

Church AGM reports January 2023

Pastor's Report 2022

2022 was a busy and blessed year for Fivehead Baptist Church. We have many things to praise God for. A number of new people have joined us, both young and old (and in-between). We have seen opportunities to share the love of Christ within our local community. We have seen people come to faith and be baptised. We have also been able to share in the wider vision of the church worldwide.

For many of us a highlight of the year was Pentecost Sunday when we celebrated the baptisms of Jules, Jack, and Hetty. The power of God to change lives came through in the most wonderful way as we heard their stories of faith and saw them come up from the water as a symbol of their new life from God. Lives transformed through the love of Christ: this is what it's all about.

This baptism celebration at Pentecost followed on from another kind of "visual drama" in the form of Oddments Theatre's production of "The Road to the Cross" just before Easter. The play was well attended and Oddments put on a powerful re-enactment of the Easter story. Those few weeks of Easter-Pentecost were a real sign of God's grace to us all.

We have been able to share the gospel in so many ways this year, including a new Youth Group on Sunday afternoon who we took through the Youth Alpha course, and a new discussion group at St. Martin's Close community lounge exploring questions of faith. So far the St. Martin's group has discussed questions such as: What is Christianity? Who is God? Who are we? How should we treat others?

The children and young people's work is an area we've talked about through the year. Three main groups have emerged: Sunday mornings during the service, Sunday afternoon youth, and Thursday Youth Café. Each of these groups is somewhat different in its focus and purpose, and each group has evolved in terms of format as the year has progressed. The groups are usually well attended and we have seen much encouragement. We also had the opportunity to take the young people to a "Living Out Loud" event organised by Youth For Christ Taunton, which was a very enjoyable and beneficial time for them all.

In June we celebrated 10 years of The Stable Café being open. The Café continues to be a real blessing to the village community and we are so thankful to God that we can show his love in this way. The number of people visiting The Stable each week has increased significantly this year. It is thrilling to see so many people enjoying the café facilities, both during the day and for the Youth Café on Thursday evenings.

As part of the café's 10 year celebrations we opened the church building to display some of the many creative talents God has blessed us with in the church and among the café volunteers. The arts & crafts exhibition was very well attended and we were amazed at the variety of gifts people had on display. These creative gifts bring glory to God and are something everyone can celebrate.

The various regular church activities continue to be an important part of church life from week to week: Tuesday Bible Study, Women On Wednesday, and Men On Thursday. Contact Lunches once a month provide a valuable place of friendship and encouragement for local people who are living alone. In addition, a new monthly Craft Group has been started as a way to encourage people to get together informally and enjoy some art & craft ideas. As well as these regular activities we have also enjoyed occasional events such as a Steam Railway trip to Minehead, a Harvest Supper, the Tearfund Big Quiz Night, and other social get-togethers.

We continue to meet for worship on Sunday mornings as an essential part of our church life. We have looked at various parts of the Bible including Luke's Gospel and the book of Jonah. Once a month we have tried something different in the form of "Café Church" as a way of including the children and young people more in our services. We will continue to think about ways of doing this as we go forward into 2023. We have also been very grateful that our music group has expanded. Sundays are a vitally important time when the church family can join together to open our hearts to God's leading and to open the church doors to our community as we walk together on this wonderful journey of faith in Jesus.

During the year we have had visits from various overseas missions: STEP UK (Iraq), the Sawers (Central African Republic), the Demian family (Iraq), and Hope Now (Ukraine). We also continue our regular support of BMS and ToyBox.

We have been delighted to welcome 6 people into membership this past year and we continue to be grateful to all those who contribute to the life of the church in so many different ways, members or otherwise.

During the year we said “farewell” to Aston & Andrea Key who are moving to Cornwall. We will miss them very much. Aston’s role as church treasurer has now been filled by Vince Carrington (to whom we’re very grateful) and we look forward to Vince’s contribution as part of the Deaconate team.

2022 has not been an easy year for some. A number of people in the fellowship have had surgery, cancer treatment, other health concerns, or faced bereavement. We remember how important the church family is to support each other through such times. Hilary Wotton has now moved from her Fivehead bungalow into Abbeyfield Care Home, who are looking after her tremendously well. Although Hilary can’t join us in the church building on Sundays she is still just as much a part of our church family so please remember her in your prayers and pop in to visit her in Abbeyfield if you can. We were sad that Kathy Gash passed away in October. She was such a unique character and will be missed by us all.

