birthday. A few of us joined her family in a surprise party. We held leadership elections and were blessed by Jason and Neil joining in the team. Please continue to pray for them as they bring their gifting and help shape the futures.

Sadly though we held the funeral of Eve Brewer. It was a difficult time for Henry to adjust and eventually he moved to be closer to his family. Both are sorely missed. As August came we once again entered into our summer program which is led by various different home groups. As like so many churches our numbers fluctuate as people take holidays. However, from there on in we began to see growth in numbers joining us on a Sunday morning. We came back together as a fellowship in September with a church BBQ.

Like the whole nation we focused on the death of Queen Elizabeth the second as we held services of remembrance for her and mourned as a nation. As Autumn came along we were visited by Anglia news and were the main focus of the following news program as to our response

and guidance. Following the Listening Day a Gift Day was held and well over £15,000 was raised. The Architect was then instructed to prepare a planning submission.

When the planning drawings were ready for submission an open meeting was held in the church hall when the neighbours in Queen Street were invited to view the plans. This meeting was well attended by the neighbours and local councillors and there was support for the project.



The planning application was duly submitted and approval granted. Grace Burke has used her skill and expertise to submit two applications for funding through Norfolk County Council with the outcomes expected by the end of January 2023. Sadly these were not successful.

At the present time the way forward is not clear. However, the plan is for the team to re-group and seek God's path for the future.

Cathy Finch on behalf of Ray Finch

Girl Guides

Having now been reopened for a year following the Covid lockdown 5th Wymondham Guides resumed with just 4 girls. Over the last year

approached Morrisons to also support us and they have provided tea, coffee, hot chocolate, biscuits and cuppa soup.

The initial attendance was quite low but this has grown over the weeks. We opened throughout the Christmas and New Year period and were surprised by how many came along.



Although the initial project was to provide warmth in the cold and gloomy weather, and it has been evident that this is a need, however we have in fact found that the main need is loneliness. What the future holds and whether something else will grow out of this project is something that the Leadership Team will need to consider and no doubt their decision will be brought to the church for their comment.

Cathy Finch

Building Project Team

Late in 2021 the Building Project Team met for the first time under the leadership of Ray. The aim of the team was 'To act on behalf of the church's leaders and membership to lead and direct the realisation of the Building Project and Vision'.

The team was comprised of Paul Smith, Emma Smith, Jason O'Dell, Ray Finch, Victor Fromm, Grace Burke and Tracy Kenney. A pre-planning application had been lodged and approved with a couple of comments passed to the architect. The team agreed to report to the church that the next step would be to re-open the Building Fund and seek their approval to make a planning application. The target needed for a planning application to be submitted was £15,000. As you will have read from the Secretary's report the Leadership team agreed that a Listening Day should be held in order to seek God's will

to the energy crisis. We had started Home from Home to help where we could and our thanks go to all involved in helping to sustain this ministry. Both Vic and I were separately interviewed on radio Norfolk on consecutive weekend programs. We also held our shoebox Sunday. Again the response was overwhelming and is a great opportunity to witness to our youngsters and to reach out. In November I completed my min rec interviews and was pleased to be approved as a recognised Baptist minister. Though it still feels odd to say Rev Paul Smith! My thanks for your love and support.

December as always is a busy time in the life of WBC from Wynterfest to the remembrance service we hold with Rosedales and the carol service and other activities as written about elsewhere in these reports.

As I reflect I believe we have so much to be grateful to God for. Not least has been our increase in numbers. I am also encouraged by the prayer life of the fellowship and the fact that we seem to be really grasping the vision God has for WBC. On a personal level I have been encouraged by your feedback with regards to sermons. I also feel valued and appreciated by the fellowship. I am really excited to see what God is going to do in 2023.

I cannot however write this report without acknowledging where I am at the moment as this is written after the death of Ray in the early part of the new year. I am sad and feel wobbled by what has happened. It is times like this I really need to dig deep into my foundations and know that God is still there and in control. Ray was far more than 'just' a church secretary. He was a friend and a trusted companion. He will be missed a great deal for his wisdom and discernment and his skills with regards to the building project. As we go forward I want to honour Ray and support Cathy and the family.

My final prayer is to you. I pray that through WBC we are able to equip you in your ministry wherever that may be, to strengthen your faith, and to build you in your relationship with Jesus. I want to see His kingdom come here as it is in heaven. I am so in awe of all God is doing here. Blessings. *Paul*

Prayer Life at WBC

WBC places a high priority on prayer, 'the greatest power on earth' as someone said in our recent *Prayer Questionnaire*. This is evident in the times of open prayer and worship in our Sunday services as a whole congregation. Paul Smith and others make creative and inclusive prayer times that don't require people to pray aloud eg post box, paper aeroplanes, praying in pictures on tables, 'fire walk'. Many other prayer times take place which are too numerous to list but include homegroups, prayer before services, before Roots, prayer for specific events. Fellowship prayer needs are published in the weekly news bulletin, along with a monthly prayer focus. People can ask for prayer ministry at any time (via the Leadership Team) for individual needs. Gill Price (Elder/pastoral lead) also has a group of pray-ers that she can task with specific prayer requests when a need arises. And we know that personal prayer is a priority in people's lives. Everyone is encouraged to share in Sunday services how God has answered our prayers - this is hugely uplifting and inspires us all to take everything to the Lord in prayer.

In 2022 we started some new initiatives with these aims in mind:

- Encourage and build each of us up in our prayer lives
- Establish a framework of regular church prayer meetings that underpins all our church fellowship, vision and mission (cf Charles Spurgeon's engine room!)
- Inspire the whole church - everyone of all ages, Christian experience and confidence-levels - to 'catch the fire' and excitement of praying together



So far we've organised two prayer meetings for the whole church. The first one was held in October 2022 to pray for Wymondham (churches, schools, town life, those who support people in need) and another in January focused on WBC - our vision, youthwork, outreach and our leadership team. These were both supported by about 15 people and were good times of prayer, a promising beginning which we pray and believe will gather momentum in 2023. We long to be

Shirley Marwood, Rita Harris, Ros Codling, Nicky Waterworth, Penny Seall and Vera Cooke.

It's a privilege to be used in this way and the appreciation shown has been both encouraging and humbling - it is so good to be supported by prayer and the wonderful knowledge that at the Last Supper, Jesus said "Do this in Remembrance of Me". If anyone reading this knows of a need then do chat with a member of the Team or ring the Church Office for details. It will be interesting to see what God has for this ministry in 2023.

Shirley Marwood and Vera Cooke

Home from Home

Home from Home was the name given to a project laid on Ray's heart when it became evident that many in the local area were going to face difficulties as the winter months approached and fuel costs were forecast to escalate. Ray brought this idea to the Leadership Team who supported the suggestion.



At the beginning of October we started opening the church premises on Wednesday and Thursday afternoon for three hours inviting anyone in to a warm space where they could enjoy a hot drink, and biscuits and later hot snacks, soup and toast and spend time playing games, doing puzzles and spending time together. We have three or four volunteers who join with us each day.

We joined the Warm Space project and advertised in the local area and through Roots and the local churches. We were successful in securing funding from the Local Authority and also received a donation from a church member. These funds have been used to contribute to the church energy expenses and to purchase newspapers, puzzle books, bread for toast and sausage rolls. We

Despite the change in delivery style, the key aim of each Café Church service is to communicate a message from the scriptures. Having undertaken Café Church for a few years, the team have now settled into a regular model for each session. Attendance numbers continue to be in the region of 70-80, with a few people only attending because it is Café Church week. The team are keen to learn and develop the sessions and they are currently reflecting upon feedback forms which were completed.

