

PARTICULAR BAPTIST FUND

England & Wales · Charity number 240979

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1965-05-28

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Activities

Objects: THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION IN GREAT BRITAIN, IRELAND, THE CHANNEL ISLANDS AND THE ISLE OF MAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DOCTRINES OF PARTICULAR BAPTISTS IN PARTICULAR BY:(1) RELIEVING MINISTERS AND RETIRED MINISTERS AND THEIR DEPENDANTS WHO ARE IN NEED, HARDSHIP OR DISTRESS;(2) SUPPORTING THE THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION OF PERSONS INTENDING TO MINISTER TO OTHERS;(3) ASSISTING WITH THE CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF THE FABRIC, FITTINGS AND FURNITURE OF THE BUILDINGS OF CHURCHES (WHETHER OR NOT A MEMBER OF THE CHARITY) WHERE THE DOCTRINES OF THE PARTICULAR BAPTISTS ARE PREACHED; AND (4) SUCH OTHER MEANS BEING CHARITABLE AND IN PURSUANCE OF THE OBJECT AS THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SHALL FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT.

Activities: The support of Particular Baptist doctrines through grants and loans to qualifying churches and ministers, also to theological colleges, libraries etc.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Other Finance
- **What:** Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** GREAT BRITAIN, IRELAND, THE CHANNEL ISLANDS AND THE ISLE OF MAN.
- Ireland
- Isle Of Man
- Northern Ireland
- Scotland
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£235,301	£419,688	-	-
2023-12-31	£705,155	£446,791	£7,970,704	1
2022-12-31	£776,278	£719,136	£7,280,422	1
2021-12-31	£294,117	£321,924	-	-
2020-12-31	£607,222	£392,715	£7,733,308	1

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Daryl Jones		2025-04-30
ERIC JOHN COUSINS FCCA		
Gareth Huw Jones		2017-04-19
MARGARET O'MARA		2018-04-18
Sarah Creedy		2025-09-10

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Report and Financial Statements

31 December 2024

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The Executive Committee submits its report and the financial statements of the Particular Baptist Fund ("the Fund") for the year ended 31 December 2024. The financial statements comply with Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS102) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued by the Charity Commission.

1. Reference and Administrative Information

1.1 The Trustees

The Trustees serve on the Executive Committee. The Trustees who served during the year and the Trustees who were serving at the date of the report (unless otherwise stated) were:

G H Jones	Chairman	P Barton
G M Trice	Chairman (Resigned 30/04/2025)	D Jones (Appointed 30/04/2025)
M O'Mara	Vice Chair	S Creedy (Appointed 10/09/2025)
E Cousins	Treasurer	

1.2 The Members

The members are certain Churches. The Churches serving at 31 December 2024, together with their number of registered representatives (including the Minister), each holding one vote, are as follows:

Abbey Baptist Church	(2)	Grace Church Walthamstow	(2)
Akeman Street Baptist Church	(2)	Hainault Road Baptist Church	(2)
Caterham Baptist Church	(2)	Hayes Lane Baptist Church	(2)
College Park Baptist Church	(2)	Hyde Heath Baptist Church	(2)
Denmark Place Baptist Church	(2)	Linslade Baptist Church	(2)
Derby Road Baptist Church	(2)	New Cross Baptist Church	(2)
Ealing Road Baptist Church	(2)	Pantiles Baptist Church	(2)
East Street Baptist Church	(2)	Tollington Park Baptist Church	(1)
Edlesborough Baptist Church	(2)	Tottenham Baptist Church	(1)
Enon Baptist Church	(2)	West Croydon Baptist Church	(2)
Grace Baptist Church, Bexleyheath	(1)	West Hill Baptist Church	(2)
Grace Church Guildford	(2)		

1.3 Principal Office

25 Riversdale Road
Ashford
Kent
TN23 7TP

1.4 Professional Advisers and Agents

The principal professional advisers and agents employed by the Fund as at the date of this report are as follows:

Solicitors	Pothecary Witham Weld 70 St George's Square London SW1V 3RD	Investment Managers	Rathbones 30 Gresham Street London EC2V 7QN	Bankers	CAF Bank Limited 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill West Malling Kent ME19 4JQ
Auditors	Xeinadin Audit Limited 5 Robin Hood Lane Sutton Surrey SM1 2SW	Secretary	Fiona Strasser 25 Riversdale Road Ashford Kent TN23 7TP		

2. Structure, Governance & Management

2.1 Charitable Status

The Fund was established in 1717 by six Baptist Churches in London holding the doctrines of Particular Redemption and Believers' Baptism. The Fund is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission no. 240979.

2.2 The Governing Document

The Fund is governed by a Charity Commission Scheme dated 27 August 2004.

2.3 The Trustees

The Trustees of the Fund are the members of the Executive Committee ("the Executive"). The Executive is appointed by the Members in general meeting. Executive members serve three-year terms. The Executive currently meets up to six times per annum and meets with the Members' Representatives twice per annum.

The induction process for any newly-appointed member of the Executive comprises an initial meeting with the Chair and the Board, followed by a series of short meetings with the Secretary on investments, the grant making process, powers and responsibilities of the Executive. The welcome information pack includes:

- a brief history of the Fund
- copies of recent Executive and Members' meeting minutes
- copies of the last three years of annual reports and accounts
- a copy of the Scheme of Arrangement
- a copy of the Rules and Regulations and
- a copy of the Charity Commission's guidance 'The Essential Trustee'.

2.4 The Members

The Members of the Fund are the Churches. Individuals may be Members, but currently there are no Individual Members. There are both doctrinal and financial requirements for Membership. Doctrinally, Members must hold to the doctrines of Particular Baptists. Financially, Members make an initial contribution to the Fund's permanent capital and thereafter make continuing contributions by way of an annual offering or donation.

Members' duties are to:

- attend Members' meetings
- elect members to the Executive
- receive reports from the Executive; and
- make recommendations to the Executive regarding the making of grants and loans.

2.5 Key Management Personnel

The Key Management Personnel of the Fund consists of the Secretary to whom all the administrative functions of the Fund are delegated. John Edwards was the Secretary until his retirement in October 2024. Fiona Strasser was employed as the new Secretary in September 2024.

The Secretary's role is part-time and is regarded as a vocation and accordingly remuneration is calculated with reference to the Baptist Union of Great Britain Stipend Scale and is reviewed annually towards the end of each year by the Trustees in a meeting, who then set the remuneration for the coming year.

2.6 Risk Management

The Fund's primary concern and objective is the glory of God. While it is the Fund's policy to trust wholly in the Lord that he will work out his purpose to this end, the Fund also acknowledges that it has a responsibility for the proper management of the Fund in accordance with applicable laws and accepted good practice and for ensuring that the risks faced by the Fund in achieving its primary aim are addressed and managed as best as possible. The Executive Committee has therefore conducted its own review of the major risks to which the Fund is exposed, and systems and procedures have been established in order to manage those risks. This review is repeated annually.

- Relationship with providers of legal services does not provide good value. This is being addressed by reviewing the current relationship at an Executive Committee meeting.
- Personal / confidential information disclosed on disposal/theft/hack of IT equipment. This is being mitigated by controlled disposal of hard drives, encrypted software and password protected files and devices.

3. Objectives, Activities & Strategies

3.1 Objective

The object of the charity is stated as: "the advancement of the Christian religion in Great Britain, Ireland, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man in accordance with the doctrines of Particular Baptists".

3.2 Aim

The Trustees aim to achieve this objective by:

- supporting selected projects which seek to revive or establish new Particular Baptist Churches
- supporting the theological education of persons intending to minister to others
- assisting with the construction, maintenance and repair of the fabric, fittings and furniture of the buildings of Churches where the doctrines of the Particular Baptists are preached
- relieving ministers and retired ministers and their dependants who are in need, hardship or distress
- such other means being charitable and in pursuance of the object as the Executive Committee shall from time to time think fit

3.3 Activities

Alongside the governing document, the activities of the Fund are managed under a series of Rules and Regulations formulated by the Executive Committee. Within this framework, the Fund seeks to make:

- grants for Churches with a clear vision for mission to their community
- grants to current Baptist ministers and ministers in training for educational needs
- loans to Churches for the purchase of, and building works to, Church buildings
- grants to present and former Baptist ministers and retired ministers' widows for the relief of hardship

3.4 Strategies

The Fund is committed to distributing its unrestricted reserves in accordance with its stated objectives and also in accordance with its unrestricted reserves policy. It is also committed to increasing its loan portfolio. To these ends the Executive is committed to:

- identifying new beneficiaries by:
 - appointing, where practicable/possible, individuals to the Executive with extensive contacts within the Particular Baptist community
 - encouraging each Executive member and also the Fund's members to be alert to charitable opportunities within the Particular Baptist community
 - advertising through a website (www.pbfund.org.uk) and the distribution of up-to-date promotional literature to the Particular Baptist community, not only directly to Churches but also via local associations
- reviewing grant and loan levels at least once per annum
- reporting half-annually to the members

4. Achievements and Performance

During the year, the Fund continued to make grants and loans in accordance with the Fund's objectives and in accordance with the grants and loans policies established by the Executive. The Fund continues to report performance in terms of numbers of individuals, institutions and Churches who have been assisted, together with monetary amounts distributed by category of grant.

The Fund's grant-making expenditure of £342,782 to 33 different parties shows a decrease against the previous year's expenditure of £378,375 to 30 different parties, as follows:

	2024 No.	2024 £	2023 No.	2023 £
Angus Library, Oxford	1	15,000	1	15,000
Theological Education Support Grants	11	106,314	12	182,500
Ministerial Internship Grants	-	-	1	12,000
Home Mission Pastoral Grants	11	170,718	4	116,575
Retired ministerial grants	9	41,750	10	49,900
Benevolent Grants	1	9,000	2	2,400
Total	33	342,782	30	378,375

The Fund's loan profile, disclosed as programme related investments within fixed asset (note 6) and current asset (note 7) investments, is as follows:

	2024 No.	2024 £	2023 No.	2023 £
New loans	1	78,000	-	-
Total loans	6	104,122	6	46,456

4.1 Investment Performance against objectives

The Fund's investment policy is set out more fully at 6.1 below.

The investments produced dividend income of £201,421 (2023: £192,825).

Net gains, realised and unrealised, of £70,050 (2023: £81,816) accrued to the Endowment Fund taking the value of the Endowment Fund to £2,265,231 at 31 December 2024, an increase of 3.2% over the year.

Net gains, realised and unrealised, of £366,117 (2023: £350,102) accrued to General Funds, so total returns on investments, gains and dividends, amounted to a surplus of £436,167 plus dividends of £201,421, totalling £637,588, 9.3% of the value of investments at the start of the year.

4.2 Future Developments

The Trustees are continually reviewing certain grants to make them more appropriate and relevant.

5. Financial Review

The results of the Fund, together with comparative figures for 2024, can be found in the Statement of Financial Activities on page 10.

Total charitable expenditure amounted to £419,688.

The fund benefitted from proceeds which could be quantified by the end of 2024 of chapels which closed in 2024 amounting to £22,731, dividend and interest income of £210,910 and other donations of £1,660.

Gains on investments were £436,167 (2023: £431,918), so the Fund shows a surplus of £251,780 for the year (2023: £690,282).

At 31 December 2024, the Fund had net assets of £8,222,484 (2023: £7,970,704), including proceeds which could be quantified by the end of 2024 of chapels which closed in 2024 amounting to £22,496 which had not then been received and were not therefore available for grant-making purposes at that date.

