

# LYMM BAPTIST CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1203190

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2023-05-22

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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**Address** 38 Higher Lane  
Lymm  
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WA13 0AZ

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE PRINCIPAL PURPOSES OF THE CHURCH ARE: THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH ACCORDING TO THE PRINCIPLES OF THE BAPTIST DENOMINATION. THE CHURCH MAY ALSO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND CARRY OUT OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND/OR OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD.

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## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Other Finance, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- Warrington

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£196,911	£199,913	-	-
2023-12-31	£10,995	£0	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Anthony James Gathercole		2026-04-30
Carol Ann Best		2023-07-23
Dr William Arnold Johnston		2026-04-30
George Alfred Green		2024-03-24
Jaskiran McPhail		2024-03-24
John Hall		2023-07-23
Kevin Wisdell		2024-03-24
Rev Thomas Lee Cox		2025-09-01
Scott David McPhail		2023-11-02
Simon David Smith		2024-09-01

**LYMM BAPTIST CHURCH**

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# Accounts

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**CIO Report to the Charity  
Commissioners for the  
year 2024**

# Lymm Baptist Church

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**Charity Registration Number:** 1203190

Registered 22 May 2023

**Registered Address:** Higher Lane, Lymm, Cheshire, WA13 0AZ

## **Charity Trustees:**

Rev Jonathan Bramwell (Appointed 14 May 2023, Resigned 14 January 2024)

Rev Dr Chris Goswami (Appointed 14 May 2023)

Mr Peter Brandon (Appointed 14 May 2023, Resigned 24 March 2024)

Mr John Hall (Appointed Church Treasurer 23 July 2023)

Mr Scott McPhail (Appointed 2 November 2023)

Mrs Carol Best (Appointed Church Secretary 23 July 2023)

Mr Stephen R Evans (Appointed 24 March 2024)

Mrs Sarah Rotchell (Appointed 24 March 2024, Resigned August 2024)

Mr Kevin Wisdell (Appointed 24 March 2024)

Mr George Green (Appointed 24 March 2024)

Mrs Jaskiran McPhail (Appointed 24 March 2024)

Mr Simon Smith (Appointed 1 September 2024)

## **Trustees for the charity (property):**

The Baptist Union Corporation Ltd

Baptist House

129, Broadway

Didcot

Oxfordshire, OX11 8RT

## **Bankers:**

Co-operative Bank PLC

P O Box 101

1 Balloon Street

Manchester

M60 4EP

## **Independent examiners:**

Mr J Aldersley

Mr A Prescott

# Lymm Baptist Church: Annual Report to Charity Commissioners

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The Trustees present their Annual Report and Financial Statements for 2024

## Financial Review

Between its inception in May 2023 and December 2023 the CIO was operational solely to ensure the set up and transfer of all assets, liabilities, roles and responsibilities from the existing Lymm Baptist Church charitable trust to the new CIO legal entity. The full transfer took place on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024.

Financial detail for 2024 is available from the accompanying accounts.

The following detail reflects the ongoing structure and activity of the church.

## Structure, Governance and management:

On 1 February 2024 all assets and liabilities of Lymm Baptist Church (previous charity number 1130935 now removed from the register) transferred to the new Charitable Incorporated Organisation, charity number 1203190.

Lymm Baptist Church is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation governed by a constitution. The Church occupies premises which are held by the Baptist Union Corporation Ltd on Trusts which are entirely compatible with the principal purpose of the Church. The charity is set up with purposes which are exclusively charitable for the public benefit.

Members of the Church are accepted in accordance with the Constitution. Also, in accordance with the Constitution, the members appoint Trustees, comprising Ministers and leaders, who are collectively known as the Leadership Team. The Leadership Team is responsible for the day to day running of the Church's work and witness, and the financial and legal aspects of the Charity.

This report sets out how the charities purposes have been carried out for the public benefit. The trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the commission's public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

The Church Meeting normally takes place six times per year and has responsibility for the overall policy of the Church. Relevant matters may be submitted to the Church Meeting by the Trustees for guidance or may be raised by members in a Church Meeting for further consideration. Though the Constitution permits decisions to be made at Church Meetings by appropriate majorities, the Church seeks to work by consensus wherever possible.

All members are encouraged to take an appropriate part in the spiritual and practical tasks involved in the furtherance of the charitable objective.

## Objectives and Activities

The principal purpose of the Church is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination. The Church may also advance education and carry out other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and/or other parts of the world.

In order to achieve the principal purpose, the Church provides a variety of activities both to its membership and to the wider community. The aim is to show the love of Jesus Christ in both word and deed, and to bring people into a closer relationship with Him as Living Lord. Central to the work and witness of the Church is the provision of regular public services of Christian worship. These services take place each Sunday at 10.30am and once a month at 6.30pm. Communion of the Lord's Supper is observed once a month at a morning and

evening service. The Church seeks to be a friendly and welcoming community where everybody is welcome to attend any of the services.