The team have decided to continue to use films in the forthcoming year and five new Café Church's are already being planned. Please look out for the new leaflets which will advertise the next group of dates for 23/24, and continue to invite new people to the sessions.

Grace Burke

Care in the Community/Home Communion

Over the last couple of years, a small group from the church has responded to the request for home visits, including those when we specifically 'Break Bread' together. From this move, a ministry of taking and sharing Home Communion has quietly grown as part of the Pastoral Care at WBC. Requests come from people who for a variety of reasons, miss out on church fellowship. There are those who are housebound or a request may come from a Social Worker or Carer. The pattern of Service is informal and will have been discussed in a visit prior to anyone new taking part. No pressure is put on to attend church for those referred from outside the church. Each situation is lovingly assessed.

The Church Leadership is informed of each visit which maybe bi-monthly and the team goes in pairs. Home visits are personal and those going into people's homes are subject to the church's safeguarding protocol and the need for confidentiality, another area of prayer support. Those involved are Christine Spencer,



prayer warriors for the Lord Jesus and to see Him do great and powerful things in and through us this year.

In December we sent out a *Prayer Questionnaire* to help us understand what people see as our prayer priorities and how we can deepen our personal and church prayer life. Nearly 30 completed questionnaires were returned - this is most encouraging. People had given a lot of thought to their replies. They show a real appetite to talk about and engage with all sorts of prayer at WBC. The next step is to identify the key themes from the responses and draw up some recommended actions for the Leadership Team to consider. This will be an exciting springboard into this year of prayer.



Vera Cooke and Gill Price

Roots Community Café

Roots continues to grow; we are still welcoming new visitors to some sessions but equally have our regulars who have journeyed with us from the beginning.

As always we struggle with volunteers, we still haven't managed to find someone who can fill the kitchen role completely and we rely on myself or Paul being there to run a full session.

We have seen Bev Woodhouse join the team, although she doesn't attend the church she has quickly become an invaluable member of the team, she arrives at 8:30am and is there until the end. We have also had Kate, Robbie, Keith, Catherine and Claire join from the church. They all bring something different to the group and help to serve our community and share God's love.

Unfortunately, I don't get to see many of those who come through the doors but I know Vic keeps us informed as often as he can in church services and at the church meetings of the stories and challenges faced.

There has been an increase in donations to the pay it forward board but sadly there has also been an increase in those needing to use it. The cost of living has meant our shopping bills for Roots have increased and we will therefore be reviewing our prices at Easter.

We have a few practical things to sort this coming year, the counter under the coffee machine needs replacing and some equipment also needs replacing. We are looking forward to having a purpose built area!

Roots was pleased to be part of the Wynterfest celebrations in the town, we estimated over 1,000 people came through the doors. It was an exhausting but rewarding day.

We also helped Cathy to celebrate Ray's life by providing the food for His thanksgiving service.

I want to thank all those who have helped at Roots, either regularly or as and when, we have definitely touched our community with God's love this past year.

Emma Smith

Thrive@Roots



Thrive still remains relatively small but has seen growth this past year. Each week the youngsters come bounding in and are so comfortable in the church building.

We have a good few hours chatting and playing games with them, Ruth is the go to for the trickier homework questions but it's great to see them working together in their small groups, engaging with each other and us adults.

Emma

In November, we were delighted to receive the Bronze Eco Church Award and are hoping that this will inspire us to look for more and more ways to put our love for God's creation at the heart of everything we do at Wymondham Baptist Church.

As a fellowship, we are very supportive of each other and we would like to thank everyone who has supported the Eco Church activities and events over this year, both with their time, skills, and finances.



The team meets about every 6 weeks, and we would be delighted to see new faces or to hear from anyone who has ideas for future projects.

Nicki Waterworth on behalf of the Eco Church Team

Café Church

The Cafe Church team (Grace, Vic W, Victor F, Owen and Matthew) are pleased to have completed a full year of services following the forced break during the pandemic. Together they have led services that use themes and clips from films to deliver a godly message. This year has included messages using the films of Star Wars, Hacksaw



Ridge, Finding Nemo, What we did on our Holiday and The Wizard of Oz. The services are deliberately offered in a less formal way, attempting to move away from the usual Sunday routines by doing something that is more creative whilst family friendly. Services don't begin until 11am which also allows time for people to mingle and chat, seeking to help build

stronger relationships within the congregation.

In September, we played our part in the Great Big Green Week. In that week during Roots, Greening Wymondham operated a stand in the church and WBC ran a PowerPoint presentation demonstrating how our church is responding to taking care of our environment. Thank you to Ray and Cathy Finch and to Doug Hodges for preparing this.



Personal lifestyles of our congregation

In February 2022 we started a recycling scheme at WBC for items that cannot be recycled by the roadside collections. The stationery items are taken to Rymans in Norwich. Medicine blister packs were taken to Superdrug in Norwich and other items were taken to Val Keel in Wrentham to be recycled via Terracycle. Unfortunately, we had to stop the collection of blister packs at the end of 2022 but will be expanding the recycling in 2023 to other items. We have a recycling notice board in the corridor with all the information about our scheme.

There are regular updates, tips, and suggestions in the Rooted Life magazine.

In October the Eco Church and Leadership teams completed a Carbon Footprint calculator (the WWF Carbon calculator) and we then encouraged the fellowship to do the same. We want to encourage small and positive changes with an emphasis on personal responsibility and are hoping that this Carbon Calculator will be another way of making us think about how we can make these changes.

And finally....

Finances: We hope to be a self-funding group and with the funds raised this year, we have given a £125 donation to A Rocha charity, contributed £350 for the loft insulation at the Manse and paid for the birdboxes in the church garden.

Sunday Youth Church

Dynamite

"The primary school-age group continues to use Superbook - video based material which connects Biblical events to the experience of current day children. In the second part of the year we learned about the lives of the early disciples including Peter and Paul, and we are now focussing on the teaching of Jesus.

The number of kids attending varies from week to week - sometimes only 3 or 4 but on other weeks several times that.

We are thankful for the strong

friendships within this group and for the freedom the young people feel to express themselves.



Over the past year Charlotte Jordan has been helping with the group as part of her Duke of Edinburgh award - we have really valued her faithfulness and enthusiasm. She will shortly complete her service and so we are looking for new people to join as helpers - no advance preparation required!

Our longing is that these young people would not just know about God but that they would come to know Him, developing faith that they can call their own and being empowered to share the love of Jesus with their friends."

Ruth Rallan

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The high school age group have used a new resource this year from the Raise up Faith collection. We have used the new ImPossible+ resource from LZ7, the first half of the year was focused on God encounters - From the very beginning of things God has been showing

up, revealing Himself, being present in the mess, troubles and struggles. We kicked off with six sessions that looked at how God's light, His presence made a difference in the lives of humans.



