

**Trustees' report and accounts for the financial year ending
31st December 2023**

Crockenhill Baptist Church

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Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	Mark Drury - Pastor
	Laurie Everest - Elder
	Peter Clarridge - Elder
	David Manderscheid - Deacon
	Gareth Clarridge - Deacon
	Richard Jones – Deacon (resigned w.e.f. 29/1/24)
	Philip Fuller - Deacon (appointed w.e.f. 29/1/24)
Charity Registration Number	1199873
Registered address	Crockenhill Baptist Church
	Eynsford Road
	Crockenhill
	Kent.
	BR8 8JS
Independent Examiner	Mrs Susan Lee
	Tasha Lyn
	Main Road
	ORPINGTON
	BR5 3ET
Bank	Santander Bank plc

Trustees' Report

The trustees present their annual report, together with the financial statements of the charity for the financial year ended 31 December 2023.

Structure, governance and management

The 'charitable incorporated organisation' (CIO) known as Crockenhill Baptist Church was registered by the Charity Commission on 29th July 2022; registered charity number 1199873. Crockenhill Baptist Church was previously an unincorporated charitable association and continued to function as such until 31st December 2023. On 31st December 2023 all assets were transferred to the CIO, including properties previously held under trust by the Baptist Union Corporation (title numbers K582357 and K922998).

The governing documents of the church are the constitution, agreed by the Charity Commission, and the handbook. The handbook is written for members and sets out how the church is run and is based on members' understanding of the Bible. It is designed to be consistent with the constitution, but the constitution always takes precedence for legal purposes.

The principal address is Crockenhill Baptist Church, Eynsford Road, Crockenhill, BR8 8JS.

Organisational structure

The members of Crockenhill Baptist Church believe that all members have been given gifts that can be used in the service of the church. All members have equal decision-making authority through a members' meeting, whilst being guided by those called to leadership within the church. Members' meetings are held at least four times a year.

There are currently six people in recognised leadership roles: a paid full time pastor, who is an office holder rather than an employee, plus two elders and three deacons. These individuals are the charity trustees, as set out in the constitution. The method of appointing trustees, and their functions and duties, are set out in the governing documents.

New trustees undergo DBS checks and are asked to confirm that they have read 'The essential trustee', published by the Charity Commission, and the government guidance on 'Safeguarding and protecting people for charities and trustees'.

Crockenhill Baptist Church is affiliated to the FIEC, and annually confirms that it is in agreement with the FIEC statement of faith.

Risk management

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Charity, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

Crockenhill Baptist Church aims to advance the Christian faith through weekly services of worship and preaching, midweek groups for Bible study and prayer, and regular evangelistic events. The activities of the church are carried out in accordance with the basis of faith set out in the church handbook.

The church also provides financial support to other Christian charities and currently aims to give one tenth of its income to support the work of Christian Prison Resourcing, the Christian Institute, Barnabas Aid and Zimbabwe Partnership Trust.

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have had due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales. They consider that the objectives for which the church was registered as a charity, and the manner in which they have exercised their duties and powers, are for the public benefit.

Achievements and performance

Review of activities and financial review

Although Crockenhill Baptist Church was registered as a CIO on 22nd July 2022, there was no activity as a CIO during the period to 31st December 2023. As explained earlier, the unincorporated charitable association known as Crockenhill Baptist Church continued to exist until 31st December 2023 and all activity was in respect of this association. All assets of the previous unincorporated charitable association were transferred to the CIO on 31st December 2023, including properties previously held under trust by the Baptist Union Corporation (title numbers K582357 and K922998). There was no other financial activity in respect of the CIO from the date of registration, 22nd July 2022, to the end of the reporting period, 31st December 2023.

Reserves policy

The policy of the trustees is to maintain sufficient liquid reserves to finance ongoing commitments such as rent and salaries, and to build sufficient reserves to enable the future development and expansion of the ministries of the church.

The trustees' report was approved by the trustees of the charity at their meeting on 8th September 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

Peter Clarridge

Trustee and Elder

Independent Examiner's Report

Attached.

Financial Statement

Attached.



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BALANCE SHEET FOR THE CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION
KNOWN AS CROCKENHILL BAPTIST CHURCH, REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER
1199873, FROM 29th JULY 2022 – 31st DECEMBER 2023

CHURCH FUNDS

Transferred from Crockenhill Baptist Church (Unincorporated Charitable Association)

GENERAL FUND

BALANCE £ 6,074.93

MISSIONARY FUND

BALANCE £ 0.02

BURIAL GROUND FUND

BALANCE £ 8,966.26

GRAND TOTAL

£ 15,041.21 ✓

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CROCKENHILL BAPTIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The Missionary Fund is a fund to which money is transferred from the General Fund each month to enable the support of missionary causes supported by the church.

The Burial Ground Fund relates to funds given specifically for the maintenance of the Burial Ground owned by the church.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Crockenhill Baptist Church for the year ended 31 December 2023, which comprises the transfer of funds to the Charitable Incorporated Organisation, Crockenhill Baptist Church and the related notes to the accounts.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

It is my responsibility to verify that the audited accounts of Crockenhill Baptist Church (Unincorporated Charitable Association) have been correctly transferred to Crockenhill Baptist Church (Charitable Incorporated Organisation) on 31 December 2023.

I have completed my examination and have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Mrs Susan Lee

Independent Examiner

22nd May 2024