There are also events, activities and services at other times which are advertised in the newsletters, by email, on the notice board in the church foyer, on the website at [www.lyymbaptistchurch.com](http://www.lyymbaptistchurch.com) and on the church's Facebook page.

A full children's and youth programme is included in the morning services providing guidance together with activities relating to biblical stories and Christian experiences. The aim is to provide relevant discussions that are fun, engaging and transforming - encouraging children to develop a relationship with God. There are also children's and youth activity groups taking place during the week.

The Church runs a number of small study groups for the nurture and growth of faith and discipleship, usually in the homes of church members. Church prayer meetings take place each week.

The Church has an effective pastoral ministry team, committed to love and care for those in the fellowship, especially those facing difficult personal circumstances. Our pastoral team are trained to offer prayer and some practical care, signposting to other agencies where the need requires professional intervention.

The Church engages in evangelism and mission, locally, regionally, nationally and internationally, supports and promotes charitable social action in the United Kingdom and abroad. It also encourages relationships with other Christians and supports the Baptist Union and the North Western Baptist Association.

The Church runs the following community-based activities.

At Lymm Baptist Church:

- weekly Toddler Groups, to provide a warm, safe, caring environment and share God's love, for pre-school children & their carers;
- a monthly afternoon 'Coffee and Cake' session, to provide older folk with social opportunities;
- weekly 'Watercolour Workshops', to enable and inspire anyone interested either to learn to paint or to improve their painting in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere;
- weekly coffee morning, open to all, for relaxed socialisation;
- an annual children's Holiday Club during the school summer holidays providing a week of fun based on Christian principles;
- an annual Carol Concert, followed by lunch, for all the building user groups.

In other local venues:

- 'Speak life' sessions in local primary schools, emphasising God's love and encouraging kindness;
- a 'Beacon Group' meeting in Thelwall;
- monthly short services at a local care home.

The church is actively involved, in partnership with other local churches, with:

- a monthly activity called 'Messy Church', for primary school children, with craft, singing and a story time as well as providing a meal;
- delivering lessons at Lymm High School on a range of topics, including working with the Gideons to deliver lessons on the Bible;
- 'Chat'n'chill', an opportunity for young people to discuss faith related topics, held weekly in the local High School;
- Churches Together Lymm and District.

The Church also continues to provide a venue for Voice Junior Choir and Bible Study Fellowship. In addition, the church building is available for use by community groups, such as WI and Probus, and there are regular bookings throughout the year. The Church also links with Lymm Festival, providing a venue for some of its activities and events. The building is hired by local choirs as a concert venue.

## Achievements and performance

The full time, Lead Minister resigned from office in January 2024 to pursue new opportunities. The church's Associate Minister, Leadership Team and many volunteers endeavoured to ensure that the church continued to flourish.

The church agreed to support a Minister in Training and their skills and enthusiasm enhanced the fellowship. Good relationships have been maintained both within the church and local high school along with participation in community events.

Our trained volunteer chaplain further supports our desire to encourage spiritual growth and well-being for all, hosting the coffee morning and linking with user groups during the week.

At their request we baptised three individuals. Two people are known to have made a first time commitment to following the Christian faith.

Regular groups continued and a few new initiatives have been established. Service attendance numbers are still significant, though slightly below pre covid levels. The streamed Sunday morning service continues to be popular.

The use of the premises by outside organisations continues.

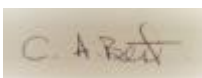
Our church family is involved in a number of initiatives. Individuals and groups have undertaken travel overseas to provide practical and spiritual encouragement. Many also work with local charities and organisations. We provide regular practical and financial help to a number of charitable organisations, details of which are available in the accompanying accounts.

## Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the Charity's trustees

Signed:



Name: Carol Ann Best

Position: Church Secretary

24/09/2025

**LYMM BAPTIST CHURCH ACCOUNTS 2024**

**LEGAL INFORMATION**

The Church is a Registered Charity, No. 1203190, registered on 22nd May 2023, and is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation  
 The accounts have been produced in line with the Baptist Union of Great Britain Guidelines F6 (09/2009), to meet the requirements of S42(3) Charities Act 1993.