1. Moses [I will be with you]
 Theme
 God's love | God's power
 Story
 Moses and the Burning Bush
 (Exodus 3. 1-15)

2. Gideon [God is waiting for us]
 Theme
 God's love
 Story
 Gideon Fights the Midianites (Judges 6-7)

3. Elijah [The whisper of God]
 Theme
 God's voice
 Story
 The still small voice (1 Kings 19)

4. Pentecost [Flame on]
 Theme
 Holy Spirit | God's voice
 Story
 The Holy Spirit is Sent to the Disciples (Acts 2. 1-13)

5. Paul [Blinded by your grace]
 Theme
 Grace
 Story
 The Conversion of Saul (Acts 9. 1-19)

6. Turning the Tables [YOU are the Light of the World]
 Theme



Our Buildings and Land:

The church swapped its energy providers in 2022 which was not only beneficial financially but also allowed us to sign up with companies with more favourable environmental credentials. (SSE and Crown Gas)

As part of some repairs to the Manse, a proportion of the Eco Church funds paid for loft insulation to be installed.

In the garden, as mentioned, we now have bird boxes and bug hotels. Shirley Marwood has been working regularly on the Church flower beds with an emphasis on perennial plants that will encourage pollinators. We also have a team of volunteers who regularly mow the grass and tidy the hedges.



Engaging with our local community and with global campaigns

In June 2022, WBC hosted a community event called ECO@WBC. Local groups were invited to have a stall to showcase all the excellent care that is already happening in our community. It was a great time to find out about these groups and to chat about how we can work together to look after our world. Greening Wymondham, Hedgehog Haven, Toadwatch, Wymondham in Bloom, Wymondham Nature Group and the WI all supported the event. We had a Food Savvy stand from Norfolk County Council and there was an opportunity to make a bug hotel. In addition, there were plant, cake, card, and craft stalls together with refreshments. Nearly £800 was raised and the proceeds are to fund ECO Church projects at WBC.

We have asked Nicola Maunders from Greening Wymondham to contribute to our Rooted Life magazine and she now writes a regular feature with easy and encouraging tips on how we can live a little more carefully.

ECO Church



In January 2022, Wymondham Baptist Church signed up to be part of the Eco Church Project. It is A Rocha UK's award scheme for churches in England and Wales who want to demonstrate that the gospel is good news for God's earth.

The vision of Eco Church is as follows: 'for churches of all denominations to care for creation as an integral part of loving their

neighbours and following God faithfully' (taken from Eco Church website).

A small group first met in January 2022 to form an Eco Church Team at WBC and to start with, we completed the online survey which is designed to help us express our care for God's world in 4 key areas:

- in our worship and teaching,
- in looking after our buildings and land,
- in engaging with our local community and in global campaigns
- in the personal lifestyles of our congregation.

So...what have we at WBC done in these 4 areas over the last year?

Worship and Teaching:

Our summer programme had an environmental theme (Why should we care?) with each homegroup basing and leading the service around one element of Creation (Creation/responsibility, light/energy, water/seas, vegetation/use of land, creatures/care)

Our young people spent 2 practical sessions, one in February led by Ruth Rallan and Chris Flaxman and one in November and led by Ruth Rallan looking at the diversity of birds and insects and to make birdboxes and bug hotels for our church garden. Our thanks Ruth and Chris and to The Shed in Ayton Road for preparing the bird boxes for the young people to put together.

Jesus

Story

Turning the tables (Matthew 5:14-16)

The second part of the year we looked at Jesus Encounters - John's Gospel declares that Jesus is the 'Light of the World' and this series looked at some incredible stories of the encounters Jesus had with ordinary people - like us - and how they were transformed, and also how Jesus can transform our lives too.

1. *Bartimaeus [ASK]*
2. *Woman Healed [SEEN]*
3. *Woman at the Well [ACCEPTED]*
4. *Zacchaeus [WELCOMED]*
5. *Nicodemus [AUDIENCE OF ONE]*
6. *Peter [RESTORED]*

The group is small - with 4 attending regularly. We only meet three weeks out of four - no group on the first Sunday of the month.

The youth team, like all areas in church, could do with more volunteers and we are in the process of having discussions about group dynamics and changes needed going forward.

Unfortunately, we haven't been able to run creche in the same way we have in previous years. This has been because of a lack of volunteers, the parents of the smallest church members have covered this themselves which isn't ideal and we would love to be able to cover this in a different way. Please pray for the ongoing challenges we face as a small youth team.

Emma Smith

Friday Night Youth

Emma and I, alongside support from Jamie Burke have continued to provide Friday night youth on a fortnightly basis.

At the beginning of the year we had an average attendance of around 20 children aged school years 7 and above. By the end of the summer term some of the older ones sadly left as they needed to concentrate on school work and have outgrown the group. We are delighted to have journeyed with them for their younger years and still pray for them on a regular basis. Since returning in the autumn term we now have around 12 young people.

The group meet between 6:30 - 8pm and the evenings involve free time for the first hour which is mostly spent playing football, catching up with friends and playing various other games. Our thanks must go to Chris Flaxman as our emergency glazier as he has been called into action on a couple of occasions. After an hour we provide the youngsters with tuck and they organise the rota to serve each other out on their own, which we feel is encouraging. We then spend time with a team game and some Bible based teaching. After all the charging around the young people are always engaged and very open to talking, sharing and working out how to practice their faith in real ways. Not all who attend have a faith but still listen and take an active part in the teaching time. We also do various other activities which have included playing French cricket at the local park, crafts and other fun things.



At Christmas we asked the group what they would like to do, perhaps an outing such as bowling or to go for pizza? We were surprised by the overwhelming response that they wanted to stay at church and have Christmas dinner together along with some games. This was at their instigation and was really encouraging for us. We duly carried out their request. So, with additional help from Jamie and Ruth we served them all a meal, we had a gingerbread house building competition, a quiz and then we had asked the youngsters two weeks prior to think about the nativity story and engage with it replacing the traditional characters with modern day equivalents. This was FANTASTIC! They were so engaged and we had some really good discussions and ideas and we believe it really helped bring the familiar biblical account to life for them.

and his team, and getting lots of photos and video footage for use in presentations, newsletters etc.

Please pray for the team as we seek the way forward in all aspects of the work.

Neil Starling

Homegroups at WBC

At WBC we believe that it is important to be part of a Homegroup so that we can get to know a few people on a deeper level and we can care and be cared for in a smaller safe environment. Homegroups usually consist of a time of study either following a relevant subject or passages from the Bible, then some prayer time where people can bring their needs and concerns. There is also an opportunity to chat to get to know each other better and drink tea (or coffee).

We have three active Homegroups at the moment, with Christine's group not meeting at the moment while she receives treatment.

These groups are more or less at capacity, if groups become too big people may not be so comfortable in sharing and asking for help. So as much as we would like everyone to have the opportunity to attend a Homegroup we do lack people to lead/host new groups.

We do have a number of people who would like to be part of a Homegroup so if anyone is willing to host or lead please let me know and we will get a new group in place.



Gill Price

minimal incomes. All of these things are improving with this project. Several have received different trainings: pre-school teachers (a new thing for the village), other teachers, animal husbandry and farming. Children are now getting a better introduction to education and are asking to go to school. They have been breeding a stronger breed of goat from a donated Billy goat! This means they are surviving and providing a good source of income for them.”

“With our prayers for you as we thank you for your prayers for us.

Alan and Megan”

Neil Starling

The Falconer Trust

The Falconer Home in Kabulamema, Zambia currently provides a home for around fifty-five children of all ages from 1-year-old to mid-teens. The Home continues to face many challenges - building work is progressing very slowly, with accommodation being prepared for the children while the repair of the roof of the main house takes place. The project is made more difficult by the demands of Zambian Social Services for certain standards of accommodation. The sending of parcels to the Home is generally fraught with difficulties, as the customs process is becoming more lengthy and onerous.