We closed the year with a lovely Christmas celebration. The Carol Service was well attended with a good number of visitors, including some of our regular Stable customers, as we celebrated the birth of Jesus.

For me personally, it has been a privilege to serve as pastor of Fivehead Baptist Church for another year. I have also enjoyed contributing to the wider Christian community in South Somerset through ministers’ gatherings, outside events, and local school assemblies at Hambridge and Curry Rivel. In September I completed a unit of study in “Baptist History and Principles” through Bristol Baptist College. I thoroughly enjoyed the study, which is part of the process of national accreditation with BUGB. I am very grateful to the church for funding this course.

Finally, I want to remind you all that the primary way in which the church serves God is simply through your daily lives as God’s people here. It is as we live out our faith through the challenges and blessings of everyday life that God works and speaks through each one of us. At the end of the day this is where the kingdom of God is most powerful and effective in changing the world around us. God’s Kingdom is seen as we follow Jesus day by day through life’s various experiences, rubbing shoulders with those people who God brings into our lives in one way or another. As the four Gospels show us, it is this ongoing journey of discipleship with Jesus that brings the life of God’s Kingdom to us and to those around us. May God bless us as we walk that journey of faith together throughout the coming year.

Pastor Matt Cottington.

Secretary’s report Jan 2022-Jan 2023

Many aspects of my report would echo the pastor’s report and indeed, other areas of church life, but I will endeavour not to duplicate!

We have gradually resumed most meetings and the Midweek fellowships have been following a pattern of prayer, study and fellowship, with the study mostly around questions arising from the Sunday’s teaching. This is particularly helpful when some have been involved in Children’s work, or away and unable to present for the sermon. We now have one or two groups meeting on Tuesday evening and one on Thursday evenings. Wow meet on Wednesday mornings and a further group on Tuesday afternoons follow a different study pattern. At the moment we have not resumed any form of group for preschool children and carers, but The Stable is trying to encourage meeting together on a Friday morning.

We have still experienced the lasting challenges of the pandemic as various people have voluntarily isolated during the year. Zoom was invaluable in the previous year and still has use when folk are being cautious and trying to keep all bugs to themselves!

A weekend away was not possible this year. However, a day trip on the WSR and picnics, TEAR fund quiz and other gatherings have been fun social occasions.

Numbers in many senses are unimportant, but we do need to keep records and we currently have added to our membership so that we have 40 members and 1 junior member. However, we have many more meeting together and contributing to Church life. We also work with members of the Anglican community and other villagers next door in The Stable

As I compile these reports each year it continues to amaze me that a seemingly small rural Fellowship does so much. This particularly applies to The work in The Stable where we welcome so many during the week. I continue to pray that everyone will use the huge number of varied gifts that God has given us and that we will act upon the opportunities that God provides, so that FBC does make a difference in our communities.
JM

Stable Report January 2023

As ever we are grateful to our volunteers from the church and surrounding villagers who serve and bake for us, without them we would not be able to open as many hours.

After Covid we were quite low on volunteers, we have added to that this year with 4 new team players. We are always grateful for new volunteers to join us.

Our 10th birthday celebration was amazing, we are so grateful for the time everyone put into the exhibition, People who exhibited, Our volunteers. We managed to Staff the church and Stable for 4 1/2 days. We added the 3 extra shifts takings, plus commision from our sellers, to our Ukraine fund.

Donations

In 2022 we gave away a larger amount of our income:-

The Air Ambulance £750.00

TEAR fund Africa appeal £750.00

The Ukraine appeal has been our main focus this year for tips and exhitition profits. £ 808.25 (Included in this is the Egg sales from the ladies at Foxhound Farm £175.00.)

Our tips are always donated to various causes both home and abroad. the total tips given away since we opened is in excess of £5,500.00.

Our annual MacMillan day raised almost £130.00

Our garden is still well used when the weather permits.

We continue to provide a welcome to customers and a safe place for teenagers at Youth café, occasionally we have been able to offer and more direct help to our customers.

When one of our regular customers died we provided the tea and cakes for the large number of mourners after the funeral.

We have enough in our reserves to buy any replacements for equipment etc, We currently have a 5 week rota. A decision was made in November to pay our bakers, as they are now providing a minimum of 4 cakes a week, all have given their services free of charge since day 1. With costs spiralling. the deacons agreed a fixed payment of £30.00. each time.