**CHURCH ADDRESS**

Higher Lane  
 Lymm  
 Cheshire  
 WA13 0AZ

**TRUSTEES**

Rev C Goswami, Associate Minister (Appointed 14th May 2023)  
 Mr J Hall , Treasurer (Appointed 23rd July 2023)  
 Mr S McPhail (Appointed 2nd November 2023 )  
 Mrs C Best, Secretary (Appointed 23rd July 2023 )  
 Mr P S Brandon (Appointed 14th May 2023, Resigned 24th February 2024)  
 Mr S R Evans (Appointed 24th March 2024)  
 Mr K Wisdell (Appointed 24th March 2024)  
 Mr G A Green (Appointed 24th March 2024)  
 Mrs J McPhail (Appointed 24th March 2024)  
 Mr S D Smith (Appointed 1st September 2024)

**BANKERS**

Co-operative Bank p.l.c.  
 P.O. Box 101  
 1 Balloon Street  
 Manchester  
 M60 4EP

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS 2024 ACCOUNTS**

Mr J Aldersley  
 Mr A Prescott

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024**

<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>Note</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
Church bank and cash balances	<b>6</b>	<b>134,803.24</b>	<b>10,995.01</b>
<b>REPRESENTING BALANCES ON THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS</b>			
Church General Fund		46,337.55	10,880.01
Enlargement fund		13,615.13	
Vision / Legacy Fund		31,493.59	
Lead Minister Reserve		30,000.00	
Rowley support fund		608.27	
Youth Lead Fund		11,750.00	
Contingency		1,000.00	
Additional Offerings Fund		-2,274.23	10.00
Funds held by church groups		2,272.93	
Bramwell Leaving Fund		-	105.00
		<b>134,803.24</b>	<b>10,995.01</b>
<b>Other Assets</b>			
Fixed assets for church use	<b>8</b>		
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
	none		none

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<b>FINANCIAL STATEMENT for the Year Ended 31st December 2024</b>				
<b>UNRESTRICTED FUNDS</b>				
<b>CHURCH GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS &amp; PAYMENTS ACCOUNT</b>				
		<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	
<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Note</b>			
Donations		127,516.93	815.01	
Tax refunds via Gift Aid		35,235.95	-	
<b>Investment income</b>				
BU fund interest		2,846.14	-	
<b>Other incoming resources</b>				
Hire of premises (includes rent from manse)		28,829.55	-	
Ministry/Other (Youth Trip)		898.52	65.00	
Miscellaneous income (Ground rents and VAT refund)		299.08	-	
Rotchell Leaving Gift		1,284.83	-	
		<b>196,911.00</b>	<b>880.01</b>	
<b>Payments</b>				
Mission	<b>1</b>	27662.16	-	
Ministry	<b>2</b>	60511.84	-	
Upkeep of church premises (includes manse)	<b>3</b>	24104.78	-	
Administration	<b>4</b>	45720.01	-	
Christmas Expenses		1296.93	-	
Youth Trip		1368.70	-	
Antrobus Day Out		-153.87	-	
Lead Minister Reserve		30000.00	-	
Enlargement Fund		7000.00	-	
Bramwell leaving fund		652.70	-	
Rotchell Leaving Gift (£1300.00-£1284.83)		1300.00	-	
Richard Evans Retirement gift		450.00	-	
		<b>199913.25</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
Surplus/Deficit for year		-3002.25	880.01	
Balance brought forward		10880.01		
Transfer from Lymm Baptist Church (Charity reference 1130935)		38,459.79	10,000.00	
Balance carried forward		<b>46337.55</b>	<b>10880.01</b>	
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<b>FINANCIAL STATEMENT for the Year Ended 31st December 2024</b>				
<b>UNRESTRICTED FUNDS</b>				
<b>VISION / LEGACY FUND</b>		<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	
now invested with the Baptist Union Corporation				
Transferred from Lymm Baptist Church (Charity reference 1130395)		33,657.87		
<b>Income</b>				
Donations		1,135.00		
Tax refunds via Gift Aid		645.00		
<b>Payments</b>				
Church Vision / Building Project		2,344.28		
AV equipment		1,600.00		
<b>Balance carried forward</b>		<b>31,493.59</b>		
<b>YOUTH LEAD FUND</b>				
Transferred from Lymm Baptist Church (Charity reference 1130395)		13,250.00		
Transfer to General Fund		1,500.00		
Carried forward		<b>11,750.00</b>	-	
<b>AV FUND</b>				
Transferred from Lymm Baptist Church (Charity reference 1130395)		465.09	-	
Cables etc		465.09	-	
Carried forward		-	-	
<b>LEAD MINISTER RESERVE</b>				
Transfer from General Fund		30000.00		
Carried forward		<b>30000.00</b>		
<b>CONTINGENCY</b>				
Donation received		3,000.00		
Donation to CAP (Peoples' Church Partington)		2,000.00		
Carried forward		<b>1,000.00</b>		