At home, the New Year has started with a challenge, as Ken Webb has stepped down as Trustee and Director of the Falconer Trust. Neil is therefore working with the remaining trustees to establish the way forward, with many decisions to be made. Neil is keen to explore how to improve working practices, and establish a more fruitful working relationship with the Falconer Home. We are also considering whether to invite new trustees to come on board.

Neil is planning to visit the Home in June, along with one or more trustees. The purpose of the visit is to assess needs, ensure that what we send is appropriate and being used, giving encouragement Simon

Going forward we ask that you pray for us as leaders to stay enthused. It can be tiring at times to keep going. We also would like to see some more youngsters join us but we really wouldn't want anything to impact the ethos or dynamics this group have developed. We really would like to see our young people engaged with faith and come to know Jesus in a real way.

Paul and Emma

Secretary

As I write this report on behalf of Ray, I can hear him saying to me don't forget to include this or that or something else. I am sure that I will forget some things but please bear with me.

Looking back over the past year (2022) we as a church have seen God at work. There is no doubt about that. The first full year after lockdown and being able to meet together in person, we have still had a number of the fellowship succumb to the dreaded Covid. However, with the new skills that we have learned during lockdown we have been able to be together through Zoom - what a blessing this has been.

At the beginning of the year we anticipated an overspend of £13,000+ but through the prompting of the Holy Spirit and the response of so many of you we ended the year with a surplus - our cup running over - isn't God good?

At the beginning of January 2022 we ran an Alpha course. This proved to be an encouraging experience for those who attended. Most who attended had some knowledge of Jesus Christ, but the Alpha material encouraged them to go deeper in their faith. The aim is to repeat this during 2023 inviting those with little knowledge of our Saviour.

During 2022 various forms etc. were completed with regard to our Pastor Paul going through the Ministerial Recognition process. As church secretary Ray gave references on behalf of the fellowship at

WBC, highlighting the way in which we have seen Paul develop, giving confirmation that we were certain that Paul was called to the role of Baptist minister. Towards the end of the year after attending gruelling interviews Paul became an accredited Baptist minister and in January 2023 we celebrated his ordination.

As a leadership team it was decided that we needed to seek confirmation from God that the path that we were walking in connection with the extension to the premises was the right way forward. In order to do this in February 2022 a Listening Day was held, when we could talk to God specifically about this aspect of the church vision and listen to Him as we pursued our desire to bring more people to Christ. Then later in the month we held a Giving Day. On this day we asked God to confirm that He wanted us to go forward to apply for planning permission on the project designs. God gave us a resounding 'Yes, get on with it' as the total raised far exceeded the funds needed.



In April we took part in a Fire Drill on a Sunday morning - an interesting exercise which ensured that we all knew exactly what we were supposed to do in the event of a fire during a morning service.

Ray and I attended the Wymondham Town Council Brighter Futures meetings as representatives of WBC.

In May we welcomed the Trussell Trust Foodbank back to the church on Friday mornings, between 11a.m. and 12 noon. Initially they had a table in the Roots Café where they could meet clients, however they have since decided that it is best to meet in a separate room and now use what was Paul's office since he has now moved out of that room.

Ray attended the local churches together meetings when Paul was not available and was able to get to know other representatives from the local churches.

Rachel is visiting the UK in April, and will be speaking at WBC on 23rd April.

Alan and Megan Barker

Alan and Megan Barker are currently based in Kathmandu, Nepal (since August 2021) to develop a wider itinerant role for capacity strengthening of BMS partner organisations. As part of this they (especially Alan) give particular input to HDCS, a locally based partner. They joined BMS in 2000. Their initial overseas placement was with United Mission to Nepal (2000-2004) in Kathmandu where Alan worked in management and Megan as an occupational therapist. They returned to Nepal in 2007 to work with International Nepal Fellowship (INF), initially in Surkhet where Alan worked in management and donor relations, training local staff and Megan developed rehabilitation services, expanding the work beyond leprosy to include other disabilities, working alongside and training Nepalese therapists. Remaining with INF, they moved to Pokhara in 2017 where Alan supported the partnership and communications team and Megan worked in the Occupational Therapy Department and also advised on rehabilitation issues across all INF programmes. Alan and Megan have three children who live with their respective families in the UK, Vietnam and South Korea.

Their most recent newsletter (November 2022) contained the following news:

"We are very thankful that both Covid and dengue are on the decline here and our friends and colleagues are all well at the moment."

"We got to visit Ghusel, the place featured in the BMS Harvest Appeal this year, and to see first-hand the work there. It's amazing that a place so close to Kathmandu can be so underdeveloped. It took just 1½ hours to drive there but they have been living at such a basic level. There is a road we travelled to get there which has only recently been completed. This is real progress as it means that they now have better access to the city, both for receiving goods and as an outlet to sell their own produce. As we met with representatives of a couple of self-help groups, they told us that 80% are illiterate, children didn't want to go to school, they had a poor diet, limited access to water and power and

holes in walls, decorating, repairing, including our garden shed etc. etc. For those who provide the flowers to enhance our worship.

The danger of thanking people is that some may have been missed out and for that I apologise. However, I must say how encouraging it is to be in a fellowship where so many do so much. Thank you.

Vic Wright

Outreach and Mission

Many of our Mission and Outreach activities and connections are covered in other reports, but here are others that are not:

Rachel Spencer

Rachel is working in Paris with GEM (Greater Europe Mission) and World Team France to bring the gospel to a deeply secular society.

Rachel's latest newsletter has recently arrived. She has moved house to another flat close to her previous one. She has linked up with a lady called Angelique, and together they have created and officially registered a 'cultural association' called Xenia, to 'create an environment of friendship and welcome among different cultures, validating and celebrating the diversity of the town, and working together for the good of the community'. Through this organisation they hope to combat loneliness, and encourage a sense of community, aiming to build relationships through which they can communicate the gospel.

Rachel writes: "On February 1st I started a PhD programme in Missiology at the Vrije Universiteit (VU) Amsterdam. I will do this part-time and anticipate it will take six years. I'm still finalising the details of the research proposal, but my goal is to develop a contextualised public missiology for the French evangelical church, helping it to engage more effectively in French society and public life."

During August Ray was responsible for the Church Clean and Big Clear out. All the rooms and cupboards in the church were cleared out and a skip was hired to take away all the items that were no longer required. The clear out ended in a Big Church Clean Day, when together we worked to ensure that every nook and cranny was cleaned and left sparkling.



In September Ray attended the EBA Gathering at Bluntishall Baptist Church and was able to gain an insight into the recent building extension that they had carried out at the church.

During the course of the year we continued the work to change our charitable status from an unincorporated charity under the Baptist Union to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. This took a lot of time and patience as although we used the services of a solicitor there was still an incredible amount of work to be done by us and complicated jargon to understand. We eventually became a charity on June 14th 2022 and all the church assets were transferred to the new CIO on 31.10.2022. The setting up of a new bank account was arduous and currently we have two bank accounts operating whilst standing orders and direct debits are re-directed.

Ray served as church secretary for just over two years and whilst not always an easy task it was one that he enjoyed and did to serve his Lord and Saviour. We look forward to what God has in store for the next church secretary.