6. Financial Policies

The financial policies relating to the Fund are as follows:

6.1 Investment Policy

The Charity's portfolio is divided into two Funds and over the medium term the investment strategy in respect of each fund is:

a. Endowment Fund: to maximise income whilst maintaining the real value of the capital.

b. Unrestricted Fund: to establish a balanced portfolio to protect the real value of capital and income.

The Investment Policy has been extensively reviewed and precludes investment in companies which clearly generate significant profits from armaments, alcohol, gambling, high interest lending, pornography and tobacco.

For details of investments held see notes 6 and 7.

6.2 Loan Policy

Loans are made to Churches sharing the doctrinal basis of the Members for the purchase of, and building works to, Church buildings, in accordance with the Fund's Rules and Regulations. Currently the maximum loan is £100,000. Repayment terms are normally ten years and are interest free. Loans to unincorporated charities in England and Wales (different arrangements may apply in other jurisdictions in the British Isles) are unsecured, but loans to incorporated charities are guaranteed as appropriate. For details of loans, which are accounted for as programme related investments, see notes 6 and 7.

6.3 Grants Policy

Grants are made to educational establishments, Churches and individuals embracing the doctrinal basis of the Members and in accordance with the Rules and Regulations. Details are included below:

- *Educational.* The fund supports the work of Angus Library annually. Grants are also made to individual ministers in training and to full time ministers seeking to follow further studies relevant to the ministry.
- *Mission.* Grants are made to Churches and Church-Plants which are culturally relevant as well as being in tune with the Fund's theological position. Such grants are given for up to nine years. Special Project Grants are given to small churches towards the capital expenditure on evangelistic projects.
- *Benevolent.* Grants are given to retired ministers with a low income, and occasionally to serving pastors in significant need.

The Fund's aim is to devote 40% of Funds income to Educational Grants, 40% to Mission Grants and 20% to Benevolent Grants with a 5 percentage points tolerance on all three classes. (For details of grants made, see note 4).

6.4 Reserve Policies: Categories and Unrestricted Reserves

6.4.1 Reserve Categories

The Fund's reserves are classified as follows:

Endowment Fund. This comprises those Funds which must be held permanently by the Fund. Income arising can be used in accordance with the objects of the charity and is included as unrestricted income. Any capital gains or losses arising on general Endowment Fund form part of the Endowment Fund.

The Bathford Fund. This arose from the proceeds of the chapel at Bathford, Somerset. Income arising on the Bathford Fund could be used in accordance with the objects of the charity for the benefit of SW England and has been accounted for as restricted income. The capital of the Bathford Fund was in the nature of an endowment fund. Any capital gains or losses arising on the Bathford Fund formed part of the Fund. The income derived from the Bathford Fund being very modest, during 2018 the Executive resolved to apply the capital of the fund as if it were income and no objection was received. The restriction that the Bathford Fund should be used for the benefit of SW England remains. The whole of the Fund is now accounted for as restricted income and the Executive intend to use it in connection with projects located as near as possible to Bathford. In 2020 it was used in Melksham, less than 10 miles away.

	2024	2023
Restricted Funds amounted to:		
	£	£
Endowment Fund	2,265,231	2,194,881
Bathford Fund -	<u>1,772</u>	<u>1,772</u>
	<u>2,267,003</u>	<u>2,196,653</u>

Unrestricted Funds. These comprise those Funds which the Executive is free to use in accordance with the objects of the Fund and are:

- *The General Fund*
- *The Designated Loan Fund.* This Fund arose from a decision made in 1951 to set aside exceptional income (mainly arising from chapel sales where the Fund was the ultimate beneficiary) in order to purchase sites for new chapels. Originally denominated the Special Funds Account, it was renamed the Loan Fund in 1978, its application being changed to the provision of loans to Churches for the purchase of manses, extension of buildings and major repair costs. This purpose was confirmed by the Executive in a minute dated 3 October 1990.
- *The Welsh Mission Fund.* This Fund was set up in 2012 from the proceeds of the sale of Zion Chapel, Scleddau, Fishguard. On a request from the Welsh Baptist Union Corporation, the Trustees agreed to set aside this amount to provide Mission grants to Welsh Churches. This Fund was added to during 2015 and 2016 by the proceeds of redundant properties in Colwyn Bay. During 2019 the proceeds of Blaendulais chapel were added to the fund, South Dairy (Nr. Haverfordwest) and Talgarth in 2021, and Siloam, Kidwelly Blaengarw and Pantygog, and Tretio. St.David's in 2022, and Little Newcastle, nr. Haverfordwest, Hephzibah nr. Milford Haven, and St.Cleairs in 2023.

For more details on reserves and reserve balances, see the balance sheet on page 10 and note 10.

6.4.2 Unrestricted Reserves Policy

The Fund's unrestricted reserves amount to £5,955,481 at 31 December 2024 (2023: £5,774,051). The Executive seeks to distribute the entire income generated by these Funds, together with the income from the Endowment Fund.

The Executive has agreed an unrestricted policy whereby approximately £1,000,000 will be set aside for making loans to Churches for repairs to Church buildings (the "Designated Loan Fund").

The Executive considers that to ensure the Fund continues to operate in the case of a substantial decline in its income, the balance of the unrestricted reserves should not go below £300,000. In addition, the Executive is concerned not to undertake commitments that are dependent upon capital gains on investments, as those gains could be reversed in future years. It has a rolling ten-year plan that seeks to reduce reserves to £300,000 and thereafter to balance expenditure with income.

6.4.3 Primary Funding Sources

The main source of the Fund's income is its investments.

7. Public Benefit

The Trustees have taken into account the guidance published by the Charity Commission on the provision of public benefit. They confirm that Public Benefit is provided through:

- supporting current and retired ministers in financial need.
- helping Churches by means of loans to upgrade their premises, enabling them to serve their communities better.
- supporting projects that seek to reach out to and help their communities by providing Christian teaching and social support.
- training grants to educational institutions and to individual ministers leading to the improvement of the ability of Churches to serve their communities

8. Responsibilities of the Executive for the Financial Statements

The Executive is responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice. Charity law requires the Executive to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of its financial activities for that period.

In preparing those financial statements, the Executive is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- observe the methods and principles set out in the Charities SORP
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the activities of the charity will continue

The Executive is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enables it to ensure that the financial statements comply with part 8 of the Charities Act 2011. It is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

9. Approval

The report of the Executive Committee was approved by the Executive Committee on 8th October 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Eric Cousins
Treasurer

**Independent auditor's report to the trustees of
Particular Baptist Fund
For the year ended 31 December 2024**

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Particular Baptist Fund (the "Charity") for the year ended 31 December 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Charity's affairs as at 31 December 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least 12 months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, including the trustees' report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the Charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities Act 2011 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate and proper accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

**Independent auditor's report to the trustees of
Particular Baptist Fund
For the year ended 31 December 2024**

Responsibilities of the trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the Charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 145 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Based on our understanding of the charity, we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to employment and financial reporting legislation and we considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements. We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements such as the Charities Act 2011.

We assessed the susceptibility of the company's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by making enquiries of management, considering the internal controls in place and discussion amongst the engagement team.

We determined that the principal risks were related to presentation of separately disclosed items, the recognition of grant expenditure and exceptional income, and management override of controls.

In response to the risks identified we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to reviewing trustees' minutes, evaluating the internal controls, agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation, and testing journal entries. A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Xeinadin Audit Ltd

**Xeinadin Audit Limited
Statutory Auditor
Chartered Accountants**

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Dated: *9 October 2025*

Xeinadin Audit Limited is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ended 31 December 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2023 £
Income from:	2										
Donations and legacies		1,360	-	-	300	1,660	4,439	5,650	-	200	10,289
Investments		184,882	26,028	-	-	210,910	173,364	26,187	-	-	199,551
Other income		-	22,731	-	-	22,731	364,040	131,275	-	-	495,315
Total income		186,242	48,759	-	300	235,301	541,843	163,112	-	200	705,155
Expenditure on:											
Charitable activities	3	390,063	29,625	-	-	419,688	413,460	6,331	27,000	-	446,791
Total expenditure		390,063	29,625	-	-	419,688	413,460	6,331	27,000	-	446,791
Gains on investment assets		291,832	74,285	-	70,050	436,167	275,912	74,190	-	81,816	431,918
Net income/(expenditure)		88,011	93,419	-	70,350	251,780	404,295	230,971	(27,000)	82,016	690,282
Transfers between funds		70,439	(70,439)	-	-	-	76,328	(76,328)	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		158,450	22,980	-	70,350	251,780	480,623	154,643	(27,000)	82,016	690,282
Balance brought forward		4,277,422	1,496,629	1,772	2,194,881	7,970,704	3,796,799	1,341,986	28,772	2,112,865	7,280,422
Balance carried forward		4,435,872	1,519,609	1,772	2,265,231	8,222,484	4,277,422	1,496,629	1,772	2,194,881	7,970,704

Balance Sheet
As at 31 December 2024

		General Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Fund	Endowment Fund £	Total 2024 £	General Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Fund	Endowment Fund £	Total 2023 £
FIXED ASSETS											
Investments	6	4,296,702	1,105,658	-	2,194,991	7,597,351	3,749,792	980,621	-	2,136,961	6,867,374
CURRENT ASSETS											
Investments	7	-	21,922	-	-	21,922	-	20,333	-	-	20,333
Debtors – falling due within one year	8	399,000	22,496	-	15,369	436,865	414,748	200,555	-	-	615,303
Cash at bank and in hand		44,448	374,108	13,022	54,871	486,449	445,729	299,695	22,022	57,920	825,366
		<u>443,448</u>	<u>418,526</u>	<u>13,022</u>	<u>70,240</u>	<u>945,236</u>	<u>860,477</u>	<u>520,583</u>	<u>22,022</u>	<u>57,920</u>	<u>1,461,002</u>
CREDITORS											
Falling due within one year	9	(223,578)	(4,575)	(8,250)	-	(236,403)	(221,447)	(4,575)	(8,250)	-	(234,272)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>219,870</u>	<u>413,951</u>	<u>4,772</u>	<u>70,240</u>	<u>708,833</u>	<u>639,030</u>	<u>516,008</u>	<u>13,772</u>	<u>57,920</u>	<u>1,226,730</u>
CREDITORS											
Falling due after one year	9	(80,700)	-	(3,000)	-	(83,700)	(111,400)	-	(12,000)	-	(123,400)
NET ASSETS		<u><u>4,435,872</u></u>	<u><u>1,519,609</u></u>	<u><u>1,772</u></u>	<u><u>2,265,231</u></u>	<u><u>8,222,484</u></u>	<u><u>4,277,422</u></u>	<u><u>1,496,629</u></u>	<u><u>1,772</u></u>	<u><u>2,194,881</u></u>	<u><u>7,970,704</u></u>
FUNDS											
Unrestricted Funds	10	4,435,872	1,519,609	-	-	5,955,481	4,277,422	1,496,629	-	-	5,774,051
Restricted Funds		-	-	1,772	-	1,772	-	-	1,772	-	1,772
Endowment Fund		-	-	-	2,265,231	2,265,231	-	-	-	2,194,881	2,194,881
		<u><u>4,435,872</u></u>	<u><u>1,519,609</u></u>	<u><u>1,772</u></u>	<u><u>2,265,231</u></u>	<u><u>8,222,484</u></u>	<u><u>4,277,422</u></u>	<u><u>1,496,629</u></u>	<u><u>1,772</u></u>	<u><u>2,194,881</u></u>	<u><u>7,970,704</u></u>

The financial statements were approved by the Executive Committee on 8th October 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Eric Cousins
Treasurer