Due to the increase in visitors we purchased a new tall freezer, so that we can keep more paninis etc in stock.

2022 has been a record year for us, financially and meeting lots of new customers.

.Post Office counter

We are pleased to still have the PO counter on Thursday afternoons between 13.15 -15.15pm. We started in August of 2020, it is a welcome and well used service for the community. We have had issues this year with our phone system for the Post Office resulting us being without them for approx 6 weeks. BT have now installed a separate line for them which we hope will resolve the issue soon.

We continue to facilitate **Youth Café** on a Thursday (see youth work)

Glynis Boucher

Contact Lunch Report 2022

2022 has been a difficult, though fulfilling, year for the contact lunch team.

We have been serving the monthly lunch since October 2018 which is open to anyone in Fivehead who lives alone or anyone attending church who lives alone.

This year we have lost our oldest guest Joan who died at the age of 105 and also Kathy who passed away aged 97. We also said farewell to Trudi who has moved to a nursing home.

Despite these sad events, we have welcomed a couple of new people, with spaces for a few more if you know of anyone who would appreciate eating in company.

We have had to cancel 3 of the 12 lunches this year, the first because of the heatwave! (can you imagine it now?) Another was cancelled due to the cooks having Covid and then the lack of church kitchen scuppered the November lunch. However, the warden at St Martin's Close allowed us to use their community hall for the December lunch where 17 sat down for a full Christmas dinner, complete with Shloer, crackers and a few carols sung after the meal.

The conversations over the meals are wide-ranging and one has resulted in a monthly meeting being set up in St Martin's Close to explore the Christian Faith.

Karen Burn

Children & Youth Report

Sunday School Between January and August Sunday School remained much the same, but in September it was decided to try something new. We have changed the format of Sunday School to make things more flexible for helpers and to hopefully encourage the older group to engage more. Both groups start off in church and have a children's talk which is delivered by someone during the service. Once the children go up stairs they split into two groups. The lower school age children have a bible story, craft, play and tasty snacks/milkshake to enjoy. The older group are all secondary school age and up; they enjoy hot chocolate, treats and an important time to build friendships. This group also enjoys crafts and Bible based questions to invite Christian conversation. It is up to the helpers how they lead this, some giving a more structured lesson, others preferring to let the young people talk about whatever they want. We will continue to review things as time goes on.

Youth Alpha During the year we also ran a Youth Alpha course every couple of weeks on a Sunday afternoon. This was usually held in Curry Rivel. The group was attended by young people from Fivehead Baptist Church and the parish church in Curry Rivel. The Youth Alpha course was very good and led to some great discussion. The group have gelled together very well and we held a couple of social events for them during the year. We have decided to continue this Sunday afternoon group and will be going through various Bible studies/courses with them.

Youth Café Youth Cafe continues on Thursday evenings at the Stable. Attendance has been very good this past year with numbers sometimes as high as 15. Parents have expressed how much the young people appreciate the cafe. With increasing numbers we have decided to draw up a set of "rules" for behaviour and safety. Some of the Youth Cafe youngsters joined the trip to the Youth For Christ "Living Out Loud" event.

We are very grateful to all the helpers and volunteers across our children's and youth work.

MC& SC

WoW (Women on Wednesdays)

The group covered different topics and studies this year some were inspiring and others challenging....
.still others not so good!!

January 2022 started with a book called Radical Gratitude by Peter Maiden which opened up to some heartfelt discussions regarding how we view the problems and issues we face in life. A good reminder to cultivate a heart of thanksgiving in these days.

In the Spring we followed the book by Stephen Cottrell titled The Things He Carried. Sadly this study didn't inspire us so we used another study written by him called The Nail to lead us into Easter. The following studies were Gentle and Lowly and The Coming of the Saviour which took us up to Christmas.

Dilla Davis

Men On Thursday (MoT)

Whilst the Covid pandemic meant that during 2021 we had not been able to meet together regularly, it was with relief that we were able to meet together during the past year. It has been a pleasure to be able to spend time in fellowship on Thursdays though we have been a rather depleted number at times and on one occasion being a case of Man on Thursday enjoying coffee: it has been good nonetheless to be able to spend time in fellowship together. Whilst in previous years we have been able to take day trips to places of interest, as with last year this has not been possible though it is to be hoped that we might be able to do so in the not too distant future.