Cathy Finch on behalf of Ray Finch

Church Administrator

During 2022 I have continued to be present in the church office on Monday, Tuesday and Friday mornings. I have regularly checked that

the church policies are up to date and regularly reviewed by the Leadership Team. I have also endeavoured to ensure that the general notice boards around the church are kept as up to date as possible. Each Monday morning Paul and I test the fire alarm and emergency lighting.

As part of my role I am responsible for the church duty rotas for the Welcome Team, Refreshments Team, Communion Team and the Duty Deacon. I am grateful to all those who have helped in these duties and would welcome some more volunteers on these teams. Please let me know if you think you might be able to help. We have also started a list of people who are willing to read the scriptures on a Sunday morning. If this is something that you think you might be able to do, please let me know.

The move to a CIO and the necessary HMRC registration and new bank account set up have taken a lot of administrative time. I think everything is now in order and complete with the exception of the necessary transfer of standing orders and direct debits from the old account to the new one - I think this will take some time.

During the year we have continued to prepare a weekly notice sheet giving details of activities at the church and other items of interest. As well as this we have developed our Rooted Life bi-monthly magazine. It is good to have items from different people for this magazine. Please continue to let me have your ideas, your book reviews, your experiences, puzzles and contributions that make the magazine interesting reading not only for our church family but the wider community when they visit the church. I have also endeavoured to keep the website as up to date as possible, this has been a learning experience which I have enjoyed.

Once again we entered Wymondham in Bloom and again were award 'Excellent'. This year we tried to follow the red, white and blue theme, but not all the flowers were in bloom in colour at the judging

This report outlines the more major work that has been carried out to keep our premises safe and in good order. At the manse we have replaced the guttering, fascias and soffits with white plastic as the existing were in a poor state of repair. Following on from this work, because of the age and condition of the existing windows and cladding, two windows and cladding were replaced. Replacement of the other windows has been agreed by the Church Meeting and a local contractor appointed to carry out the work as soon as possible. The manse loft insulation has also been upgraded to improve the insulation.

In the past year we had to replace the church kitchen boiler as the old gas boiler was unsafe.



Work has been carried out to the garden shed and through the summer the gardens have been kept and tended by Shirley, Nicki and their team. A group took it in turns to cut the grass. Chris cut back a huge amount of the leylandii hedging and disposed of it.

There was a skip arranged (and filled!) on a clear-up day during the year. The old exterior sign at the end of the church school room was removed, and prepared for the new signage we now have this year. We employ a cleaning company to regularly keep our premises clean and tidy. You may also have realised that Paul has now moved his office to the far end of our church building and our thanks to him for carrying this out.

Without listing all the jobs done around our premises I want to thank various people for the great work they have done. For the Eco team in our gardens, Paul and Emma for keeping our manse and manse garden looking great, for the sound team looking after our sound system week after week, for Emma keeping our church kitchen up-to-date, safe and hygienic. Thanks to Cathy for keeping us up-to-date with fire extinguishers and testing etc. I would personally, and on your behalf, thank Keith Hilton for all the jobs he has carried out for us, filling in

Music in Worship

The music team currently consists of Neil, Vic, Mary, Owen, Katie, Lara and Chris. We are also grateful for the work of the Tech Team on the sound desk.

Our heart always is to provide an environment within which everyone feels that their worship is aided and enhanced by the music. We recognise that different people have different backgrounds, experiences and preferences, but we hope that within a service there is something for everyone!



The worship team has expanded in the last year or so, and ideally this means that it gives us the flexibility to rotate the team, giving everyone the opportunity to take time out to worship from within the congregation. In recent months ill health has kept a number of the team from singing/playing as regularly as they would wish. It is very difficult to find times when all of the team can practise together, because of work and family commitments. Our main time for all practising together is before the service on a Sunday morning, though ideally we would want to do more than this. There are times when some of the group are able to get together for further practice.

We are always ready and willing to consider ways in which we can improve what we do, and welcome input from anyone who has constructive comments and suggestions.

Neil Starling

Buildings, Garden and Maintenance

Firstly, we give thanks above all to our Father God who has entrusted us with our church buildings. With this trust comes the responsibility of giving the best care we can to our church and manse, making them places that honour our God.

time. Hopefully next year we will be able to invite the judges into the back garden at the church as it is developed in the future.



As part of the Finance Team I continue to support our Church Treasurer. I have also continued to prepare agendas with Paul for Leadership Team meetings and Church meetings and minute those meetings.

As I face the difficult days ahead, I know that being able to work as Church Administrator will help me through. Thank you for your continued support.

Cathy Finch

Treasurer

Summary of 2022 financial performance

	2022			2021	2020
	Budget	Actual	Variance to budget	Actual	Actual
Income	62,300	78,413	16,113	68,151	54,648
Expenditure	75,683	73,978	1,704	68,598	57,201
Outturn	-13,383	4,434	17,817	-446	-2,552

The table above is a summary of the financial performance of Wymondham Baptist Church during 2022. You can see from the table that we predicted our expenditure would be more than the income by £13,383. During the year the church were asked to pray about our financial position and consider their giving to the work of the church.

As the year progressed our financial position improved and as the table shows God truly blessed our church. By the end of the year not

only was our income up by £16,113 against budget but we managed to control our expenditure meaning our income was in fact £4,434 ahead of expenditure.

This financial performance means that for the first time in at least three years our General Fund finishes the year in a credit situation (£2,123) as shown in the Balance Sheet below.

We must thank God for hearing our prayers and encouraging members and attendees alike to support the work of Wymondham Baptist Church

	Funds	As at 31.12.2022
Unrestricted	General Fund	2,123
	Reserve Fund	11,900
	Fellowship Fund	131
	Roots Community Cafe	19,412
	A Roche – Eco Church	384
	Alpha	282
	Building Fund	15,435
	Home from Home	2,154
	Paul's Education	0
	Total	51,822

Key points

During 2022 there were a number of key principles that as a Leadership Team, we felt it was important to stick to:

- Tithing. We continue as a church to tithe our income and selected three organisations close to the church to support.
- Facilities. We are committed to do the best we can for our facilities bearing in mind our financial resources e.g. we have replaced some of the windows in the manse, the gutters and the facias. There is still more work to do in this area.
- Vision. We endeavour to continue supporting the vision of Wymondham Baptist Church financially.

In conclusion

I would like to thank the members of the Finance Team for their continued hard work and support in paying invoices, processing entries, checking details and producing financial reports each month. It is down to them that each month we have an accurate update of where we stand and what issues are on the horizon. Thank you.