Cash Flow Statement

For the year ended 31 December 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash flows (used in)/from operating activities	(216,160)	26,965
Cash flows (used in)/from investing activities		
Interest received	9,489	6,726
Dividends received	201,421	192,825
(Payment into) fixed asset investments managed portfolio	(501,000)	(500,000)
Repayment from fixed asset investment managed portfolio	225,000	300,000
Repayment of programme related investments – loan repayments	20,333	38,623
Additions to programme related investments – loans	(78,000)	-
Net cash (used in)/generated by investing activities	(122,757)	38,174
(Decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents during the year	(338,917)	65,139
Cash and cash equivalents as at 1 January	825,366	760,227
Cash and cash equivalents as at 31 December	<u>486,449</u>	<u>825,366</u>
Reconciliation of net movement in funds to cash used in operating activities	2024	2023
	£	£
Net movement in funds	251,780	690,282
Adjustments for:		
Interest received	(9,489)	(6,726)
Dividends received	(201,421)	(192,825)
Investment (gains)	(436,167)	(431,918)
Management charges borne within managed portfolio	38,546	36,764
Decrease/(increase) in debtors – income receivable	178,438	(76,150)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(37,847)	7,538
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities	<u>(216,160)</u>	<u>26,965</u>

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Fund is an unincorporated charity, governed by a Charity Commission Scheme dated 27 August 2004. The address of the registered office is 25 Riversdale Road, Ashford, Kent, TN23 7TP

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102). The financial statements are drawn up on the historical cost basis of accounting, as modified by the revaluation of investment properties and other investments. There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue in operation. The accounts are stated in pounds sterling and rounded to the nearest pound. The Particular Baptist Fund meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Fund accounting

The General Fund is an unrestricted fund which is available for use at the discretion of the Executive in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which has not been designated for other purposes. The Designated Loan Fund is an unrestricted fund which has been set aside by the Executive for particular purposes. The Endowment Fund represents those funds which must be held permanently by the Fund. Investment income is allocated to the General Fund. Gains and losses held by the General and Designated Funds are allocated proportionally to the appropriate fund. Gains and losses on Endowment Fund investments are allocated directly to the Endowment Fund.

Income

Voluntary income and donations (including collections and legacies) are accounted for once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be reliably measured. Investment income is accounted for on an accruals basis.

Grants and other expenditure

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is conveyed to the recipient except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year-end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

A provision for a multi-year grant is recognised at its present value where settlement is due over more than one year from the date of the award, there are no unfulfilled performance conditions under the control of the Fund to avoid making the future payment(s), settlement is probable, and the effect of discounting is material. The discount rate used is the rate offered on government bonds (Gilts) for a commensurate or similar time period offered in the year in which the grant award is made

Other expenditure is accrued as soon as a liability is considered probable, discounted to present value for longer term liabilities. Expenditure includes attributable VAT which cannot be recovered. Governance costs are now allocated to grant activities.

Investments

Listed investments are stated at quoted market value. Realised and unrealised gains and losses on investments are reflected through the Statement of Financial Activities. Programme related investments, being loans to Churches, are stated at the amount loaned, adjusted for any repayments, accrued interest and any irrecoverable amount.

Debtors

Amounts owed to the charity for goods and services and other debtors are included at the settlement amount due. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

Cash at bank and in hand

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

Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation arising from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at their settlement amount.

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Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

2. INCOME

	2024 General Fund £	2024 Loan Fund £	2024 Welsh Fund £	2024 Endowment Fund £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
<u>Donations and legacies</u>						
Collections & donations from Members	1,000	-	-	300	1,300	1,050
Gifts from beneficiaries	360	-	-	-	360	9,050
Other gifts	-	-	-	-	-	189
	<u>1,360</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>1,660</u>	<u>10,289</u>
<u>Investments</u>						
Dividends	175,656	19,159	6,606	-	201,421	192,825
Bank interest	9,226	-	263	-	9,489	6,726
	<u>184,882</u>	<u>19,159</u>	<u>6,869</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>210,910</u>	<u>199,551</u>
<u>Other income</u>						
Redundant Churches	-	-	22,731	-	22,731	495,315
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22,731</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22,731</u>	<u>495,315</u>
Total income	<u>186,242</u>	<u>19,159</u>	<u>29,600</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>235,301</u>	<u>705,155</u>

3. EXPENDITURE

<u>Charitable activities</u>		2024 £	2023 £
Grants	Note 4	342,782	378,375
Secretary's honorarium	Note 5	17,706	11,696
Investment Management		38,546	37,072
Advertising		2,357	1,130
Office Running Costs		1,088	1,953
Travel costs		3,504	2,794
Legal & professional		600	4,641
Audit		5,160	4,840
Accountancy		2,220	-
Meetings expense		5,234	3,813
Other		491	477
Total expenditure		<u>419,688</u>	<u>446,791</u>
 Total Governance Costs amounted to		 <u>8,456</u>	 <u>9,702</u>

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4. GRANTS

		2024 £	2023 £
Grants to Institutions			
<i>Educational grants</i>	Angus Library	15,000	15,000
<i>Ministerial Internship Grant</i>	Dundonald	-	12,000
	Lisburn	12,000	-
	Bradford	6,000	-
<i>Pastoral Support Grants</i>	Aberdeen	-	6,375
	Chingford	16,200	-
	Didcot	18,500	14,800
	Edlesborough	-	68,400
	Grangetown	18,300	-
	Haslemere	46,800	-
	Maidstone	24,970	-
	Melksham	-	27,000
	Wakefield	3,600	-
	Walthamstow	3,750	-
	Wick	14,600	-
<i>Special Project Grants</i>	Tunbridge Wells	5,998	-
Grants to Individuals			
<i>Educational grants</i>	Theological Education Support Grants	106,314	182,500
<i>Retired ministerial grants</i>		41,750	49,900
<i>Benevolent Grants</i>		9,000	2,400
		342,782	378,375

5 STAFF COSTS

	2024 £	2023 £
Gross salary (inc. in lieu Pension Contributions)	17,621	11,696
Pensions	85	-
	17,706	11,696

There was an average of one employee during the year (2023: 1).

Included within Travel costs are amounts totalling £1,253 (2023: £ 701) which four (2023: 4) members of the Executive received for costs incurred in furtherance of the Fund's activities other than in connection with governance. Also included in Travel expenses are amounts totalling £1,076 (2023: £1,013) which four (2023: 6) members of the Executive received for costs in connection with governance. In total four members of the Executive claimed travelling expenses totalling £2,329 (2023: 6 members claimed a total of £1,714). No member of the Executive received remuneration in the year or preceding year.

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6 FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Commercial Investments at market value £	Programme related investments at cost £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
At 1 January 2024	6,841,252	26,122	6,867,374	6,293,843
Additions	1,511,507	78,000	1,589,507	2,324,949
Disposals	(1,280,554)	-	(1,280,554)	(2,103,851)
Unrealised gains	442,946	-	442,946	374,056
Transfers to current asset investments	-	(21,922)	(21,922)	(21,623)
At 31 December 2024	<u>7,515,151</u>	<u>82,200</u>	<u>7,597,351</u>	<u>6,867,374</u>

	2024 £	2023 £
Commercial investments at original cost		
Quoted Securities Portfolio managed by Rathbones	6,501,826	6,371,088
	<u>6,501,826</u>	<u>6,371,088</u>

Programme related investments are loans made to Churches for building works to Churches and Church manses.

All investments are held within the UK.

7. CURRENT ASSET INVESTMENTS

	2024 £	2023 £
Programme related investments at cost		
At 1 January 2024	20,333	37,333
Transfers from fixed asset investments	21,922	21,623
Disposals	(20,333)	(38,623)
At 31 December 2024	<u>21,922</u>	<u>20,333</u>

8. DEBTORS

	2024 £	2023 £
Accrued dividend income	50,330	50,708
Accrued redundant chapel proceeds	386,535	564,595
	<u>436,865</u>	<u>615,303</u>

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9 CREDITORS

	2024 £	2023 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Constructive Obligations		
Angus Library, Oxford	15,000	-
Personal Grants	-	1,200
Project Grants:		
Chingford	5,400	-
Didcot	11,100	9,250
Edlesborough	22,800	22,800
Grangetown	4,575	4,575
Haslemere	23,400	-
Hyde Heath	24,300	24,300
Maidstone	2,270	-
Melksham	8,250	8,250
Wakefield	-	1,800
Walthamstow	-	18,750
Wick	3,850	4,650
Ministerial Internship Grants:		
Lisburn	6,000	-
Educational Grants	92,500	124,100
	<u>219,445</u>	<u>219,675</u>
Other taxes and social security	-	137
Accruals and other creditors	16,958	14,460
	<u>236,403</u>	<u>234,272</u>
Amounts falling due after one year:		
Pastoral Support Grants		
Chingford	10,350	-
Didcot	5,550	-
Edlesborough	22,800	45,600
Hyde Heath	-	24,300
Melksham	3,000	12,000
Educational Grants	42,000	41,500
	<u>83,700</u>	<u>123,400</u>

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10. FUND MOVEMENTS

In 2024 the movements of the various Funds were as follows:

	General Fund	Loan Fund	Welsh Mission Fund	Endowment Funds	Bathford Fund	Total
Brought forward reserves	4,277,422	1,000,000	496,629	2,194,881	1,772	7,970,704
Income	186,242	19,159	29,600	300	-	235,301
Expenditure	(390,063)	(3,960)	(25,665)	-	-	(419,688)
Transfers between Funds	70,439	(70,439)	-	-	-	-
Investment gains	291,832	55,240	19,045	70,050	-	436,167
Carried forward reserves	<u>4,435,872</u>	<u>1,000,000</u>	<u>519,609</u>	<u>2,265,231</u>	<u>1,772</u>	<u>8,222,484</u>

In 2023 the movements of the various Funds were as follows:

	General Fund	Loan Fund	Welsh Mission Fund	Endowment Funds	Bathford Fund	Total
Brought forward reserves	3,796,799	1,000,000	341,986	2,112,865	28,772	7,280,422
Income	541,843	25,123	137,989	200	-	705,155
Expenditure	(413,460)	(3,964)	(2,367)	-	(27,000)	(446,791)
Transfers between Funds	76,328	(76,328)	-	-	-	-
Investment gains/(losses)	275,912	55,169	19,021	81,816	-	431,918
Carried forward reserves	<u>4,277,422</u>	<u>1,000,000</u>	<u>496,629</u>	<u>2,194,881</u>	<u>1,772</u>	<u>7,970,704</u>

During the year a transfer of £70,439 from the Designated Loan Fund to the General Fund (2023: £76,328) was made in order to reflect the wishes of the Executive to keep the Designated Loan Fund at £1,000,000.

Unrestricted Funds

These comprise those Funds which the Executive is free to use in accordance with the charitable objects of the Fund and are:

- The General Fund.
- The Loan Fund. This designated Fund arose from a decision made in 1951 to set aside exceptional income (mainly arising from chapel sales where the Fund was the ultimate beneficiary) in order to purchase sites for new chapels. Originally denominated the Special Funds Account, it was renamed the Loan Fund in 1978, its application being changed to the provision of loans to Churches for the purchase of manses, extension of buildings and major repair costs. This purpose was confirmed by the Executive in a minute dated 3 October 1990.
- The Welsh Mission Fund. This designated Fund was set up in 2012 from the proceeds of the sale of the sale of Zion Chapel, Scloddau, Fishguard. On a request from the Welsh Baptist Union Corporation, the Trustees agreed to set aside this amount to provide Mission grants to Welsh Churches. The Trustees have decided to increase the Welsh Fund to include the proceeds of redundant chapels in all parts of Wales.