Mission

GOOD NEWS for EVERYONE. (formerly known as GideonsUK) Chard Branch.

We have been active in visiting care homes in the central part of our group placing Bibles printed in various print sizes, some were new homes and in others we replaced those removed and in some cases destroyed due to imposed Covid restrictions.

School distribution has continued but in a different format. We gave the schools sufficient NT's and suggested they used one of our videos lifted from our web site to be shown at a morning assembly or at another convenient time. This has proved to be popular. With the publication of the "Discover" book we have been able to offer these to schools as resource for PSE (RSHE) lessons. If you haven't seen a copy please ask Peter Y for a copy. Then there has been the very popular "HOPE" publication. This has been translated in to many languages world wide. Again do ask for copies for your own use amongst friends.

Exciting news for 2023: Our group (Chard Branch) has grown in size. Praise the Lord. Please ask Peter Y for a leaflet entitled "Introducing Everyone to Jesus." Come and join us. **Peter Yaxley**

For other areas of Mission see pastors report

Church fabric report

Repair and maintenance work continues as required.

A handrail has been fitted at the front of the church by Laurie Burn. Gutters have been cleaned out, sticking doors remedied and various other small tasks completed. The door at the rear of the Stable has proved difficult to fix but will be done by the date of this meeting.

Extensive work was successfully carried out by the fellowship at Isle Abbots on the graveyard and hedges.

A major problem with the school room floor has been remedied by the church fellowship, especially Steve Cutts and Adrian Male. Local craftsmen were engaged for the major remedial work.

Many thanks to Adrian for producing a Quinquennial report and a meeting will be required to schedule the work required. It contains a suggestion to appoint a local builder to clean out the gutters twice a year, a suggestion I wholeheartedly support for the higher roof gutters.

A schedule of work carried out is in the report book situated on the windowsill adjacent to the electrical services cupboard in the kitchen.

Please report any problems that you notice and please ensure your name is clear when reporting as further information may be needed. If the work is urgent please let me and Judy Male, our church secretary, know by telephone or email. It would be useful if all work done is recorded it as it makes a very useful record.

Keith Peto.

**Policy Statement on Safeguarding Children in Fivehead
Baptist Church
(referred to as “the church” in the Policy Statement)**

This statement was agreed at the church meeting held on16th June 2015

It will be read annually at the church meeting held in the month of June where progress in carrying it out will be monitored.

In fulfilling this vision:

- we welcome children into the life of our community
- have a programme of events for children
- make our premises available to organisations working with children

The church recognises its responsibilities for the safeguarding of all young people under the age of 18 (regardless of gender, ethnicity or ability) as set out in The Children Act 1989 and 2004, *Safe from Harm* (HM Government 1994) and *Working Together to Safeguard Children* (HM Government 2013).

As members of this church we commit ourselves to the nurturing, protection and safekeeping of all associated with the church and will pray for them regularly.

In pursuit of this we commit ourselves to the following policies and to the development of procedures to ensure their implementation.

Prevention and reporting of abuse

It is the duty of each church member to prevent the physical, sexual, emotional and spiritual abuse of children. It is the duty of each church member to respond to concerns about the well-being of children and to report any child abuse disclosed, discovered or suspected. The church will fully co-operate with any statutory investigation into any suspected abuse linked with the church.

Safe recruitment, support and supervision of workers

The church will exercise proper care in the selection and appointment of those working with children, whether paid or volunteer. All workers will be provided with appropriate training, support and supervision to promote the safekeeping of children.

Respecting children

The church will adopt a code of behaviour for all who are appointed to work with children so that all children are shown the respect that is due to them.

Safe working practices

The church is committed to providing a safe environment for activities with children and will adopt ways of working with them that promote their safety and well-being.