Victor Fromm - Church Treasurer

Wymondham Baptist Church					
Statement of Financial Activities					
For the period from 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022					
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	£49,945.64	£18,063.32	-	£68,008.96	£43,886.78
Income from charitable activities	£29,055.84	£574.25	-	£29,630.09	£13,978.58
Other trading activities	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	-	-	-	-	-
Other income	£37,242.97	£8,747.41	-	£45,990.38	£34,700.66
Total income	£116,244.45	£27,384.98	-	£143,629.43	£92,566.02
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	-	-	-	-	-
Expenditure on charitable activities	£25,078.42	£77.23	-	£25,155.65	£14,773.99
Other expenditure	£76,510.33	£14,403.92	-	£90,914.25	£69,948.62
Total expenditure	£101,588.75	£14,481.15	-	£116,069.90	£84,722.61
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	£14,655.70	£12,903.83	-	£27,559.53	£7,843.41
Transfers:					
Gross transfers between funds - in	£1,189.25	£182.23	-	£1,371.48	£3,033.05
Gross transfers between funds - out	(£1,371.48)	-	-	(£1,371.48)	(£3,033.05)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-	-
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	£14,473.47	£13,086.06	-	£27,559.53	£7,843.41
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	£19,092.72	£5,170.03	-	£24,262.75	£16,419.34
Total funds carried forward	£33,566.19	£18,256.09	-	£51,822.28	£24,262.75



Wymondham Baptist Church
Statement of Financial Activities
For the period from 14 June 2022 to 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	£30,397.88	£864.14	£224.66 -		£31,486.68
Income from charitable activities	-	£16,313.52	£574.25 -		£16,887.77
Other trading activities	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	-	-	-	-	-
Other income	£17,517.21	£7,682.76	£4,100.97 -		£29,300.94
Total income	£47,915.09	£24,860.42	£4,899.88 -		£77,675.39
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	-	-	-	-	-
Expenditure on charitable activities	£353.15	£13,511.95 -	-		£13,865.10
Other expenditure	£46,883.06	£2,823.44	£6,371.26 -		£56,077.76
Total expenditure	£47,236.21	£16,335.39	£6,371.26 -		£69,942.86
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	£678.88	£8,525.03	-£1,471.38 -		£7,732.53
Transfers:					
Gross transfers between funds - in	£589.25	£350.00	£182.23 -		£1,121.48
Gross transfers between funds - out	-£370.00	-£751.48 -	-		-£1,121.48
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-	-
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	£898.13	£8,123.55	-£1,289.15 -		£7,732.53
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	£1,224.92	£23,319.59	£19,545.24 -		£44,089.75
Total funds carried forward	£2,123.05	£31,443.14	£18,256.09 -		£51,822.28


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Wymondham Baptist Church
Statement of Financial Activities
For the period from 14 June 2022 to 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds
Income and endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	£31,262.02	£224.66 -		£31,486.68
Income from charitable activities	£16,313.52	£574.25 -		£16,887.77
Other trading activities	-	-	-	-
Investments	-	-	-	-
Other income	£25,199.97	£4,100.97 -		£29,300.94
Total income	£72,775.51	£4,899.88 -		£77,675.39
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	-	-	-	-
Expenditure on charitable activities	£13,865.10 -	-		£13,865.10
Other expenditure	£49,706.50	£6,371.26 -		£56,077.76
Total expenditure	£63,571.60	£6,371.26 -		£69,942.86
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	£9,203.91	-£1,471.38 -		£7,732.53
Transfers:				
Gross transfers between funds - in	£939.25	£182.23 -		£1,121.48
Gross transfers between funds - out	-£1,121.48 -	-		-£1,121.48
Other recognised gains / losses				
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	£9,021.68	-£1,289.15 -		£7,732.53
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward	£24,544.51	£19,545.24 -		£44,089.75
Total funds carried forward	£33,566.19	£18,256.09 -		£51,822.28

Wymondham Baptist Church

Analysis of income and expenditure Selected period: 14 June 2022 to 31 December 2022

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total This year
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies					
ALPHA INC1 - ALPHA GIFT AID GIVING	-	-	-	-	£118.00
BFINC1 - Building Fund Gift Aid Income	£10.00 -		£108.00 -		£126.66
BFINC2 - Building Fund Non-Gift Aid income	-		£126.66 -		£23,236.88
INC1 - Gift Aid Income	£23,246.88 -		-£10.00 -		£7,141.00
INC2 - Non Gift Aid Giving	£7,141.00 -		-		£864.14
RINC2 - Roots Community Cafe Donations	-	£864.14 -	-		£31,486.68
Donations and legacies Totals	£30,397.88	£864.14	£224.66 -		
Income from charitable activities					
ECO INC - ECO Income account	-		£574.25 -		£574.25
INC12 - Pop Up Restaurant Income - A Rocha	-	-	-	-	
INC13 - Pop Up Restaurant Income - Alpha	-	-	-	-	
RINC1 - Roots sales at Cafe	-	£16,260.52 -	-		£16,260.52
RINC6 - Youth Group Income	-	£53.00 -	-		£53.00
Income from charitable activities Totals	-	£16,313.52	£574.25 -		£16,887.77
Other trading activities					
Other trading activities Totals	-	-	-	-	-
Investments					
Investments Totals	-	-	-	-	-
Other income					
BFINC3 - Building Fund Gift Aid Refund	-		£279.05 -		£279.05
BFINC4 - Loose cash to Building Fund	-		£1,490.00 -		£1,490.00
INC10 - MISC	£700.00 -	-	-		£700.00
INC11 - REimbursement from Roots	-	-	-	-	
INC14 - Home from Home Income	-		£306.17 -		£306.17
INC15 - Home from Home Grant	-		£2,600.00 -		£2,600.00
INC3 - Loose cash	£3,642.78 -		-£574.25 -		£3,068.53
INC4 - Gift Aid Refund	£6,602.91 -	-	-		£6,602.91

INC5 - Interest	£246.77 -	-	-	£246.77
INC6 - Grants	£4,124.75 -	-	-	£4,124.75
INC7 - Roots Contribution to Salary	£1,500.00 -	-	-	£1,500.00
INC8 - Furlough receipts	-	-	-	-
INC9 - Lettings Income	£700.00 -	-	-	£700.00
RINC3 - Roots - Grants	-	-	-	-
RINC4 - Roots Community Cafe - Misc	-	-	-	£2,410.44
RINC5 - Roots - Insurance reimbursement	-	-	-	£5,272.32
RINC7 - Roots Bank Interest	-	-	-	-
Other income Totals	£17,517.21	£7,682.76	£4,100.97 -	£29,300.94
Income and endowments Grand totals	£47,915.09	£24,860.42	£4,899.88 -	£77,675.39

Expenditure on:

Raising funds

Raising funds Totals

Expenditure on charitable activities

EXP2 - Minister's Travel	£318.15 -	-	-	£318.15
EXP59 - ADMIN - Data Protection	£35.00 -	-	-	£35.00
EXP62 - Alpha	-	-	-	-
EXP63 - Eco Church	-	-	-	-
EXP64 - Fellowship Account	-	-	-	-
REXP1 - Roots groceries	-	-	-	-
REXP10 - Roots - Grant expenditure	-	£9,431.58 -	-	£9,431.58

REXP11 - Roots charges - Sum-Up/Tesco/Bank	-	£277.15 -	-	£277.15
REXP12 - Purchases for other events	-	£483.35 -	-	£483.35
REXP14 - Coffee Machine Pressure Test	-	£418.56 -	-	£418.56
REXP4 - Roots - Coffee machine rental	-	£1,080.00 -	-	£1,080.00
REXP6 - Roots - Salary contribution	-	£2,250.00 -	-	£2,250.00
REXP8 - Roots - kitchen supplies	-	-£428.69 -	-	-£428.69
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	£353.15	£13,511.95 -	-	£13,865.10

Other expenditure

ALPHA1 - Alpha gifts	-	-	-	-
ALPHA2 - ALPHA food	-	-	-	-
BEXP1 - Building Fund - Professional Fees	-	-	£5,115.70 -	£5,115.70
BEXP2 - Misc.	-	-	£93.94 -	£93.94
ECO1 - ECO Misc	-	-	£409.50 -	£409.50