Endowment Fund

Income arising on the general endowment Fund can be used in accordance with the objects of the charity and is included as unrestricted income. Any capital gains or losses arising on general endowment Funds form part of the endowment Fund. When churches become member churches of the fund they are required to make a capital contribution to the Fund and these contributions are added to the Endowment Fund.

Bathford Fund

Income arising on the Bathford Fund can be used in accordance with the objects of the charity for the benefit of SW England and will be included as restricted income. Any capital gains or losses arising on the Bathford Funds form part of the Fund. The income derived from the Bathford Fund being very modest, during 2018, the Executive resolved to apply the capital of the fund as if it were income. During 2019 the resolution was duly notified to the Charity Commission and no objection received. The restriction that the Bathford Fund should be used for the benefit of SW England remains. Accordingly, the whole of the Fund is now accounted for as restricted income. The Executive intend to use it in connection with projects located as near as possible to Bathford, so when the Home Mission Pastoral Grant to Melksham, just a few miles from Bathford, was renewed in 2020, and again in 2023, this was funded from the Bathford Fund.

11. FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

At 31 December 2024 there were no programme related investments authorised but not yet taken up (2023: none).

12. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Paul Barton is the Pastor of Hyde Heath Baptist Church. Hyde Heath Baptist Church was awarded, as permitted by clause 13(2) of the Fund's Constitution, a Home Mission Pastoral Grant during 2022. The amount awarded in 2022, payable over 3 years, was £72,900.

Gareth Jones is the Pastor of Pantiles Baptist Church, Tunbridge Wells. Pantiles Baptist Church, Tunbridge was awarded, as permitted by clause 13(2) of the Fund's Constitution, a Special Project Grant during 2024. The amount awarded was £5,998.

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Report of the Executive Committee For the year ended 31 December 2023

The Executive Committee submits its report and the financial statements of the Particular Baptist Fund ("the Fund") for the year ended 31 December 2023. The financial statements comply with Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS102) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued by the Charity Commission.

1. Reference and Administrative Information

1.1 The Trustees

The Trustees serve on the Executive Committee. The Trustees who served during the year and the Trustees who were serving at the date of the report (unless otherwise stated) were:

P Barton		G H Jones	
E Cousins	Treasurer	M O'Mara	Vice Chairman
K Johns	(resigned 21 September 2023)	G M Trice	Chairman

Keith Johns retired from the Committee 21 September 2023 having relocated and joined a church which is not a Member of the Fund and therefore feeling himself no longer able to continue as a Member's Representative and hence as a member of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee thank him for his diligent service.

1.2 The Members

The members are certain Churches and individuals. The Churches serving at 31 December 2023, together with their number of registered representatives (including the Minister), each holding one vote, are as follows:

Brentford, Ealing Road	(1)	Leyton, Hainault Road	(2)
Bromley, Hayes Lane	(2)	New Cross Road	(2)
Camberwell, Denmark Place	(1)	Tottenham High Road	(1)
Caterham	(1)	Tring	(2)
Croydon West	(2)	Tunbridge Wells, Pantiles	(2)
Greenwich, Village Church	(2)	Walthamstow	(2)
Hyde Heath	(2)	Walworth, East Street	(2)
Islington, Tollington Park	(2)	Wandsworth, West Hill	(1)
Lewisham, College Park	(2)	Watford, Derby Road	(2)

1.3 Principal Office

5 Sandalwood Road
Westbury
Wiltshire BA13 3UP

1.4 Professional Advisers and Agents

The principal professional advisers and agents employed by the Fund as at the date of this report are as follows:

Solicitors	Pothecary Witham Weld 70 St George's Square London SW1V 3RD	Investment Managers	Investec Wealth and Investment 30 Gresham Street London EC2V 7QN	Bankers	CAF Bank Limited 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill West Malling Kent ME19 4JQ
Auditors	Jacob Cavenagh & Skeet 5 Robin Hood Lane Sutton Surrey SM1 2SW	Secretary	John Edwards 5 Sandalwood Road Westbury Wiltshire BA13 3UP		

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2. Structure, Governance & Management

2.1 Charitable Status

The Fund was established in 1717 by six Baptist Churches in London holding the doctrines of Particular Redemption and Believers' Baptism. The Fund is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission no. 240979.

2.2 The Governing Document

The Fund is governed by a Charity Commission Scheme dated 27 August 2004.

2.3 The Trustees

The Trustees of the Fund are the members of the Executive Committee ("the Executive"). The Executive is appointed by the Members in general meeting. Executive members serve three-year terms. The Executive currently meets up to six times per annum and meets with the Members' Representatives twice per annum.

The induction process for any newly-appointed member of the Executive comprises an initial meeting with the Chair and the Board, followed by a series of short meetings with the Secretary on investments, the grant making process, powers and responsibilities of the Executive. The welcome information pack includes:

- a brief history of the Fund
- copies of recent Executive and Members' meeting minutes
- copies of the last three years of annual reports and accounts
- a copy of the Scheme of Arrangement
- a copy of the Rules and Regulations and
- a copy of the Charity Commission's guidance 'The Essential Trustee'.

2.4 The Members

The Members of the Fund are the Churches. Individuals may be Members, but currently there are no Individual Members. There are both doctrinal and financial requirements for Membership. Doctrinally, Members must hold to the doctrines of Particular Baptists. Financially, Members make an initial contribution to the Fund's permanent capital and thereafter make continuing contributions by way of an annual offering or donation.

Members' duties are to:

- attend Members' meetings
- elect members to the Executive
- receive reports from the Executive; and
- make recommendations to the Executive regarding the making of grants and loans.

2.5 Key Management Personnel

The Key Management Personnel of the Fund consists of the Secretary, John Edwards BSc(Econ) to whom all the day to day administrative and accounting functions of the Fund are delegated.

The Secretary's role is part-time and is regarded as a vocation and accordingly remuneration is calculated with reference to one third of the Baptist Union of Great Britain Stipend Scale and is reviewed annually towards the end of each year by the Trustees in a meeting, who then set the remuneration for the coming year.

2.6 Risk Management

The Fund's primary concern and objective is the glory of God. While it is the Fund's policy to trust wholly in the Lord that he will work out his purpose to this end, the Fund also acknowledges that it has a responsibility for the proper management of the Fund in accordance with applicable laws and accepted good practice and for ensuring that the risks faced by the Fund in achieving its primary aim are addressed and managed as best as possible. The Executive Committee has therefore conducted its own review of the major risks to which the Fund is exposed and systems and procedures have been established in order to manage those risks. This review is repeated annually.

The most significant risks identified and actions undertaken to mitigate them are:

- The trustee body cease to have a sufficient range of skills and abilities due to a declining trustee base. This is being addressed by seeking new churches to join the fund and inviting suitable officers of churches in the increased membership to become Trustees;
- Decline in investment values. This is being addressed by the appointment of proactive investment managers with instructions to maintain a balanced portfolio and monitoring their performance through a program of Trustee meetings with them;
- Incapacity of Key Management Personnel through long term illness, resulting in failure to continue grant-making procedures and compliance failures. This is addressed by the Fund's electronic records being maintained on cloud-based platforms to which key Trustees have access enabling them to intervene if necessary.

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3. Objectives, Activities & Strategies

3.1 Objective

The object of the charity is stated as: "the advancement of the Christian religion in Great Britain, Ireland, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man in accordance with the doctrines of Particular Baptists".

3.2 Aim

The Trustees aim to achieve this objective by:

- supporting selected projects which seek to revive or establish new Particular Baptist Churches
- supporting the theological education and practical training of persons intending to minister to others
- assisting with the construction, maintenance and repair of the fabric, fittings and furniture of the buildings of Churches where the doctrines of the Particular Baptists are preached
- relieving ministers and retired ministers and their dependants who are in need, hardship or distress
- such other means being charitable and in pursuance of the object as the Executive Committee shall from time to time think fit

3.3 Activities

Alongside the governing document, the activities of the Fund are managed under a series of Rules and Regulations formulated by the Executive Committee. Within this framework, the Fund seeks to make:

- grants for Churches with a clear vision for mission to their community
- grants to current Baptist ministers and ministers in training for educational needs
- a grant to the Angus Library of Regent's Park College, Oxford, the main repository in the British Isles of Particular Baptist historical material
- loans to Churches for the purchase of, and building works to, Church buildings
- grants to present and former Baptist ministers and retired ministers' widows for the relief of hardship

3.4 Strategies

The Fund is committed to distributing its unrestricted reserves in accordance with its stated objectives and also in accordance with its unrestricted reserves policy. It is also committed to increasing its loan portfolio. To these ends the Executive is committed to:

- identifying new beneficiaries by:
 - appointing, where practicable/possible, individuals to the Executive with extensive contacts within the Particular Baptist community
 - encouraging each Executive member and also the Fund's members to be alert to charitable opportunities within the Particular Baptist community
 - advertising through a website (www.pbfund.org.uk) and the distribution of up-to-date promotional literature to the Particular Baptist community, not only directly to Churches but also via local associations
- regularly reviewing the current range of grants and loans to check whether they meet the current needs of Churches
- reviewing grant and loan levels at least once per annum
- reporting half-annually to the members

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4. Achievements and Performance

During the year, the Fund continued to make grants and loans in accordance with the Fund's objectives and in accordance with the grants and loans policies established by the Executive. The Fund continues to report performance in terms of numbers of individuals, institutions and Churches who have been assisted, together with monetary amounts distributed by category of grant.

The Fund's grant-making expenditure of £378,375 to 30 different parties shows a decrease (attributable almost entirely to the release of the Cambourne fund in 2022) against the previous year's expenditure of £650,962 to 22 different parties, as follows:

	2023	2023	2022	2022
	No.	£	No.	£
Educational Grants (institutions)	1	15,000	1	15,000
Capital Grant - Cambourne	0	-	1	388,022
Consents to Redundant Chapel Transfers - related costs	0	-	0	2,223
Theological Education Support Grants	12	182,500	6	62,500
Ministerial Internship Grants	1	12,000	1	6,667
Home Mission Pastoral Grants	4	116,575	3	126,650
Special Project Grants	0	-	0	-
Retired ministerial grants	10	49,900	10	49,900
Benevolent Grants	2	2,400	0	-
Total	30	378,375	22	650,962

The Fund's loan profile, disclosed as programme related investments within fixed asset (note 5) and current asset (note 6) investments, is as follows:

	2023	2023	2022	2022
	No.	£	No.	£
New loans	-	-	-	-
Total loans	6	46,456	9	85,079

4.1 Investment Performance against objectives

The Fund's investment policy is set out more fully at 6.1 below.

The investments produced dividend income of £192,825 (2022: £203,393)

Net gains, realised and unrealised, of £81,816 (2022: (losses) £(244,832)) accrued to the Endowment Fund taking the value of the Endowment Fund to £2,194,881 at 31 December 2023, an increase of 3.9% over the year which is disappointing against achieving the objective of protecting the Endowment Fund against inflation which was unusually high in the year (and generating income), but must be seen in the context of market effects of on-going world events from February 2022.

Net gains, realised and unrealised, of £350,102 (2022: (losses) £(800,638)) accrued to General Funds, so total returns on investments, gains and dividends, amounted to a surplus of £431,918 plus dividends of £192,825, totalling £624,743, 9.1% of the value of investments at the start of the year.

4.2 Future Developments

The Trustees are continually reviewing certain grants to make them more appropriate and relevant.

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5. Financial Review

The results of the Fund, together with comparative figures for 2022, can be found in the Statement of Financial Activities on page 10.

Total charitable expenditure amounted to £446,791.

