



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 January 2023 **To** 31 December 2023

Charity name: Abingdon Baptist Church

Charity registration number: 1201269

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>The advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination.</p> <p>The Church may also advance education and carry out other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and/or other parts of the world.</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	No activities took place under this charity number during this period as the church was still operating under its unincorporated status until 1 January 2024
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	N/a – see above answer

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	There are no achievements to report because the Church was operating under its former unincorporated status during the period in question, and the report was submitted for that charity.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	At the end of the period the charity was awaiting transfer of assets from the unincorporated charity.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Once operating as a CIO the charity will aim to hold reserves to cover at least six months' operating costs to be able to meet commitments to pay the minister and pay bills.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Zero at 31.12.23
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	No assets had been transferred from the former unincorporated charity at the end of the relevant period
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	No concerns

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	CIO Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Election from amongst Church Members who have been members for at least 12 months.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Abingdon Baptist Church
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1201269
Charity's principal address	35 Ock Street Abingdon OX14 5AG

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Rachel Anne Hughes	Minister		
2	Ian Leonard Millgate	Secretary		
3	David Lovegrove	Treasurer	1.1.23 to 19.9.23	
4	Linda Susan King	Treasurer	19.9.23 to 31.12.23	
5	Samantha Bowring		1.1.23 to 19.9.23	
6	Christine Cairns			
7	Dorothy Margaret Field			
8	Christine Hutt			
9	Rosalie Lorrison			
10	Rodney Thomas Pollock			
11	Pamela Maureen Pratt			
12	John Anthony Rose		1.1.23 to 19.9.23	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	Nil
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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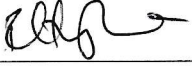

Other optional information

The trustees met as the CIO Trustees on one occasion to approve the formal resolutions (as provided by our solicitors) to receive the assets being transferred from Abingdon Baptist Church (Unincorporated) and to authorise two trustees to sign the requisite documentation.

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	RACHEL HUGHES	IAN LEONARD MILLGATE
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	MINISTER.	SECRETARY

Date 2 DECEMBER 2024