EXP1 - Minister's Stipend	£16,236.01 -	-	-	£16,236.01
EXP11 - Roots Project Manager Salary	£4,550.00 -	-	-	£4,550.00
EXP12 - Payroll Fees	£174.30 -	-	-	£174.30
EXP20 - Church Utilities - Gas	£111.42 -	-	-	£111.42
EXP21 - Church Utilities - Electricity	£3,822.00 -	-	-	£3,822.00
EXP22 - Church Repairs and Maintenance	£1,954.31 -	-	-	£1,954.31
EXP23 - Church Insurance	£700.00 -	-	-	£700.00
EXP24 - Church cleaning	£994.00 -	-	-	£994.00
EXP25 - Church Water	£91.00 -	-	-	£91.00
EXP26 - Church Rates	-	-	-	-
EXP27 - Church Garden	£19.98 -	-	-	£19.98
EXP28 - Flowers for church	£106.28 -	-	-	£106.28
EXP3 - Minister's Telephone and Broadband	£337.41 -	-	-	£337.41
EXP31 - Manse Costs - Repairs and Maintenance	£7,116.21 -	-	-	£7,116.21
EXP32 - Manse Costs - Council Tax	£1,449.00 -	-	-	£1,449.00
EXP33 - Manse Utilities - -Light & Heat	£175.00 -	-	-	£175.00
EXP35 - Manse Costs - Insurance	£317.73 -	-	-	£317.73
EXP36 - Manse Water Rates	£449.00 -	-	-	£449.00
EXP4 - Minister's Training	£150.06 -	-	-	£150.06
EXP41 - Outreach - Youth Work	£263.35 -	-	-	£263.35
EXP42 - Outreach - Gifts	-	-	-	-
EXP43 - Outreach - Vision	£140.67 -	-	-	£140.67
EXP44 - Outreach - Overseas	£2,116.00 -	-	-	£2,116.00
EXP45 - Outreach - Home Mission	£2,356.69 -	-	-	£2,356.69
EXP46 - Preaching Fees	£50.00 -	-	-	£50.00
EXP47 - Outreach - Events Publicity	-	-	-	-
EXP51 - ADMIN - Photocopier/Printing	£722.74 -	-	-	£722.74
EXP52 - Admin - Website	£302.00 -	-	-	£302.00
EXP53 - ADMIN - Subscriptions	£248.09 -	-	-	£248.09
EXP54 - ADMIN - Telephone/Internet	£241.97 -	-	-	£241.97
EXP55 - ADMIN - Training	-	-	-	-
EXP56 - ADMIN - Other	£304.24 -	-	-	£304.24
EXP57 - Professional Fees	£1,383.60 -	-	-	£1,383.60
EXP58 - ADMIN - Licences	-	-	-	-
EXP60 - Transfer of Gifts to Roots	-	-	-	-
EXP61 - Expenditure on behalf of Roots	-	-	-	-
EXP65 - Home from Home Expenditure	-	-	-	-
			£127.12 -	£127.12

EXP66 - H0me from Home Energy costs	-			£625.00 -		£625.00
PEd1 - Graduation costs	-			-		
REXP13 - Roots - Gifts	-		£50.00 -			£50.00
REXP2 - Roots - Cleaning materials	-		-			
REXP3 - Roots - Refuse Collection	-		£120.12 -			£120.12
REXP5 - Roots - Copy Paper	-		-			
REXP7 - Roots - Training	-		£12.00 -			£12.00
REXP9 - Roots - Misc	-		£2,641.32 -			£2,641.32
Other expenditure Totals		£46,883.06	£2,823.44	£6,371.26 -		£56,077.76
Expenditure Grand totals		£47,236.21	£16,335.39	£6,371.26 -		£69,942.86

Wymondham Baptist Church

Analysis of income and expenditure Selected period: 14 June 2022 to 31 December 2022

					Total	
	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies						
ALPHA INC1 - ALPHAGIFT AID GIVING	-	-	-	-	-	-
BFINC1 - Building Fund Gift Aid Income	£10.00	-	£108.00	-	£118.00	-
BFINC2 - Building Fund Non-Gift Aid income	-	-	£126.66	-	£126.66	£1,786.40
INC1 - Gift Aid Income	£23,246.88	-	(£10.00)	-	£23,236.88	£21,507.55
INC2 - Non Gift Aid Giving	£7,141.00	-	-	-	£7,141.00	(£1,375.00)
RINC2 - Roots Community Cafe Donations	-	£864.14	-	-	£864.14	£449.23
Donations and legacies Totals	£30,397.88	£864.14	£224.66	-	£31,486.68	£22,368.18
Income from charitable activities						
ECO INC - ECO Income account	-	-	£574.25	-	£574.25	-
INC12 - Pop Up Restaurant Income - A Rocha	-	-	-	-	-	£182.50
INC13 - Pop Up Restaurant Income - Alpha	-	-	-	-	-	£182.50
RINC1 - Roots sales at Cafe	-	£16,260.52	-	-	£16,260.52	£11,957.35
RINC6 - Youth Group Income	-	£53.00	-	-	£53.00	£166.48
Income from charitable activities Totals	-	£16,313.52	£574.25	-	£16,887.77	£12,488.83
Other trading activities						
Other trading activities Totals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investments						
Investments Totals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other income						
BFINC3 - Building Fund Gift Aid Refund	-	-	£279.05	-	£279.05	-
BFINC4 - Loose cash to Building Fund	-	-	£1,490.00	-	£1,490.00	-
INC10 - MSC	£700.00	-	-	-	£700.00	£105.78
INC11 - REimbursement from Roots	-	-	-	-	-	£517.94
INC14 - Home from Home Income	-	-	£306.17	-	£306.17	-
INC15 - Home from Home Grant	-	-	£2,600.00	-	£2,600.00	-
INC3 - Loose cash	£3,642.78	-	(£574.25)	-	£3,068.53	£1,029.81
INC4 - Gift Aid Refund	£6,602.91	-	-	-	£6,602.91	£4,956.73
INC5 - Interest	£246.77	-	-	-	£246.77	£3.18
INC6 - Grants	£4,124.75	-	-	-	£4,124.75	£4,168.50
INC7 - Roots Contribution to Salary	£1,500.00	-	-	-	£1,500.00	£600.00
INC8 - Furlough receipts	-	-	-	-	-	£186.00
INC9 - Lettings Income	£700.00	-	-	-	£700.00	£425.00
RINC3 - Roots - Grants	-	-	-	-	-	£300.00
RINC4 - Roots Community Cafe - Misc	-	£2,410.44	-	-	£2,410.44	£362.42
RINC5 - Roots - Insurance reimbursement	-	£5,272.32	-	-	£5,272.32	£6,800.00
RINC7 - Roots Bank Interest	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other income Totals	£17,517.21	£7,682.76	£4,100.97	-	£29,300.94	£19,455.36