The fund benefited from proceeds which could be quantified by the end of 2023 of chapels which closed in 2022 amounting to £495,315, dividend and interest income of £199,551 and other donations of £10,289.

Gains on investments were £431,918 (2022: losses £(1,045,470) due to world events of that year), so the Fund shows a surplus of £690,282 for the year (2022: deficit £(988,328))

At 31 December 2023, the Fund had net assets of £7,970,704 (2022: £7,280,422), including proceeds which could be quantified by the end of 2023 of chapels which closed in 2022 amounting to £564,595 which had not then been received and were not therefore available for grant-making purposes at that date.

6. Financial Policies

The financial policies relating to the Fund are as follows:

6.1 Investment Policy

The Charity's portfolio is divided into two Funds and over the medium term the investment strategy in respect of each Fund is:

- a. Endowment Fund: to maximise income whilst maintaining the real value of the capital.
- b. Unrestricted Fund: to establish a balanced portfolio to protect the real value of capital and income.

The Investment Policy has been extensively reviewed and precludes investment in companies which clearly generate significant profits from armaments, alcohol, gambling, high interest lending, pornography and tobacco.

For details of investments held see notes 5 and 6.

6.2 Loan Policy

Loans are made to Churches sharing the doctrinal basis of the Members for the purchase of, and building works to, Church buildings, in accordance with the Fund's Rules and Regulations. Currently the maximum loan is £100,000. Repayment terms are normally ten years and are interest free. Loans to unincorporated charities in England and Wales (different arrangements may apply in other jurisdictions in the British Isles) are unsecured, but loans to incorporated charities are guaranteed as appropriate. For details of loans, which are accounted for as programme related investments, see notes 5 and 6.

6.3 Grants Policy

Grants are made to educational establishments, Churches and individuals embracing the doctrinal basis of the Members and in accordance with the Rules and Regulations. Details are included below:

- *Educational.* Grants are also made to individual ministers in training and to full time ministers seeking to follow further studies relevant to the ministry. A grant is also made to the Angus Library of Regent's Park College, Oxford, the main repository in the British Isles of Particular Baptist historical material
- *Mission.* Grants are made to Churches and Church-Plants which are culturally relevant as well as being in tune with the Fund's theological position. Since 2023 such grants have been given for up to nine years. Special Project Grants are given to small churches towards capital expenditure on evangelistic projects
- *Benevolent.* Grants are given to retired ministers with a low income, and occasionally to serving pastors in significant need

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6.4 Reserve Policies: Categories and Unrestricted Reserves

6.4.1 Reserve Categories

The Fund's reserves are classified as follows:

Endowment Fund. This comprises those Funds which must be held permanently by the Fund. Income arising can be used in accordance with the objects of the charity and is included as unrestricted income. Any capital gains or losses arising on the Endowment Fund form part of the Endowment Fund.

The Bathford Fund. This arose from the proceeds of the chapel at Bathford, Somerset. Income arising on the Bathford Fund could be used in accordance with the objects of the charity for the benefit of SW England and has been accounted for as restricted income. The capital of the Bathford Fund was in the nature of an endowment fund. Any capital gains or losses arising on the Bathford Fund formed part of the Fund. The income derived from the Bathford Fund being very modest, during 2018 the Executive resolved to apply the capital of the fund as if it were income and no objection was received. The restriction that the Bathford Fund should be used for the benefit of SW England remains. The whole of the Fund is now accounted for as restricted income and the Executive intend to use it in connection with projects located as near as possible to Bathford. In 2020 it was used in Melksham, less than 10 miles away.

Restricted Funds amounted to:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Endowment Fund	2,194,881	2,112,865
Bathford Fund - Income	<u>1,772</u>	<u>28,772</u>
	<u>2,196,653</u>	<u>2,141,637</u>

Unrestricted Funds. These comprise those Funds which the Executive is free to use in accordance with the objects of the Fund and are:

- *The General Fund*
- *The Loan Fund.* This Fund is for the provision of loans to Churches for the purchase and extension of buildings and major repair costs.
- *The Welsh Fund.* This Fund was set up in 2012 from the proceeds of the sale of Zion Chapel, Sclledau, Fishguard. On a request from the Welsh Baptist Union Corporation, the Trustees agreed to designate this amount to provide Mission grants to Welsh Churches. This Fund was added to during 2015 and 2016 by the proceeds of redundant properties in Colwyn Bay. During 2019 the proceeds of Blaendulais chapel were added to the fund, South Dairy (Nr. Haverfordwest) and Talgarth in 2021, and Siloam, Kidwelly Blaengarw and Pantygog, and Tretio. St.David's in 2022, and Little Newcastle, nr. Haverfordwest, Hephzibah nr. Milford Haven, and St.Cleairs in 2023.
- *The Cambourne Fund.* During 2016 the Executive agreed that, when received, the proceeds of Caxton chapel should be transferred to Christ Church Cambourne, Cambridgeshire, for the purpose of assisting in acquiring a suitable manse, the Fund to continue to be the ultimate beneficiary of a proportion of that property commensurate with the proceeds of Caxton chapel. During 2019 the proceeds of Caxton chapel were received, but a long period elapsed before a suitable property could be acquired, so as at 31 December 2021 the proceeds were held as the Cambourne Fund pending suitable arrangements for their application, which were concluded in July 2022

For more details on reserves and reserve balances, see the balance sheet on page 11 and note 10.

6.4.2 Unrestricted Reserves Policy

The Fund's unrestricted reserves amount to £5,774,051 at 31 December 2023 (2022: £5,138,785). The Executive seeks to distribute the entire income generated by these Funds, together with the income from the Endowment Fund.

The Executive has agreed an unrestricted policy whereby approximately £1,000,000 will be set aside for making loans to Churches for repairs to Church buildings (the "Designated Loan Fund").

The Executive considers that to ensure the Fund continues to operate in the case of a substantial decline in its income, the balance of the unrestricted reserves should not go below £300,000. In addition, the Executive is concerned not to undertake commitments that are dependent upon capital gains on investments, as those gains could be reversed in future years. It has a rolling ten-year plan that seeks to reduce reserves to £300,000 and thereafter to balance expenditure with income.

6.4.3 Primary Funding Sources

The main source of the Fund's income is its investments.

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7. Public Benefit

The Trustees have taken into account the guidance published by the Charity Commission on the provision of public benefit. They confirm that Public Benefit is provided through

- supporting current and retired ministers in financial need. During the year, one new award was made to a new Church-Plant (2022:1) and two churches (2022:2) had their grants renewed. At 31 December 2023 seven (2022:9) churches were receiving on-going grants towards their ministers' stipends, and ten retired ministers or their widows were helped during the year (2022:10)
- helping Churches by means of loans to upgrade their premises, enabling them to serve their communities better. At 31 December 2023 six churches (2022:9) were continuing to benefit from funds which have helped them enhance their premises
- supporting projects that seek to reach out to and help their communities by providing Christian teaching and social support. No new one-off projects were approved for help during the year (2022:none)
- training grants to individual ministers and churches leading to the improvement of the ability of Churches to serve their communities. During the year one educational institution (2022:1) and one trainee pastor (2022:1) received grants, and at 31 December 2023 seventeen student pastors (2022:11) were supported in continuing their studies

8. Responsibilities of the Executive for the Financial Statements

The Executive is responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice. Charity law requires the Executive to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of its financial activities for that period.

In preparing those financial statements, the Executive is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- observe the methods and principles set out in the Charities SORP
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the activities of the charity will continue

The Executive is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enables it to ensure that the financial statements comply with part 8 of the Charities Act 2011. It is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

9. Approval

The report of the Executive Committee was approved by the Executive Committee on 11th September 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Eric Cousins
Treasurer

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Independent auditor's report to the trustees of Particular Baptist Fund For the year ended 31 December 2023

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Particular Baptist Fund (the "Charity") for the year ended 31 December 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Charity's affairs as at 31 December 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least 12 months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, including the trustees' report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the Charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities Act 2011 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate and proper accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of the trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the Charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 145 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Based on our understanding of the charity, we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to employment and financial reporting legislation and we considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements. We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements such as the Charities Act 2011.

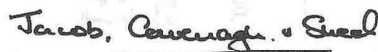
We assessed the susceptibility of the company's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by making enquiries of management, considering the internal controls in place and discussion amongst the engagement team.

We determined that the principal risks were related to presentation of separately disclosed items, the recognition of grant expenditure and exceptional income, and management override of controls.

In response to the risks identified we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to reviewing trustees' minutes, evaluating the internal controls, agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation, and testing journal entries. A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Jacob Cavenagh & Skeet

Statutory Auditor

Chartered Accountants

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Dated: 11 OCTOBER 2024

Jacob Cavenagh & Skeet is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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Statement of Financial Activities For the year ended 31 December 2023

		2023					2022				
		Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds
Note		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
2	Income from:										
	Donations and legacies	4,439	5,650	-	200	10,289	4,837	3,750	-	-	8,587
	Investments	173,364	26,187	-	-	199,551	176,985	27,966	-	-	204,951
	Other income	364,040	131,275	-	-	495,315	425,454	137,286	-	-	562,740
	Total income	541,843	163,112	-	200	705,155	607,276	169,002	-	-	776,278
3	Expenditure on:										
	Charitable activities	413,460	6,331	27,000	-	446,791	311,359	407,777	-	-	719,136
	Total expenditure	413,460	6,331	27,000	-	446,791	311,359	407,777	-	-	719,136
	Gains/(losses) on investment assets	275,912	74,190	-	81,816	431,918	642,339	158,299	-	244,832	1,045,470
	Net income/(expenditure)	404,295	230,971	(27,000)	82,016	690,282	346,422	397,074	-	244,832	988,328
4	Transfers between funds	76,328	(76,328)	-	-	-	96,942	96,942	-	-	-
	Net movement in funds	480,623	154,643	(27,000)	82,016	690,282	443,364	300,132	-	244,832	988,328
	Balance brought forward 1 January	3,796,799	1,341,986	28,772	2,112,865	7,280,422	4,240,163	1,642,148	28,772	2,357,697	8,268,750
	Balance carried forward 31 December	4,277,422	1,496,629	1,772	2,194,881	7,970,704	3,796,799	1,341,986	28,772	2,112,865	7,280,422

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Balance Sheet

As at 31 December 2023

Registered Charity No. 240979

	General Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Fund £	Endowment Fund £	Total 2023 £	General Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Fund £	Endowment Fund £	Total 2022 £
FIXED ASSETS					6,867,374	3,293,708	933,387	-	2,066,748	6,293,843
Investments	5	3,749,792	980,621	-	2,136,961					
CURRENT ASSETS										
Investments	6	-	20,333	-	20,333	-	37,333	-	-	37,333
Debtors – falling due within one year	7	414,748	200,555	-	615,303	455,156	83,997	-	-	539,153
Cash at bank and in hand		445,729	299,695	22,022	825,366	362,034	320,769	31,307	46,117	760,227
		860,477	520,583	22,022	1,461,002	817,190	442,099	31,307	46,117	1,336,713
CREDITORS										
Falling due within one year	8	221,447	4,575	8,250	234,272	219,249	28,925	2,535	-	250,709
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)										
		639,030	516,008	13,772	1,226,730	597,941	413,174	28,772	46,117	1,086,004
CREDITORS										
Falling due after one year	8	111,400	-	12,000	123,400	94,850	4,575	-	-	99,425
NET ASSETS										
		4,277,422	1,496,629	1,772	7,970,704	3,796,799	1,341,986	28,772	2,112,865	7,280,422
FUNDS										
Unrestricted Funds	10	4,277,422	1,496,629	-	5,774,051	3,796,799	1,341,986	-	-	5,138,785
Restricted Funds		-	-	1,772	1,772	-	-	28,772	-	28,772
Endowment Fund		-	-	-	2,194,881	-	-	-	2,112,865	2,112,865
		4,277,422	1,496,629	1,772	7,970,704	3,796,799	1,341,986	28,772	2,112,865	7,280,422