**LYMM BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS for the Year Ended 31st December 2024**

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**Accounting policies**

- a Basis of preparation: The accounts have been prepared on a 'receipts and payments' basis and accord with S42(3) Charities act 1993, as advised by Baptist Union
- b Donations: Donations are accounted for gross when received.
- c Legacies: Any legacies are accounted for when they are received.
- d Investment Income: Investment Income is included in the accounts in the year in which it is received.
- e Fund raising and publicity costs: The Church does not make formal appeals for funds, and expenditure on these items is therefore not material.
- f Grants payable: The Church makes grants to other organisations whose charitable objectives complement its work
- g Governance costs: This represents direct expenditure on the governance of the church. Most of the management is carried out without charge by volunteers.
- h Investment assets. All remaining Trust Funds, are not readily negotiable, and are held by the Baptist Union

**1. Mission payments**

	2024	2023
Amor Europe		-
Adrian Bretan	2,000.00	-
Baptist Home Mission Fund	2,975.00	-
BMS, World mission	2,100.00	-
Brazil Missionaries: Gilson & Iara Silva	500.00	-
Brazil Missionaries: Marcelo & Holly Vieira	500.01	-
Breath of Dance	500.00	-
Foreign Exchange Fees/Other	0.31	-
Good News for Everyone (was Gideons UK)	500.00	-
Lymm House Destitute ladies & youth work, Kathmandu	7,333.37	-
Miscellaneous support (Romania trip)	95.47	-
N-Gage	500.00	-
Neal Stanton	6,208.00	-
Open Doors	500.00	-
Prison Fellowship	500.00	-
Voice	2,200.00	-
Yagya & Sally Singh, Nepal	1,250.00	-
	<b>27,662.16</b>	<b>-</b>

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**2. Ministry**

	2024	2023
BU pension DB scheme deficit charge	-1.00	
Children/Families Lead Salary	7289.84	
Children/Families Lead Pension	384.90	
Children/Families Lead National Insurance	61.31	
Children/Family Lead Expenses	47.93	
Children's Work	1597.71	
General Training	600.00	
Lead Minister Expenses	3917.82	
Lead Minister's pension payments	1100.49	
Lead Minister's stipend	11154.06	
Lead Minister National Insurance	53.92	
Lead Minister Manse Leaseback	2901.32	
Minibus	300.00	
Miscellaneous costs	929.91	
Visiting speakers	827.00	
Youth Work	648.88	
Youth Lead Expenses	290.66	
Youth Lead Salary	27195.41	
Youth Lead National Insurance	-188.09	
Youth Lead Pension	1399.77	
	<b>60,511.84</b>	<b>0.00</b>

**3. Upkeep of church premises and manse**

	2024	2023
Church Cleaning	3,755.96	
Council Tax for manse	78.54	
Electricity	4,404.12	
Gardening	1,935.20	
Gas	3,297.90	
General maintenance	7,700.45	
Insurance, inc manse (the main payment of £4170 fell after the year end)	813.19	
Kitchen	604.97	
Water/drainage inc manse	1,514.45	
	<b>24,104.78</b>	<b>0.00</b>

**4. Administration**

	2024	2023
Administrators pensions	1,535.85	
Administrators, salaries	29,931.97	
Administrators National Insurance	352.61	
Coffee	- 1,022.56	
AV Equipment	564.40	
Health and Safety	2,655.62	
Licences	3,810.11	
Meetings, conferences, subscriptions	2,292.00	
Miscellaneous interregnum costs	353.13	
Paypal charges	36.53	
Publicity, postage, stationery	3,572.13	
Refreshments	992.12	
Site Manager salary and pension now included in Administrators	-	
Telephone inc broadband (O)	646.10	
	<b>45,720.01</b>	<b>0.00</b>

**ADDITIONAL NOTES**

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**5.** The cost of managing Lymm Baptist Church as a charity in its technical and legal sense is considered negligible.

It is believed that there are currently no significant measurable costs incurred as a direct result of complying with charity legislation.

The Church has 5 employees (1 full time and 4 part-time).

One Trustee, the pastor, who is also an employee, lived in housing leased to the church until 14th January 2024.

The Manse is let at a market rent to a church member

No sums were reimbursed to the Trustees for their work as Trustees

See an attached sheet for details of pension contributions payable

**6. Monetary assets - Final bank and cash balances****Church accounts**

	<b>31/12/2024</b>	<b>31/12/2023</b>
Co-operative Bank Current account	48,117.82	10,995.01
BU Corporation Investment Account (3 month notice)	52,033.29	-
BU Corporation Investment Account (7 day notice)	33,276.38	
PayPal Account	-	-
Cash in hand	663.99	-
Lloyds Bank - church groups	711.76	-
	<b>134,803.24</b>	<b>10,995.01</b>

The Santander bank account transferred from Lymm Baptist Church (Charity reference 1130395) was closed during the year

**7. Non-monetary assets**

The church premises are held in trust by the Baptist Union of Great Britain. Lymm Baptist Church is granted the use of the buildings subject to the obligation to maintain them and insure them at replacement value.