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	
					This year	Last year
Income and endowments Grand totals	£47,915.09	£24,860.42	£4,899.88	-	£77,675.39	£54,312.37
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds						
Raising funds Totals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Expenditure on charitable activities						
EXP2 - Minister's Travel	£318.15	-	-	-	£318.15	£476.10
EXP59 - ADMIN - Data Protection	£35.00	-	-	-	£35.00	£35.00
EXP62 - Alpha	-	-	-	-	-	-
EXP63 - Eco Church	-	-	-	-	-	-
EXP64 - Fellowship Account	-	-	-	-	-	£35.00
REXP1 - Roots groceries	-	£9,431.58	-	-	£9,431.58	£7,408.30
REXP10 - Roots - Grant expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	-
REXP11 - Roots charges - Sum-Up/Tesco/Bank	-	£277.15	-	-	£277.15	-
REXP12 - Purchases for other events	-	£483.35	-	-	£483.35	-
REXP14 - Coffee Machine Pressure Test	-	£418.56	-	-	£418.56	-
REXP4 - Roots - Coffee machine rental	-	£1,080.00	-	-	£1,080.00	£1,080.00
REXP6 - Roots - Salary contribution	-	£2,250.00	-	-	£2,250.00	£600.00
REXP8 - Roots - kitchen supplies	-	(£428.69)	-	-	(£428.69)	£1,510.06
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	£353.15	£13,511.95	-	-	£13,865.10	£11,144.46
Other expenditure						
ALPHA1 - Alpha gifts	-	-	-	-	-	-
ALPHA2 - ALPHA food	-	-	-	-	-	-
BEXP1 - Building Fund - Professional Fees	-	-	£5,115.70	-	£5,115.70	-
BEXP2 - Misc.	-	-	£93.94	-	£93.94	-
ECO1 - ECO Misc	-	-	£409.50	-	£409.50	-
EXP1 - Minister's Stipend	£16,236.01	-	-	-	£16,236.01	£15,907.64
EXP11 - Roots Project Manager Salary	£4,550.00	-	-	-	£4,550.00	£4,342.52
EXP12 - Payroll Fees	£174.30	-	-	-	£174.30	£171.50
EXP20 - Church Utilities - Gas	£111.42	-	-	-	£111.42	£291.80
EXP21 - Church Utilities - Electricity	£3,822.00	-	-	-	£3,822.00	£2,800.00
EXP22 - Church Repairs and Maintenance	£1,954.31	-	-	-	£1,954.31	£2,611.11
EXP23 - Church Insurance	£700.00	-	-	-	£700.00	-
EXP24 - Church cleaning	£994.00	-	-	-	£994.00	£55.75
EXP25 - Church Water	£91.00	-	-	-	£91.00	£91.00
EXP26 - Church Rates	-	-	-	-	-	-
EXP27 - Church Garden	£19.98	-	-	-	£19.98	£154.56
EXP28 - Flowers for church	£106.28	-	-	-	£106.28	£118.30
EXP3 - Minister's Telephone and Broadband	£337.41	-	-	-	£337.41	£353.64
EXP31 - Manse Costs - Repairs and Maintenance	£7,116.21	-	-	-	£7,116.21	£1,282.07
EXP32 - Manse Costs - Council Tax	£1,449.00	-	-	-	£1,449.00	£1,407.00
EXP33 - Manse Utilities - Light & Heat	£175.00	-	-	-	£175.00	£175.00
EXP35 - Manse Costs - Insurance	£317.73	-	-	-	£317.73	-
EXP36 - Manse Water Rates	£449.00	-	-	-	£449.00	£419.00
EXP4 - Minister's Training	£150.06	-	-	-	£150.06	£466.94
EXP41 - Outreach - Youth Work	£263.35	-	-	-	£263.35	£267.17
EXP42 - Outreach - Gifts	-	-	-	-	-	£400.00

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	
					This year	Last year
EXP43 - Outreach - Vision	£140.67	-	-	-	£140.67	£327.55
EXP44 - Outreach - Overseas	£2,116.00	-	-	-	£2,116.00	£2,400.00
EXP45 - Outreach - Home Mission	£2,356.69	-	-	-	£2,356.69	£2,000.00
EXP46 - Preaching Fees	£50.00	-	-	-	£50.00	-
EXP47 - Outreach - Events Publicity	-	-	-	-	-	£81.02
EXP51 - ADMIN - Photocopier/Printing	£722.74	-	-	-	£722.74	£679.54
EXP52 - Admin - Website	£302.00	-	-	-	£302.00	(£53.24)
EXP53 - ADMIN - Subscriptions	£248.09	-	-	-	£248.09	£181.00
EXP54 - ADMIN - Telephone/Internet	£241.97	-	-	-	£241.97	£209.47
EXP55 - ADMIN - Training	-	-	-	-	-	£342.48
EXP56 - ADMIN - Other	£304.24	-	-	-	£304.24	£128.86
EXP57 - Professional Fees	£1,383.60	-	-	-	£1,383.60	£3,048.30
EXP58 - ADMIN - Licences	-	-	-	-	-	£291.99
EXP60 - Transfer of Gifts to Roots	-	-	-	-	-	-
EXP61 - Expenditure on behalf of Roots	-	-	-	-	-	£517.94
EXP65 - H0me from Home Expenditure	-	-	£127.12	-	£127.12	-
EXP66 - H0me from Home Energy costs	-	-	£625.00	-	£625.00	-
PEd1 - Graduation costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
REXP13 - Roots - Gifts	-	£50.00	-	-	£50.00	-
REXP2 - Roots - Cleaning materials	-	-	-	-	-	£28.27
REXP3 - Roots - Refuse Collection	-	£120.12	-	-	£120.12	£114.40
REXP5 - Roots - Copy Paper	-	-	-	-	-	-
REXP7 - Roots - Training	-	£12.00	-	-	£12.00	-
REXP9 - Roots - Misc	-	£2,641.32	-	-	£2,641.32	£1,600.60
Other expenditure Totals	£46,883.06	£2,823.44	£6,371.26	-	£56,077.76	£43,213.18
Expenditure Grand totals	£47,236.21	£16,335.39	£6,371.26	-	£69,942.86	£54,357.64

Wymondham Baptist Church
Statement of Financial Activities
For the period from 14 June 2022 to 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	£30,397.88	£864.14	£224.66	-	£31,486.68	£22,368.18
Income from charitable activities	-	£16,313.52	£574.25	-	£16,887.77	£12,488.83
Other trading activities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other income	£17,517.21	£7,682.76	£4,100.97	-	£29,300.94	£19,455.36
Total income	£47,915.09	£24,860.42	£4,899.88	-	£77,675.39	£54,312.37
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Expenditure on charitable activities	£353.15	£13,511.95	-	-	£13,865.10	£11,144.46
Other expenditure	£46,883.06	£2,823.44	£6,371.26	-	£56,077.76	£43,213.18
Total expenditure	£47,236.21	£16,335.39	£6,371.26	-	£69,942.86	£54,357.64
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	£678.88	£8,525.03	(£1,471.38)	-	£7,732.53	(£45.27)
Transfers:						
Gross transfers between funds - in	£589.25	£350.00	£182.23	-	£1,121.48	£2,833.05
Gross transfers between funds - out	(£370.00)	(£751.48)	-	-	(£1,121.48)	(£2,833.05)
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	£898.13	£8,123.55	(£1,289.15)	-	£7,732.53	(£45.27)
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward	£1,224.92	£23,319.59	£19,545.24	-	£44,089.75	£24,308.02
Total funds carried forward	£2,123.05	£31,443.14	£18,256.09	-	£51,822.28	£24,262.75

Report of the Independent Examiner(s) to the Trustees of Wymondham Baptist Church

Accounts for the year ended 31.12.2022

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Church's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The church's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the church and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

Signed by or on behalf of the Examiner 

Date 17/04/23

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