The financial statements were approved by the Executive Committee on 11 September 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Eric Cousins
Treasurer



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Cash Flow Statement

For the year ended 31 December 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
Cash flows from operating activities	<u>26,965</u>	<u>(621,487)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities		
Interest received	6,726	1,558
Dividends received	192,825	203,393
(Payment into) fixed asset investments managed portfolio	(500,000)	-
Repayment from fixed asset investment managed portfolio	300,000	300,000
Repayment of programme related investments – loan repayments	<u>38,623</u>	<u>54,053</u>
Net cash generated by investing activities	<u>38,174</u>	<u>559,004</u>
(Decrease)/Increase in cash and cash equivalents during the year	65,139	(62,483)
Cash and cash equivalents as at 1 January	<u>760,227</u>	<u>822,710</u>
Cash and cash equivalents as at 31 December	<u>825,366</u>	<u>760,227</u>
Reconciliation of net movement in funds to cash used in operating activities	2023	2022
	£	£
Net movement in funds	690,282	(988,328)
Adjustments for:		
(Interest received)	(6,726)	(1,558)
(Dividends received)	(192,825)	(203,393)
Investment losses/(gains)	(431,918)	1,045,470
Management charges borne within managed portfolio	36,764	37,733
(Increase) in debtors – income receivable	(76,150)	(502,090)
Increase/(Decrease) in creditors	<u>7,538</u>	<u>(9,321)</u>
Net cash (utilised)/provided by operating activities	<u>26,965</u>	<u>(621,487)</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 31 December 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102). The financial statements are drawn up on the historical cost basis of accounting, as modified by the revaluation of investment properties and other investments. There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue in operation. The accounts are stated in pounds sterling and rounded to the nearest pound. The Particular Baptist Fund meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Fund accounting

The General Fund is an unrestricted fund which is available for use at the discretion of the Executive in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which has not been designated for other purposes. The Designated Loan Fund is an unrestricted fund which has been set aside by the Executive for particular purposes. The Endowment Fund represents those funds which must be held permanently by the Fund. Investment income is allocated to the General Fund. Gains and losses held by the General and Designated Funds are allocated proportionally to the appropriate fund. Gains and losses on Endowment Fund investments are allocated directly to the Endowment Fund.

Income

Voluntary income and donations (including collections and legacies) are accounted for once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be reliably measured. Investment income is accounted for on an accruals basis.

Grants and other expenditure

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is conveyed to the recipient except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year-end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

A provision for a multi-year grant is recognised at its present value where settlement is due over more than one year from the date of the award, there are no unfulfilled performance conditions under the control of the Fund to avoid making the future payment(s), settlement is probable, and the effect of discounting is material. The discount rate used is the rate offered on government bonds (Gilts) for a commensurate or similar time period offered in the year in which the grant award is made.

Other expenditure is accrued as soon as a liability is considered probable, discounted to present value for longer term liabilities. Expenditure includes attributable VAT which cannot be recovered. Governance costs are now allocated to grant activities.

Investments

Listed investments are stated at quoted market value. Realised and unrealised gains and losses on investments are reflected through the Statement of Financial Activities. Programme related investments, being loans to Churches, are stated at the amount loaned, adjusted for any repayments, accrued interest and any irrecoverable amount.

Debtors

Amounts owed to the charity for goods and services and other debtors are included at the settlement amount due. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

Cash at bank and in hand

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

Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation arising from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at their settlement amount.

Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

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2. INCOME FROM

	2023 General Fund	2023 Loan Fund	2023 Welsh Fund	2023 Endow- ment Fund	2023 Total	2022 Total
<u>Donations and legacies</u>	£	£	£	£	£	£
Collections & donations from Members	850	-	-	200	1,050	1,025
Gifts from beneficiaries	3,400	5,650	-	-	9,050	6,448
Other gifts	189	-	-	-	189	1,114
	<u>4,439</u>	<u>5,650</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>10,289</u>	<u>8,587</u>
<u>Investments</u>						
Dividends	166,638	19,473	6,714	-	192,825	203,393
Bank interest	6,726	-	-	-	6,726	1,558
	<u>173,364</u>	<u>19,473</u>	<u>6,714</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>199,551</u>	<u>204,951</u>
<u>Other income</u>						
Redundant Churches	364,040	-	131,275	-	495,315	562,740
	<u>364,040</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>131,275</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>495,315</u>	<u>562,740</u>
Total income	541,843	25,123	137,989	200	705,155	776,278

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3. EXPENDITURE

		2023 £	2022 £
<u>Charitable activities</u>			
<u>Grants</u>	<u>Grants to Institutions</u>		
<i>Educational grants</i>	Angus Library	15,000	15,000
<i>Ministerial Internship Grant</i>	Abingdon	-	(3,333)
	Ballymena	-	10,000
	Dundonald	12,000	-
<i>Pastoral Support Grants</i>	Aberdeen	6,375	-
	Didcot	14,800	-
	Edlesborough	68,400	-
	Hyde Heath	-	72,900
	Melksham	27,000	-
	Wakefield	-	15,000
	Wick	-	38,750
<i>Capital Grant</i>	Cambourne	-	388,022
<i>Gift in Specie</i>	Redeemer Church Cardiff – Splott Chapel	-	2,223
	<u>Grants to Individuals</u>		
<i>Educational grants</i>	Theological Education Support Grants	182,500	62,500
<i>Retired ministerial grants</i>		49,900	49,900
<i>Benevolent Grants</i>		2,400	-
		<u>378,375</u>	<u>650,962</u>
Secretary's honorarium	(see note below)	11,696	10,906
Investment Management		37,072	37,457
Advertising		1,130	2,138
Office Running Costs		1,953	2,067
Travel costs		2,794	1,665
Legal & professional		4,641	4,857
Audit		4,840	5,300
Meetings expense		3,813	3,262
Other		477	522
Total expenditure		<u><u>446,791</u></u>	<u><u>719,136</u></u>

Included within Travel costs are amounts totalling £701 (2022: £76) which four (2022: 1) members of the Executive received for costs incurred in furtherance of the Fund's activities other than in connection with governance. Also included in Travel expenses are amounts totalling £1,013 (2022: £891) which six (2022: 6) members of the Executive received for costs in connection with governance. In total six members of the Executive claimed travelling expenses totalling £1,714 (2022: 6 members claimed a total of £967). No member of the Executive received remuneration in the year or preceding year.

Total Governance Costs amounted to

9,702 9,550

There was one employee (2022: 1):

Gross salary (inc. in lieu Pension Contributions)	11,696	10,906
Employer's National Insurance	-	-
	<u><u>11,696</u></u>	<u><u>10,906</u></u>

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4. TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS

During the year a transfer of £76,328 from the Designated Loan Fund to the General Fund (2022: £96,942 to the Designated Loan Fund from the General Fund) was made in order to reflect the wishes of the Executive to keep the Designated Loan Fund at £1,000,000.

5. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Commercial Investments at market value £	Programme related investments at cost £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
At 1 January 2023	6,246,097	47,746	6,293,843	7,739,299
Additions within managed portfolio	2,435,715	-	2,435,715	1,163,236
Disposal proceeds within managed portfolio	(2,165,254)	-	(2,165,254)	(1,216,114)
Cash recycled in managed portfolio	(270,464)	-	(270,464)	52,878
Realised surplus/(deficits) absorbed in managed portfolio	57,862	-	57,862	(143,482)
Charges settled within managed portfolio	(36,761)	-	(36,761)	(37,730)
Cash introduced to managed portfolio	500,000	-	500,000	441
Cash withdrawn from managed portfolio	(300,000)	-	(300,000)	(300,000)
Net surplus/(deficit) on revaluation	374,056	-	374,056	(902,432)
Transfers to current asset investments	-	(21,623)	(21,623)	(62,253)
At 31 December 2023	6,841,251	26,123	6,867,374	6,293,843

Commercial investments at market value include cash and cash equivalents held with investments as part of a managed portfolio

27,669 - 27,669 138,431

Commercial investments at original cost
Quoted Securities Portfolio managed by Investec

2023 £ 6,371,088
2022 £ 6,079,166
6,371,088 6,079,166

Programme related investments are loans made to Churches for building works to Churches.
All investments are held within the UK.

6. CURRENT ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Programme related investments at cost	
	2023 £	2022 £
At 1 January 2023	37,333	29,133
Transfers from fixed asset investments	21,623	62,253
Disposals	(38,623)	(54,053)
At 31 December 2023	20,333	37,333

7. DEBTORS

	2023 £	2022 £
Accrued dividend income	50,708	47,496
Accrued redundant chapel proceeds	564,595	491,657
	615,303	539,153

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8. CREDITORS

	2023 £	2022 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Constructive Obligations		
Personal Grants	1,200	-
Project Grants:		
Mission Enabler	-	5,625
Home Mission Pastoral Grants		
Aberdeen	-	19,125
Chingford	-	9,600
Didcot	9,250	10,986
Edlesborough	22,800	-
Grangetown	4,575	18,300
Hyde Heath	24,300	24,300
Melksham	8,250	2,535
Spenn Valley	-	4,825
Wakefield	1,800	7,200
Walthamstow	18,750	22,500
Wick	4,650	18,600
Educational Grants	124,100	92,700
	219,675	236,296
Other taxes and social security	137	124
Accruals and other creditors	14,460	14,289
	234,272	250,709
Amounts falling due after one year:		
Pastoral Support Grants		
Edlesborough	45,600	-
Grangetown	-	4,575
Hyde Heath	24,300	48,600
Melksham	12,000	-
Wakefield	-	1,800
Walthamstow	-	18,750
Wick	-	4,650
Educational Grants	41,500	21,050
	123,400	99,425

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Mission Enabler was a project in Pembrokeshire, led by Pembrokeshire Baptist Association (English Wing) to encourage and enable local communities to engage in local mission activities. The project started in October 2013 for three years and support was agreed for another three years in 2016. The grant was reviewed in 2019 and support was agreed for the remaining 4 years of the maximum 10 year term of this grant. The total amount of grant allocated is £73,500. There will be no further grant allocated to this project.

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9. HOME MISSION PASTORAL GRANTS

Since the inception of these Grants, awards approaching £1.6M have been allocated and will be paid as follows:

Year commenced	Paid up to 31 Dec 2023	Due 2024	Due 2025	Due 2026	Total allocated
	£	£	£	£	£
Total allocated	1,373,724	81,550	97,600	25,800	1,578,674

10. FUND MOVEMENTS In 2023 the movements of the various Funds were as follows:

	General Fund	Loan Fund	Welsh Mission Fund	Cambourne Fund	Endowment Funds	Bathford Fund	Total
Brought forward reserves	3,796,799	1,000,000	341,986	-	2,112,865	28,772	7,280,422
Income	541,843	25,123	137,989	-	200	-	705,155
Expenditure	(413,460)	(3,964)	(2,367)	-	-	(27,000)	(446,791)
Transfers between Funds	76,328	(76,328)	-	-	-	-	-
Investment gains/(losses)	275,912	55,169	19,021	-	81,816	-	431,918
Total carried forward reserves	4,277,422	1,000,000	496,629	-	2,194,881	1,772	7,970,704
<i>In 2022 the movements of the various Funds were as follows:</i>							
Brought forward reserves	4,240,163	1,000,000	254,096	388,022	2,357,697	28,772	8,268,750
Income	607,276	24,546	144,456	-	-	-	776,278
Expenditure	(311,359)	(3,774)	(15,981)	(388,022)	-	-	(719,136)
Transfers between Funds	(96,942)	96,942	-	-	-	-	-
Investment gains/(losses)	(642,339)	(117,714)	(40,585)	-	(244,832)	-	(1,045,470)
Total carried forward reserves	3,796,799	1,000,000	341,986	-	2,112,865	28,772	7,280,422

Unrestricted Funds.