The church buildings including the stables were revalued on on 2nd January 2024 and are insured for £4,069,197 Furniture and equipment in the Church premises (including in the stable building) are insured at a value of £222,190 and cash is covered up to £3500

The Manse premises are stated at Insurance value of £832,046. It which was professionally valued in 2011, and increased annually in line with inflation.

**8 Related charities**

The custodian trustee of the church is the Baptist Union Corporation Ltd (Charity No. 249635) and is controlled by the Baptist Union Council.

The church is also a member of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and the Northwestern Baptist Association.

The church made grants to the Baptist Home Mission Fund as set out in Note 1

The church made grants to the Baptist World Mission Funds as set out in Note 1

**9 Transfer of activities to this Charitable Incorporated Organisation.**

At 31st January 2024, all assets, liabilities and activities of Lymm Baptist Church were transferred from Lymm Baptist Church (Charity reference 1130935) to this organisation.

Both organisations have the same charitable purposes.

### Pensions

Employees of the Church are enrolled in pension schemes, either NEST which is the Church's workplace scheme, or other schemes of their choice which meet the requirements for workplace pensions. They contribute to those schemes.

The total pension cost for the Church for the year was £4,036.11 (2023 £nil).

### Reserves Policy

The reserves policy of Lymm Baptist Church is to hold:

- Three months of all committed expenditure to allow the church to adapt to any changes in the income or expenditure of the church.
- An additional amount of £4,500 to mitigate the risk of losing income from monthly givers.
- A further £4,000 in the Enlargement Fund to allow for emergency building repairs.

The trustees currently believe this amount to be £39,000 + £4,500 + £4,000 (total £47,500), compared to £46,337.55 in free cash reserves plus £13,615.13 enlargement fund (total £59,952.68) held at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024. The trustees and finance team work with the church members to ensure that we maintain a balance between keeping sufficient reserves and using as much of our income as possible to further the aims of the charity.

### Trustee Approval

The accounts and statement of assets and liabilities set out on pages 1 to 9 relating to the year ending 31st December 2024 are as approved by the church leadership and trustees.

Signed

 Associate Minister

Dated

7/8/25

**Independent Examiner's Report**

Report to the Trustees / Members of: LYMM BAPTIST CHURCH

Charity Ref: 1203190

On accounts for the year ended: 31/12/2024

**Examiner's Name: Andrew Prescott**

**Address: 2 Woodland Avenue, Lymm, WA13 0BJ**

**Date of Review: 12<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner:** The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity'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,
- 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 charity 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:**

I confirm that the checks shown on page 2 were carried out during the review.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than disclosed below \*)

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act; have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

\*Please delete the words in brackets if they do not apply.

## Lymm Baptist Church - CIO

### Account Records - Independent Examination

Examination Plan and record for 2024 accounts  
(Tick examinations carried out.)

1. Check accounts for approval by trustees.
2. Check mathematics of accounts figures.
3. Check samples of accounts figures to computer record.
4. Check end of year cash and bank balances to computer record and bank statements.
5. Check mathematics in random monthly office summary.
6. Check mathematics in random parts of computer record income and payments.
7. Random checks of transfer of income data to computer record.
  - Weekly offertory to computer record income.
  - FPI from bank statement to computer record income.
  - Monthly Office summary to deposits on computer record income.
8. Random checks of transfer of payment data to computer record.
  - DD / FPO from bank statement to computer record payments.
  - Foreign transfer from Mission records to computer record payments.
9. Select random payments and trace to invoice.
10. Other checks carried out:

Subject to changes to notes in accounts (numbers) and  
wording on disclosure of church buildings and insurance  
value.

Signed:



Date:

12/6/25

ANDREW PRESCOTT

**Independent Examiner's Report**

Report to the Trustees / Members of: LYMM BAPTIST CHURCH

Charity Ref: 1203190

On accounts for the year ended: **31/12/2024**

**Examiner's Name: Jonathan Aldersley**

**Address: 103 Grappenhall Road, Stockton Heath, Warrington, WA4 2AU**

**Date of Review: 12<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

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**Independent examiner's statement:**

I confirm that the checks shown on page 2 were carried out during the review.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than disclosed below \*)

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## Lymm Baptist Church - CIO

### Account Records - Independent Examination

#### Examination Plan and record for 2024 accounts

(Tick examinations carried out.)

1. Check accounts for approval by trustees. (✓)
2. Check mathematics of accounts figures. (✓)
3. Check samples of accounts figures to computer record. (✓)
4. Check end of year cash and bank balances to computer record and bank statements. (✓)
5. Check mathematics in random monthly office summary. (✓)
6. Check mathematics in random parts of computer record income and payments. (✓)
7. Random checks of transfer of income data to computer record. (✓)
  - Weekly offertory to computer record income.
  - FPI from bank statement to computer record income.
  - Monthly Office summary to deposits on computer record income.
8. Random checks of transfer of payment data to computer record. (✓)
  - DD / FPO from bank statement to computer record payments.
  - Foreign transfer from Mission records to computer record payments.
9. Select random payments and trace to invoice. (✓)
10. Other checks carried out:

*Subject to amendments as raised.*

Signed:

  
Nicola Addey

Date: 12/6/25.