A safe community

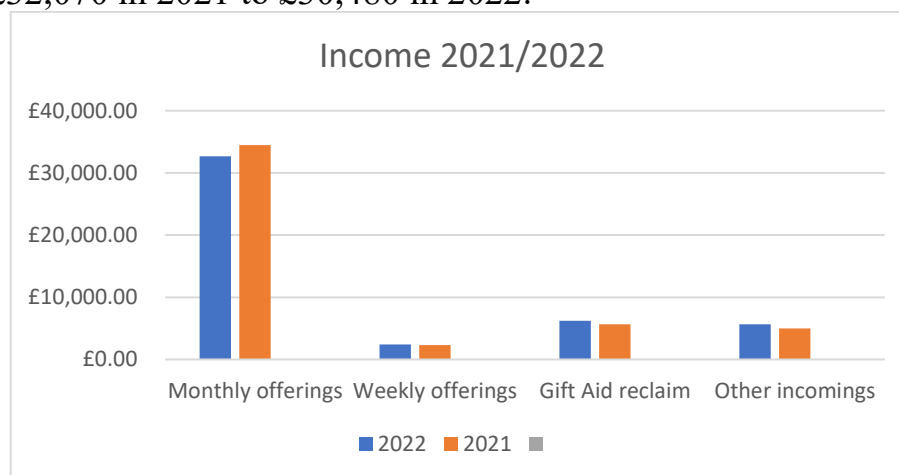
The church is committed to the prevention of bullying of children. The church will work to ensure that the behaviour of any who may pose a risk to children and young people in the community of the church is managed appropriately.

Treasurer's Report **Charity No: 238649**
Church Accounts from 1st January – 31st December 2022

2022 saw a change of Treasurer for Fivehead Church. We are extremely grateful for the efficient manner in which Aston Key undertook his duties and also in the information he has left as to how to proceed with the job in the future. Not only has this been helpful to me, but it has also meant that I have not needed to bother him too many times with requests for help with what I am doing

One of the things he mentioned last year that I want to echo once more, is the steadfast and resolute faithfulness and generosity of our church family at Fivehead.

Income. The total income for the year was £46,115.34 of which our weekly and monthly offerings amounted to £32,689.50. Weekly offerings were almost the same as in 2021 (about £2300) and the monthly standing orders and online offering payments down from £32,070 in 2021 to £30,480 in 2022.



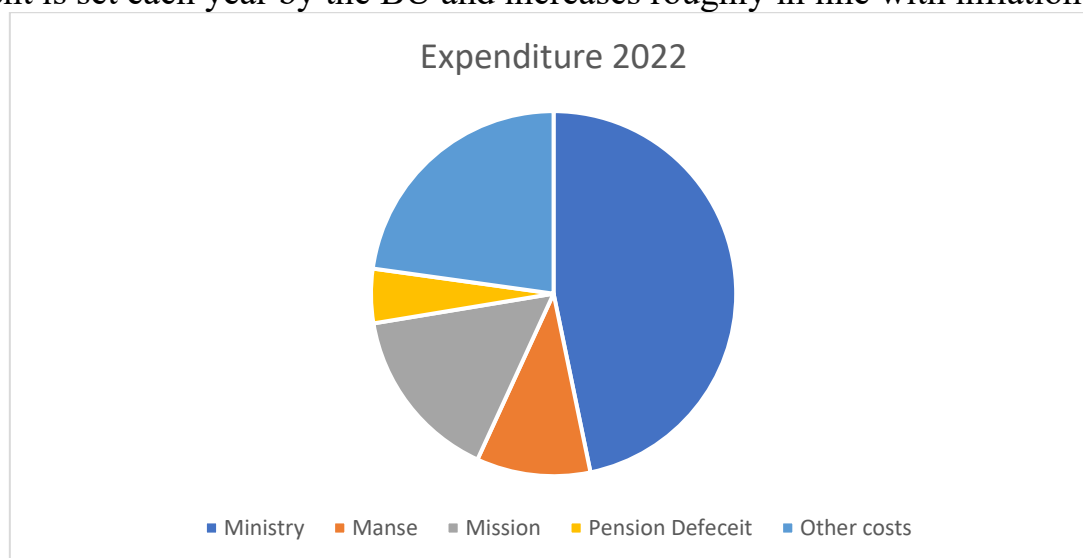
Our Gift Aid reclaim was up from £5634 in 2021, to £6214 in 2022. This is a significant sum, and may I encourage all of you who pay tax to consider filling in a gift aid form (if you have not done so already) so we can benefit with no extra cost to yourself. Another slightly odd issue concerns those who put their offerings into the donation box in church. We can only claim for £30 of each individual gift per week. If you are putting your monthly offering and it is more than £30, if possible, put it in an envelope marked ‘monthly offering’,

Our income was helped by a £500 donation from the funeral of Kathy Gash,

Our “special offerings” have been generously supported. Our Harvest Appeal raised £475 for Charity Water. We gave £550 to ICFEM Dreamland Hospital, raised £208 for McMillan from a coffee and cake morning, plus £200 for St Margater’s Hospice and £1000 for World Vision Ukraine Appeal from Stable tips.