These comprise those Funds which the Executive is free to use in accordance with the charitable objects of the Fund and are:

- The General Fund
- The Loan Fund. This designated Fund is for the provision of loans to Churches for the purchase and extension of buildings and major repair costs.
- The Welsh Fund. This designated Fund was set up in 2012 from the proceeds of the sale of the sale of Zion Chapel, Sceddau, Fishguard. On a request from the Welsh Baptist Union Corporation, the Trustees agreed to set aside this amount to provide Mission grants to Welsh Churches. The Trustees have decided to increase the Welsh Fund to include the proceeds of redundant chapels in all parts of Wales. During 2023 the proceeds of chapels at Little Newcastle, nr. Haverfordwest, Hephzibah nr. Milford Haven, and St.Cleairs have been added to the fund
- The Cambourne Fund. During 2016 the Executive agreed that, when received, the proceeds of Caxton chapel should be transferred to Christ Church Cambourne, Cambridgeshire, for the purpose of assisting in acquiring a suitable manse, the Fund to continue to be the ultimate beneficiary of a proportion of that property commensurate with the proceeds of Caxton chapel. During 2019 the proceeds of Caxton chapel were received, but a suitable property was not acquired until July 2022, so the proceeds were held as the Cambourne Fund pending suitable arrangements for their application being concluded were distributed in 2022

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Endowment Fund.

Income arising on the Endowment Fund can be used in accordance with the objects of the charity and is included as unrestricted income. Any capital gains or losses arising on Endowment Funds form part of the Endowment Fund. When churches become member churches of the Fund they are required to make a capital contribution to the Fund and these contributions are added to the Endowment Fund.

Bathford Fund

Income arising on the Bathford Fund can be used in accordance with the objects of the charity for the benefit of SW England and will be included as restricted income. Any capital gains or losses arising on the Bathford Fund form part of the Fund. The income derived from the Bathford Fund being very modest, during 2018, the Executive resolved to apply the capital of the fund as if it were income. During 2019 the resolution was duly notified to the Charity Commission and no objection received. The restriction that the Bathford Fund should be used for the benefit of SW England remains. Accordingly, the whole of the Fund is now accounted for as restricted income. The Executive intend to use it in connection with projects located as near as possible to Bathford, so when the Home Mission Pastoral Grant to Melksham, just a few miles from Bathford, was renewed in 2020, and again in 2023, this was funded from the Bathford Fund.

11. FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

At 31 December 2023 there were no programme related investments authorised but not yet taken up (2023: none).

12. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

As at 9 September 2024, the investments had changed in value to £4,730,687 (unrestricted funds, including £0 additional investment and net of withdrawals of £150,000, a gain of £176,397) and £2,214,694 (endowment – a gain of £77,733). Growth rates of around 4% are not too disappointing in the face of the continuing effects of international uncertainty. It is anticipated that values will recover further in the long term.

13. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Paul Barton is the Pastor of Hyde Heath Baptist Church. Hyde Heath Baptist Church was awarded, as permitted by clause 13(2) of the Fund's Constitution, a Home Mission Pastoral Grant during 2022. The amount awarded in 2022, payable over 3 years, was £72,900.

14. ADMINISTRATION

The Fund is an unincorporated charity, governed by a Charity Commission Scheme dated 27 August 2004. The address of the registered office is 5 Sandalwood Road Westbury Wiltshire BA13 3UP.

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Report of the Executive Committee For the year ended 31 December 2022

The Executive Committee submits its report and the financial statements of the Particular Baptist Fund ("the Fund") for the year ended 31 December 2022. The financial statements comply with Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS102) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued by the Charity Commission.

1. Reference and Administrative Information

1.1 The Trustees

The Trustees serve on the Executive Committee. The Trustees who served during the year and the Trustees who were serving at the date of the report (unless otherwise stated) were:

P Barton		M O'Mara	Vice Chairman
E Cousins	Treasurer	W Randall	(retired 20 April 2022)
K Johns		G M Trice	Chairman
G H Jones			

William Randall retired from the Committee at the Annual General Meeting on 20 April 2022 having served the maximum three three-year terms. The Executive Committee thank him for his diligent service and look forward to continuing to work with him as he continues as a Member's Representative.

1.2 The Members

The members are certain Churches and individuals. The Churches serving at 31 December 2022, together with their number of registered representatives (including the Minister), each holding one vote, are as follows:

Brentford, Ealing Road	(1)	Metropolitan Tabernacle, Elephant & Castle	(1)
Bromley, Hayes Lane	(2)	New Addington	(2)
Camberwell, Denmark Place	(2)	New Cross Road	(2)
Caterham	(2)	Tottenham High Road	(1)
Croydon West	(1)	Tring	(1)
Greenwich, Village Church	(1)	Tunbridge Wells, Pantiles	(2)
Hyde Heath	(2)	Walthamstow	(1)
Islington, Tollington Park	(1)	Walworth, East Street	(1)
Lewisham, College Park	(1)	Wandsworth, West Hill	(2)
Leyton, Hainault Road	(2)	Watford, Derby Road	(2)

1.3 Principal Office

5 Sandalwood Road
Westbury
Wiltshire BA13 3UP

1.4 Professional Advisers and Agents

The principal professional advisers and agents employed by the Fund as at the date of this report are as follows:

Solicitors	Pothecary Witham Weld 70 St George's Square London SW1V 3RD	Investment Managers	Investec Wealth and Investment 30 Gresham Street London EC2V 7QN	Bankers	CAF Bank Limited 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill West Malling Kent ME19 4JQ
Auditors	Jacob Cavenagh & Skeet 5 Robin Hood Lane Sutton Surrey SM1 2SW	Secretary	John Edwards 5 Sandalwood Road Westbury Wiltshire BA13 3UP		

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2. Structure, Governance & Management

2.1 Charitable Status

The Fund was established in 1717 by six Baptist Churches in London holding the doctrines of Particular Redemption and Believers' Baptism. The Fund is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission no. 240979.

2.2 The Governing Document

The Fund is governed by a Charity Commission Scheme dated 27 August 2004.

2.3 The Trustees

The Trustees of the Fund are the members of the Executive Committee ("the Executive"). The Executive is appointed by the Members in general meeting. Executive members serve three-year terms. The Executive currently meets up to six times per annum and meets with the Members' Representatives twice per annum.

The induction process for any newly-appointed member of the Executive comprises an initial meeting with the Chair and the Board, followed by a series of short meetings with the Secretary on investments, the grant making process, powers and responsibilities of the Executive. The welcome information pack includes:

- a brief history of the Fund
- copies of recent Executive and Members' meeting minutes
- copies of the last three years of annual reports and accounts
- a copy of the Scheme of Arrangement
- a copy of the Rules and Regulations and
- a copy of the Charity Commission's guidance 'The Essential Trustee'.

2.4 The Members

The Members of the Fund are the Churches. Individuals may be Members, but currently there are no Individual Members. There are both doctrinal and financial requirements for Membership. Doctrinally, Members must hold to the doctrines of Particular Baptists. Financially, Members make an initial contribution to the Fund's permanent capital and thereafter make continuing contributions by way of an annual offering or donation.

Members' duties are to:

- attend Members' meetings
- elect members to the Executive
- receive reports from the Executive; and
- make recommendations to the Executive regarding the making of grants and loans.

2.5 Key Management Personnel

The Key Management Personnel of the Fund consists of the Secretary, John Edwards BSc(Econ) to whom all the day to day administrative and accounting functions of the Fund are delegated.

The Secretary's role is part-time and is regarded as a vocation and accordingly remuneration is calculated with reference to two fifths of the Baptist Union of Great Britain Stipend Scale and is reviewed annually towards the end of each year by the Trustees in a meeting, who then set the remuneration for the coming year.

2.6 Risk Management

The Fund's primary concern and objective is the glory of God. While it is the Fund's policy to trust wholly in the Lord that he will work out his purpose to this end, the Fund also acknowledges that it has a responsibility for the proper management of the Fund in accordance with applicable laws and accepted good practice and for ensuring that the risks faced by the Fund in achieving its primary aim are addressed and managed as best as possible. The Executive Committee has therefore conducted its own review of the major risks to which the Fund is exposed and systems and procedures have been established in order to manage those risks. This review is repeated annually.

The most significant risks identified and actions undertaken to mitigate them are:

- The trustee body cease to have a sufficient range of skills and abilities due to a declining trustee base. This is being addressed by seeking new churches to join the fund and inviting suitable officers of churches in the increased membership to become Trustees;
- Decline in investment values. This is being addressed by the appointment of proactive investment managers with instructions to maintain a balanced portfolio and monitoring their performance through a program of Trustee meetings with them;
- Incapacity of Key Management Personnel through long term illness, resulting in failure to continue grant-making procedures and compliance failures. This is addressed by the Fund's electronic records being maintained on cloud-based platforms to which key Trustees have access enabling them to intervene if necessary.

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3. Objectives, Activities & Strategies

3.1 Objective

The object of the charity is stated as: “the advancement of the Christian religion in Great Britain, Ireland, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man in accordance with the doctrines of Particular Baptists”.

3.2 Aim

The Trustees aim to achieve this objective by:

- supporting selected projects which seek to revive or establish new Particular Baptist Churches
- supporting the theological education of persons intending to minister to others
- assisting with the construction, maintenance and repair of the fabric, fittings and furniture of the buildings of Churches where the doctrines of the Particular Baptists are preached
- relieving ministers and retired ministers and their dependants who are in need, hardship or distress
- such other means being charitable and in pursuance of the object as the Executive Committee shall from time to time think fit

3.3 Activities

Alongside the governing document, the activities of the Fund are managed under a series of Rules and Regulations formulated by the Executive Committee. Within this framework, the Fund seeks to make:

- grants for Churches with a clear vision for mission to their community
- grants to current Baptist ministers and ministers in training for educational needs
- grants to colleges providing education for those preparing for the Baptist ministry
- loans to Churches for the purchase of, and building works to, Church buildings and manses
- grants to present and former Baptist ministers and retired ministers' widows for the relief of hardship

3.4 Strategies

The Fund is committed to distributing its unrestricted reserves in accordance with its stated objectives and also in accordance with its unrestricted reserves policy. It is also committed to increasing its loan portfolio. To these ends the Executive is committed to:

- identifying new beneficiaries by:
 - appointing, where practicable/possible, individuals to the Executive with extensive contacts within the Particular Baptist community
 - encouraging each Executive member and also the Fund's members to be alert to charitable opportunities within the Particular Baptist community
 - advertising through a website (www.pbfund.org.uk) and the distribution of up-to-date promotional literature to the Particular Baptist community, not only directly to Churches but also via local associations
- reviewing grant and loan levels at least once per annum
- reporting half-annually to the members

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4. Achievements and Performance

During the year, the Fund continued to make grants and loans in accordance with the Fund's objectives and in accordance with the grants and loans policies established by the Executive. The Fund continues to report performance in terms of numbers of individuals, institutions and Churches who have been assisted, together with monetary amounts distributed by category of grant.