**LYMM BAPTIST CHURCH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1203190

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# Accounts

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**CIO Report to the Charity  
Commissioners for the  
year 2023**

# Lymm Baptist Church

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**Charity Registration Number:** 1203190

Registered 22 May 2023

**Registered Address:** Higher Lane, Lymm, Cheshire, WA13 0AZ

## **Charity Trustees:**

Rev Jonathan Bramwell (Appointed 14 May 2023, Resigned 14 January 2024)

Rev Dr Chris Goswami (Appointed 14 May 2023)

Mr Peter Brandon (Appointed 14 May 2023, Resigned 24 March 2024)

Mr John Hall (Appointed Church Treasurer 23 July 2023)

Mr Scott McPhail (Appointed 2 November 2023)

Mrs Carol Best (Appointed Church Secretary 23 July 2023)

Mr Stephen R Evans (Appointed 24 March 2024)

Mrs Sarah Rotchell (Appointed 24 March 2024)

Mr Kevin Wisdell (Appointed 24 March 2024)

Mr George Green (Appointed 24 March 2024)

Mrs Jaskiran McPhail (Appointed 24 March 2024)

## **Trustees for the charity (property):**

The Baptist Union Corporation Ltd

Baptist House

129, Broadway

Didcot

Oxfordshire, OX11 8RT

## **Bankers:**

Co-operative Bank PLC

P O Box 101

1 Balloon Street

Manchester

M60 4EP

## **Independent examiners:**

Mr J Aldersley

Mr N Harrison

# Lymm Baptist Church: Annual Report to Charity Commissioners

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The Trustees present their Annual Report and Financial Statements for 2023

## Financial Review

The 2023 accounts reflect the setting up of the new CIO. Between its inception in May 2023 and December 2023 the CIO was operational solely to ensure the set up and transfer of all assets, liabilities, roles and responsibilities from the existing Lymm Baptist Church charitable trust to the new CIO legal entity. The full transfer took place on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024.

Financial detail is available from the accompanying accounts.

The following detail reflects the ongoing structure and activity of the church.

## Structure, Governance and management:

Having made the decision to change to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation this new charity was registered with the commission in May 2023. On 1 February 2024 all assets and liabilities of Lymm Baptist Church (previous charity number 1130935 now removed from the register) transferred to the new charity number 1203190.

Lymm Baptist Church is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation governed by a constitution. The Church occupies premises which are held by the Baptist Union Corporation Ltd on Trusts which are entirely compatible with the principal purpose of the Church. The charity is set up with purposes which are exclusively charitable for the public benefit.

Members of the Church are accepted in accordance with the Constitution. Also, in accordance with the Constitution, the members appoint Trustees, comprising Ministers and leaders, who are collectively known as the Leadership Team. The Leadership Team is responsible for the day to day running of the Church's work and witness, and the financial and legal aspects of the Charity.

This report sets out how the charities purposes have been carried out for the public benefit. The trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the commission's public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

The Members' Meeting normally takes place six times per year and has responsibility for the overall policy of the Church. Relevant matters may be submitted to the Church Meeting by the Trustees for guidance or may be raised by members in a Church Meeting for further consideration. Though the Constitution permits decisions to be made at Church Meetings by appropriate majorities, the Church seeks to work by consensus wherever possible.

All members are encouraged to take an appropriate part in the spiritual and practical tasks involved in the furtherance of the charitable objective.

## Objectives and Activities

The principal purpose of the Church is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination. The Church may also advance education and carry out other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and/or other parts of the world.

In order to achieve the principal purpose, the Church provides a variety of activities both to its membership and to the wider community. The aim is to show the love of Jesus Christ in both word and deed, and to bring people into a closer relationship with Him as Living Lord. Central to the work and witness of the Church is the provision of regular public services of Christian worship. These services take place each Sunday at 10.30am and once a month at 6.30pm. Communion of the Lord's Supper is observed once a

month at a morning and evening service. The Church seeks to be a friendly and welcoming community where everybody is welcome to attend any of the services.

There are also events, activities and services at other times which are advertised in the newsletters, by email, on the notice board in the church foyer, on the website at [www.lyymbaptistchurch.com](http://www.lyymbaptistchurch.com) and on the church's Facebook page.

A full children's and youth programme is included in the morning services providing teaching together with arts and crafts relating to biblical stories and Christian experiences. The aim is to provide relevant activities and discussions that are fun, engaging and transforming - encouraging children to develop a relationship with God. There are also children's and youth activity groups taking place during the week.