Our Christmas donation to BMS Christmas Appeal and individual donations to the BMS Birthday scheme raised approximately £500.

Expenditure. Our total church expenditure for the year was £42,572.59 after £3,172.29 was paid from the Stable towards our agreed “utilities costs”. This has risen from the previous year as we have had our Minister for the full year and also due to the rising costs of fuel. At the start of the year we were paying £50, divided between Church and Stable, by the end of the year, it was £320, (for a while it was over £500) The Baptist Pension deficit was repaid by the end of July and has been reduced from £312.48 to £1 admin fee per month – not sure if this will continue at £1. The annual payment is set each year by the BU and increases roughly in line with inflation



As is usual, the most significant cost is “Ministry” – which includes the Pastor’s stipend, the church contribution to his pension and his ministry expenses.

Our “Mission” payments include money donated to, for instance, Harvest and Christmas appeals as well as to our regular mission organisations In 2022 we again gave £1800 to the SWB “Home Mission”; £1680 to the Baptist World Mission; £480 to “Toybox” and £230 to the BMS “Birthday Scheme”. These four are our usual Mission recipients. In addition to these and the special donations listed on the previous page, we gave £750 to Tearfund and £750 to Air Ambulance from Stable funds.

We spent around £1500 on a new shed, side gate and other sundry items for the Manse during the year.

“Other Costs” include everything else: Utility costs; Insurance; Cleaning; Fire Inspection; CCLI (Christian Copyright Licencing International) and any repairs that are required for the church.

Our “Green” energy provider, Bulb, has been taken over by Octopus Energy although at time of compiling report, we are still reporting meter readings through Bulb. Further rises are forecast for April.

The Stable contributes to the church utility costs by paying 50% of the electricity, (increased to 60% in October) 50% of the water, Insurance and Copyright fee, £100 towards the cost of the Fire Equipment Inspection and all of the phone / broadband bill

The church General Fund balance at the end of the year was £40,109.20. Last year it was £39,738.75. There is an outstanding year-end payment due of about £250 - the Christmas appeal plus uncleared cheques paid at end December that I have accounted for in these figures.

The Church BUC Trust Fund (the residue for the sale of Isle Abbotts chapel) was not used during the year. The fund is restricted and can only be used for repairs and improvements to the Church buildings. The fund as at 31st December is £6,198.12

The Stable Café. has been well supported in 2022 and ended the year up by about £1400. Donations from Stable funds during the year were £200 to St Margaret’s Hospice, £500 to ICEFM Dreamland Hospital, £1000 World Vision Ukraine Appeal, £750 to Tearfund Overseas Mission, £750 to Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance, plus other activities like the Coffee & Cake Sale that raised over £200 for McMillan Cancer research.

Stable Funds:

Balance brought forward		£10,114.74
Nett Takings (inc. Tips)		£17,660.23
Running costs	£9,895.92	
Stable Craft sales	£1,270.81	
Donations to charities	£4,487.10	
Total Expenditure		£15,653.83
Surplus/Deficit		£ 2,006.40
Balance carried forward		£12,121.14

The Stable is a significant asset to our community at Fivehead. Just being able to drop in for a “cuppa and a chat” is a major part of our outreach, and it is greatly valued. The Youth Café builds friendships in a safe and welcoming environment. The Stable could not survive without the dedication of those who give so much of their time to serve there, and the bakers who provide such tempting morsels. Thank you.

Balances in accounts as at 31st December 2022

Deposit account:	£28,022.38	(£27,961.55 - 31/12/21)
Church	£12,086.82	(£11,777.19 - 31/12/21)
Stable	£12,121.14	(£10,114.74 - 31/12/21)

Reserves Policy. The Reserves Policy is to enable the church to function effectively and to meet its obligations in the event of a decline in our income or a major cost. The Reserve is set at £10,000. As of 31st December 2021, the church held total funds of £40,109.20, of which £6198.12 is restricted and can only be used for repairs and improvements to church buildings. Under the Reserve Policy there is therefore an amount of £23,911.8 which is neither restricted nor designated.

Comment. Financial reports such as this are necessarily factual statements, but we must never forget God's goodness to His church in Fivehead – for providing the means to continue His work and for the incredible generosity of the members of His church family here.