The Church runs a number of small study groups for the nurture and growth of faith and discipleship, usually in the homes of church members. Regular church prayer meetings take place each week.

The Church has an effective pastoral ministry team, committed to love and care for those in the fellowship.

The Church engages in evangelism and mission, locally, regionally, nationally and internationally, supports & promotes charitable social action in the United Kingdom & abroad. It also encourages relationships with other Christians and supports the Baptist Union & the North Western Baptist Association.

The Church runs the following community-based activities.

At Lymm Baptist Church:

- weekly Toddler Groups, to provide a warm, safe, caring environment and share God's love, for pre-school children & their carers;
- a regular social evening for women, called 'Friends and Neighbours', to introduce them to church and the Christian message;
- a quarterly event called 'Holiday at Home', to provide older folk with a place to meet new friends along with a lunch, an afternoon tea, entertainment and opportunity to take part in a variety of activities;
- weekly 'Watercolour Workshops', to enable and inspire anyone interested either to learn to paint or to improve their painting in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere;
- weekly coffee morning, open to all, for relaxed socialisation.

In other local venues:

- a follow on from an Alpha Course running in High Legh Village Hall;
- a 'Beacon Group' meeting in Thelwall.

The church is actively involved, in partnership with other local churches, with:

- a monthly activity called 'Messy Church', for primary school children, with craft, singing and a story time as well as providing a meal;
- delivering lessons at Lymm High School on a range of topics, including working with the Gideons to deliver lessons on the Bible;
- 'Open the book' and taking assemblies in local primary schools;
- 'Chat'n'chill', an opportunity for young people to discuss faith related topics, held weekly in the local High School;

The Church also continues to provide a venue for Voice Junior Choir and Bible Study Fellowship. In addition, the church building is available for use by community groups, such as WI and Probus, and there are regular bookings throughout the year. The Church also links with Lymm Festival, providing a venue for some of its activities and events.

Note: The Church operates systems to ensure that all working with children, young people and adults at risk have appropriate DBS certificates and safeguarding training. These requirements are being constantly monitored.

## Achievements and performance

The employment of a full-time youth worker fulfilled our desire to support and encourage the youth of both our fellowship and the wider community after an anxious few years. Good relationships have been established both within the church and local high school along with participation in community events.

Our trained volunteer chaplain further supports our desire to encourage spiritual growth and well-being for all.

The church was able to respond quickly and was pivotal in establishing a network of support for refugees following the outbreak of war in Ukraine. Practical and language support was provided in a weekly gathering held in the building, offering assistance to adults and children. This came to a natural end during 2023 as individuals settled into the community and work. There are continuing links with the Ukrainian community with some having integrated into the church's regular activities.

At their request we baptised four adults.

Regular groups are reestablished. Service attendance numbers are significant, though slightly below pre covid levels. The streamed Sunday morning service continues to be popular.

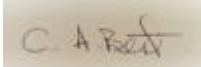
The use of the premises by outside organisations continues.

Our church family is involved in a number of initiatives. Individuals and groups have undertaken travel overseas to provide practical and spiritual encouragement. Many also work with local charities and organisations. We provide regular practical and financial help to a number of organisations.

## Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the Charity's trustees

Signed: 

Name: Carol Ann Best

Position: Church Secretary

18/10/2024

2. LBC CIO Accounts 2023



# LYMM BAPTIST CHURCH CIO ACCOUNTS 2023

## Church Treasurer – Report to the CIO AGM

John Hall was appointed to the position of Church Treasurer of Lymm Baptist Church CIO at its registration with the Charities Commission in May 2024. He is supported by a finance team of David Barrell and John Williams.

This AGM report covers the period May 2023 to December 2023, during which the CIO was operational solely to ensure a timely and orderly set up and transfer of assets, liabilities, roles and responsibilities from the existing Lymm Baptist Church charitable trust to the new CIO legal entity.

Preparation activities during this time involved the setting up of a new bank account with the Co-operative Bank, and agreement of contract novation principles with all suppliers and contractors who were expected to transfer across. We also carried out the required TUPE transfer consultations with all staff members.

In October 2023, with trustee approval, a sum of £10,000 was transferred from “Old LBC” to the CIO to cover transition costs that might be incurred by CIO. It was possible to minimise the costs of establishing the CIO, and in reality, the majority of costs were incurred by the “Old LBC” trust and are therefore shown within its financial reporting. However, for transparency, the costs were:

- £1000 fee for fully discharging our liabilities to the BU pension scheme. This was a liability that was also triggered by the resignation of Jonathan Bramwell and so would have been incurred anyway.
- £170.80 for Trustee indemnity run-off cover for the time when both “old LBC” and the CIO entity are in parallel operation.
- £173.50 for a professional rebuild cost assessment of the church buildings for insurance purposes. This was a cost that would have been incurred anyway within the next 12 months as part of our financial due diligence.
- £150 charge for the novation of our photocopier contract (this was completed after the formal transfer of assets and liabilities).

There were a small number of donors who began to pay into the CIO bank account in advance of the formal transfer date of 1st February. This money was held in the relevant fund pending the transfer of the remaining LBC assets and the subsequent commencement of CIO operations.

We give thanks to God that we have been able to manage the transition to CIO in an effective and orderly way, and we trust him for all that He will do through Lymm Baptist Church in the future.

# LYMM BAPTIST CHURCH ACCOUNTS 2023

## LEGAL INFORMATION

The Church is a Registered Charity No. 1203190, registered on 22nd May 2023,  
and is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation  
The accounts have been produced in line with the Baptist Union of Great Britain  
(Guidelines F6 (09/2009), to meet the requirements of S42(3) Charities Act 1993.

## CHURCH ADDRESS

Higher Lane  
Lymm  
Cheshire  
WA13 0AZ

## TRUSTEES

Rev C Goswami, Associate Minister (Appointed 14th May 2023)  
Mr J Hall, Treasurer (Appointed 23rd July 2023)  
Mr S McPhail (Appointed 2nd November 2023 )  
Mrs C Best, Secretary (Appointed 23rd July 2023 )  
Mr P S Brandon (Appointed 14th May 2023, Resigned 24th February 2024)  
Mr S R Evans (Appointed 24th March 2024)  
Mrs S E Retchell (Appointed 24th March 2024)  
Mr K Wisdell (Appointed 24th March 2024)  
Mr G A Green (Appointed 24th March 2024)  
Mrs J McPhail (Appointed 24th March 2024)

## BANKERS

Co-operative Bank p.l.c.  
P O Box 101  
1 Balloon Street  
Manchester  
M80 4EP

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS 2023 ACCOUNTS

Mr J Aldersley  
Mr N Harrison

## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

ASSETS	2023
Co-operative Current Account	10,995.01
REPRESENTING BALANCES ON THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS	
Church General Fund	10,880.01
Bramwell Leaving Fund	105.00
Lymm House	10.00
	10,995.01
Other Assets	
Gift Aid refunds due on donations	206.25

**LYMM BAPTIST CHURCH  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

**UNRESTRICTED FUNDS**

**CHURCH GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

	2023
<b>Receipts</b>	
Transfer from Lymm Baptist Church (Charity reference: 1130935)	10,000.00
Donations	815.61
Ministry/Other (Youth Trip)	65.00
	<u>10,880.01</u>
 <b>Payments</b>	 0
 Surplus/Deficit for the period	 10,880.01
Balance brought forward	<u>0.00</u>
Balance carried forward	10,880.01

**RESTRICTED FUNDS**

**BRAMWELL LEAVING FUND**

Donations and Balance 31/12/2023 105.00

**LYMM HOUSE**

Donations and Balance 31/12/2023 10.00

# LYMM BAPTIST CHURCH

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

### Accounting policies

- a Basis of preparation: The accounts have been prepared on a 'receipts and payments' basis and accord with S42(3) Charities act 1993 as advised by Baptist Union
  - b Donations: Donations are accounted for gross when received.
  - c Legacies: Any legacies are accounted for when they are received
  - d Investment income: Investment Income is included in the accounts in the year in which it is received
  - e Fund raising and publicity costs: The Church does not make formal appeals for funds, and expenditure on these items is therefore not material
  - f Grants payable: The Church makes grants to other organisations whose charitable objectives complement its work
  - g Governance costs: This represents direct expenditure on the governance of the church
- Most of the management is carried out without charge by volunteers

### Management Costs

The cost of managing Lymm Baptist Church as a charity in its technical and legal sense is considered negligible. It is believed that there are currently no significant measurable costs incurred as a direct result of complying with charity legislation.

### Related charities

The custodian trustee of the church is the Baptist Union Corporation Ltd (Charity No. 249635) and is controlled by the Baptist Union Council.  
The church is also a member of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and the Northwestern Baptist Association.

## Trustee Approval

The accounts and statement of assets and liabilities set out on pages 1 to 3 relating to the period ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 are as approved by the church leadership and trustees.

Signed

C. A. Best.

Dated

12/9/24.

*Return to minutes*

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

**Section A Independent Examiner's Report**

Report to the Trustees / Members of: LYMM BAPTIST CHURCH (CIO) Charity Ref: 1203190

On accounts for the year ended: 31/12/23 set out on pages F1 to F5

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner:** The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity'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:

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Signed:



Date: June 2024

Print Name: NEIL HARRISON

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

Address:

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WA13

**Section B**

**Disclosure**

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

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Signed:



Date: 19 June 2024

Print Name:

Jonathan Avery

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

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Warrington WA4 2AU.

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