Accounts Examination The accounts are provisional and whilst the figures in the bank accounts are as stated, there are one or two items to be ironed out for which I will be consulting Aston

On behalf of the Deacons:
Vincent Carrington Treasurer



Fivehead Baptist Church

Receipts & Payments Accounts

Period 1st January to 31st December 2022

Receipts and payments

Receipts

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Stable Funds (Restricted)	Total funds	Last year 2021
Weekly Offering/Regular Gifts	32,689			32,689	34,474
Children's Collections Toybox	150			150	0
Lee Abbey Church Outing	603			603	-200
Cottingham Family Gift	765			765	0
Misc Receipts	851			851	1,590
BMS Birthday Scheme	160			160	245
Special Offerings	3,298			3,298	2,560
Hire Church Premises/Contact lunch	105			105	90
Other receipts	349		80	429	0
Gift Aid Tax Refund	6,214			6,214	5634
Bank Interest	61			61	3
Stable Utilities				0	126
Total Churh receipts	45,245	0	80	45,325	44,522
BUC Fund Interest	-	96	0	96	12

The Stable

Stable Tips			925	925	493
Nett Receipts: The Stable	16831			16,831	7,661
Total Stable	16,831	0	925	17,756	8,154

Gross Income

	62,076	96	1,005	63,177	52,688
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Payments

BU Pension Defecit	1,880			1,880	3,695
Ministry Salary,pension cont. expenses	21,701			21,701	20,948
Church: Insurance Utilities etc	2,172			2,172	1,448
Manse: Maintenance,Improvements	1,422			1,422	744
Manse:Water,Council Tax, Insurance	3,180			3,180	2,378
Church: Maintenance, Improvements,Cleaning	1,662			1,662	1,381
Mission	8,002			8,002	5,260
Mission payments by Stable	1,580			1,580	0
Pulpit	100			100	120
Youth /Children's Work	139			139	166
Admin.:Accounts Exam,Copyright,BU Sub etc.	1,000			1,000	739
Miscellaneous, Tea, Coffee, Cleaning Mats. Etc.					12
Website, Podcast, Tech support	257			257	297
Deacons Retirement Gift					28
Covid Hardship Fund Donations					260
Church outing	728			728	0
Cottingham Family Gift	765			765	0
Oddments Theatre	250			250	0
Total payments	44,838	0	0	44,838	37,476

The Stable

Donations from Stable Tips			1,113	1,113	430
Stable Café Donations	3,374			3,374	810
Stable Café; Utilities; Consumables; Isle Abbots	11,343			11,343	4,502
Total	14,717	0	1,113	15,830	5,742

Gross Expenditure

59,555	0	1,113	60,668	43,218
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Net of receipts/payments

	2,521	96	(108)	2,509	9,470
Transfers between funds	60		(60)		
Cash funds last year end	49,685	6,185	168	56,038	46,568
Cash funds this year end	52,266	6,281	0	58,547	56,038

Cash Funds

NatWest Bank: General Fund	28,022			28,022	27,961
NatWest Bank: The Stable	12,121			12,121	9,947
Co-operative Bank	12,123			12,123	11,777
Stable unbanked cash				0	0
Stable Float				0	0
Stable Tips				0	168
BU Corporation Account		6,281	0	6,281	6,185
	52,266	6,281	0	58,547	56,038

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

	Details	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Cash funds	NatWest Bank General Fund	28,022		28,022
	The Stable	12,121		12,121
	Co-operative Bank	12,123		12,123
	BU Corporation Account		6,281	6,281
	Total cash funds	52,266	6,281	58,547

Assets retained for the charity's own use (Estimated Valuation)	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	The Manse	General	0	419,500
	Church Buildings	General	0	463,260
	Fixtures & Fittings	General	0	8,200
	Fixtures & Fittings "The Stable" Café	General	0	3,400

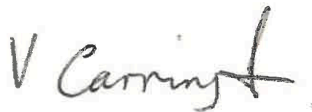
Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Unpresented Cheques	General	0	
	Baptist Pension Scheme			
	Estimated Employer Debt	General	43,300	

Signed by one or two trustees
on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of
Approval



Vincent Carrington (Treasurer)

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Fivehead Baptist Church**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Fivehead Baptist Church

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Fivehead Baptist Church (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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, 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 have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the 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.



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