The Fund's grant-making expenditure of £650,962 to 22 different parties shows an increase (attributable almost entirely to the release of the Cambourne fund) over the previous year's expenditure of £261,037 to 24 different parties, as follows:

	2022 No.	2022 £	2021 No.	2021 £
Educational grants (institutions)	1	15,000	2	20,000
Capital Grant - Cambourne	1	388,022	0	-
Consents to redundant chapel transfers - related costs	0	2,223	0	1,446
Theological Education Support Grants	6	62,500	2	16,000
Ministerial Internship Grants	1	6,667	0	-
Home Mission Pastoral Grants	3	126,650	8	175,131
Special Project Grants	0	-	1	1,410
Retired ministerial grants	10	49,900	10	46,050
Benevolent Grants	0	-	1	1,000
Total	22	650,962	24	261,037

The Fund's loan profile, disclosed as programme related investments within fixed asset (note 5) and current asset (note 6) investments, is as follows:

	2022 No.	2022 £	2021 No.	2021 £
New loans	-	-	-	-
Total loans	9	85,079	11	139,132

4.1 Investment Performance against objectives

The Fund's investment policy is set out more fully at 6.1 below.

The investments produced dividend income of £203,393 (2021: £201,684)

Net (losses), realised and unrealised, of £(244,832) (2021: gains £195,192) accrued to the Endowment Fund taking the value of the Endowment Fund to £2,112,865 at 31 December 2022, a decrease of 10% over the year which is disappointing against achieving the objective of protecting the Endowment Fund against inflation (and generating income), but must be seen in the context of market effects of on-going world events from February 2022.

Net (losses), realised and unrealised, of £(800,638) (2021: gains £368,057) accrued to General Funds, so total returns on investments, gains and dividends, amounted to a net deficit of £(842,077), 11% of the value of investments at the start of the year. The disappointing performance of the Fund's investments must be seen in the light of the effects of world events in 2022.

4.2 Future Developments

The Trustees are continually reviewing certain grants to make them more appropriate and relevant.

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5. Financial Review

The results of the Fund, together with comparative figures for 2021, can be found in the Statement of Financial Activities on page 11. Total charitable expenditure amounted to £719,136, which includes the release of the Cambourne Fund of £388,022, so expenditure on on-going activities was £331,114 and the fund benefitted from proceeds which could be quantified at the year-end of chapels closing in 2022 amounting to £562,740 and, together with dividend income this enabled income to broadly balance with expenditure. At 31 December 2022, the Fund had net assets of £7,280,422 (2021: £8,268,750). This includes the market value of the Fund's investments at 31 December 2022 which suffered losses of £1,045,470.

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6. Financial Policies

The financial policies relating to the Fund are as follows:

6.1 Investment Policy

The Charity's portfolio is divided into two Funds and over the medium term the investment strategy in respect of each fund is:

- a. Endowment Fund: to maximise income whilst maintaining the real value of the capital.
- b. Unrestricted Fund: to establish a balanced portfolio to protect the real value of capital and income.

The Investment Policy has been extensively reviewed and precludes investment in companies which clearly generate significant profits from armaments, alcohol, gambling, high interest lending, pornography and tobacco.

For details of investments held see notes 5 and 6.

6.2 Loan Policy

Loans are made to Churches sharing the doctrinal basis of the Members for the purchase of, and building works to, Church buildings and manses, in accordance with the Fund's Rules and Regulations. Currently the maximum loan is £100,000. Repayment terms are normally ten years and are interest free. Loans to unincorporated charities are unsecured, but loans to incorporated charities are guaranteed as appropriate. For details of loans, which are accounted for as programme related investments, see notes 5 and 6.

6.3 Grants Policy

Grants are made to educational establishments, Churches and individuals embracing the doctrinal basis of the Members and in accordance with the Rules and Regulations. Details are included below:

- *Educational.* From 1811 the Fund was committed to financial support of the work of Stepney Academy, now Regent's Park College, Oxford, and later gave financial encouragement to the work of The Pastors' College, now Spurgeon's College. Grants are also made to individual ministers in training and to full time ministers seeking to follow further studies relevant to the ministry
- *Mission.* Grants are made to Churches and Church-Plants which are culturally relevant as well as being in tune with the Fund's theological position. Such grants are given for up to nine years. Special Project Grants are given to small churches towards the capital expenditure on evangelistic projects
- *Benevolent.* Grants are given to retired ministers with a low income, and occasionally to serving pastors in significant need

The Fund's aim is to devote 40% of Funds income to Educational Grants, 40% to Mission Grants and 20% to Benevolent Grants with a 5 percentage points tolerance on all three classes. (For details of grants made, see note 3).

6.4 Reserve Policies: Categories and Unrestricted Reserves

6.4.1 Reserve Categories

The Fund's reserves are classified as follows:

Endowment Fund. This comprises those Funds which must be held permanently by the Fund. Income arising can be used in accordance with the objects of the charity and is included as unrestricted income. Any capital gains or losses arising on general Endowment Fund form part of the Endowment Fund.

The Bathford Fund. This arose from the proceeds of the chapel at Bathford, Somerset. Income arising on the Bathford Fund could be used in accordance with the objects of the charity for the benefit of SW England and has been accounted for as restricted income. The capital of the Bathford Fund was in the nature of an endowment fund. Any capital gains or losses arising on the Bathford Fund formed part of the Fund. The income derived from the Bathford Fund being very modest, during 2018 the Executive resolved to apply the capital of the fund as if it were income and no objection was received. The restriction that the Bathford Fund should be used for the benefit of SW England remains. The whole of the Fund is now accounted for as restricted income and the Executive intend to use it in connection with projects located as near as possible to Bathford. In 2020 it was used in Melksham, less than 10 miles away.

Restricted Funds amounted to:	2022	2021
	£	£
Endowment Fund	2,112,865	2,357,697
Bathford Fund - Income	<u>28,772</u>	<u>28,772</u>
	<u>2,141,637</u>	<u>2,386,469</u>

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Unrestricted Funds. These comprise those Funds which the Executive is free to use in accordance with the objects of the Fund and are:

- *The General Fund*
- *The Designated Loan Fund.* This Fund arose from a decision made in 1951 to set aside exceptional income (mainly arising from chapel sales where the Fund was the ultimate beneficiary) in order to purchase sites for new chapels. Originally denominated the Special Funds Account, it was renamed the Loan Fund in 1978, its application being changed to the provision of loans to Churches for the purchase of manses, extension of buildings and major repair costs. This purpose was confirmed by the Executive in a minute dated 3 October 1990
- *The Welsh Mission Fund.* This Fund was set up in 2012 from the proceeds of the sale of Zion Chapel, Sclleddau, Fishguard. On a request from the Welsh Baptist Union Corporation, the Trustees agreed to set aside this amount to provide Mission grants to Welsh Churches. This Fund was added to during 2015 and 2016 by the proceeds of redundant properties in Colwyn Bay. During 2019 the proceeds of Blaendulais chapel were added to the fund, South Dairy (Nr. Haverfordwest) and Talgarth in 2021, and Siloam, Kidwelly Blaengarw and Pantygog, and Tretio. St.David's in 2022
- *The Cambourne Fund.* During 2016 the Executive agreed that, when received, the proceeds of Caxton chapel should be transferred to Christ Church Cambourne, Cambridgeshire, for the purpose of assisting in acquiring a suitable manse, the Fund to continue to be the ultimate beneficiary of a proportion of that property commensurate with the proceeds of Caxton chapel. During 2019 the proceeds of Caxton chapel were received, but a long period elapsed before a suitable property could be acquired, so as at 31 December 2021 the proceeds were held as the Cambourne Fund pending suitable arrangements for their application, which were concluded in July 2022

For more details on reserves and reserve balances, see the balance sheet on page 12 and note 10.

6.4.2 Unrestricted Reserves Policy

The Fund's unrestricted reserves amount to £5,138,785 at 31 December 2022 (2021: £5,882,281). The Executive seeks to distribute the entire income generated by these Funds, together with the income from the Endowment Fund.

The Executive has agreed an unrestricted policy whereby approximately £1,000,000 will be set aside for making loans to Churches for repairs to Church buildings and manses (the "Designated Loan Fund").

The Executive considers that to ensure the Fund continues to operate in the case of a substantial decline in its income, the balance of the unrestricted reserves should not go below £300,000. In addition, the Executive is concerned not to undertake commitments that are dependent upon capital gains on investments, as those gains could be reversed in future years. It has a rolling ten-year plan that seeks to reduce reserves to £300,000 and thereafter to balance expenditure with income.

6.4.3 Primary Funding Sources

The main source of the Fund's income is its investments.

7. Public Benefit

The Trustees have taken into account the guidance published by the Charity Commission on the provision of public benefit. They confirm that Public Benefit is provided through

- supporting current and retired ministers in financial need. During the year, one new award was made to a new Church-Plant (2021:1) and two churches (2021:2) had their grants renewed. At 31 December 2022 nine (plus another approved to start from January 2023) (2021:10) churches were receiving on-going grants towards their ministers' stipends, and ten retired ministers or their widows were helped during the year (2021:10)
- helping Churches by means of loans to upgrade their premises, enabling them to serve their communities better. At 31 December 2022 nine churches (2021:12) were continuing to benefit from funds which have helped them enhance their premises
- supporting projects that seek to reach out to and help their communities by providing Christian teaching and social support. No new one-off projects were approved for help during the year (2021:1)
- training grants to educational institutions and to individual ministers leading to the improvement of the ability of Churches to serve their communities. During the year one educational institution (2021:2) and one trainee pastor (2021:1) received grants, and at 31 December 2022 eleven student pastors (2021:9) were supported in continuing their studies

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Report of the Executive Committee For the year ended 31 December 2022

8. Responsibilities of the Executive for the Financial Statements

The Executive is responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice. Charity law requires the Executive to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of its financial activities for that period.

In preparing those financial statements, the Executive is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- observe the methods and principles set out in the Charities SORP
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the activities of the charity will continue

The Executive is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enables it to ensure that the financial statements comply with part 8 of the Charities Act 2011. It is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

9. Approval

The report of the Executive Committee was approved by the Executive Committee on 13th September 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

Eric Cousins
Treasurer

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Independent auditor's report to the trustees of Particular Baptist Fund For the year ended 31 December 2022

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Particular Baptist Fund (the "Charity") for the year ended 31 December 2022 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Charity's affairs as at 31 December 2022 and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least 12 months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, including the trustees' report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the Charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities Act 2011 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate and proper accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of the trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the Charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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Independent auditor's report to the trustees of Particular Baptist Fund For the year ended 31 December 2022

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 145 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Based on our understanding of the charity, we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to employment and financial reporting legislation and we considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements. We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements such as the Charities Act 2011.

We assessed the susceptibility of the company's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by making enquiries of management, considering the internal controls in place and discussion amongst the engagement team.

We determined that the principal risks were related to presentation of separately disclosed items, the recognition of grant expenditure and exceptional income, and management override of controls.

In response to the risks identified we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to reviewing trustees' minutes, evaluating the internal controls, agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation, and testing journal entries. A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Jacob Cavenagh & Skeet

Statutory Auditor

Chartered Accountants

5 Robin Hood Lane

Sutton

Surrey

SM1 2SW

Dated:

Jacob Cavenagh & Skeet is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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Statement of Financial Activities For the year ended 31 December 2022

		2022					2021				
		Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds
	Note	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income from:	2										
Donations and legacies		4,837	3,750	-	-	8,587	4,263	774	-	1	5,038
Investments		176,985	27,966	-	-	204,951	176,931	24,791	-	-	201,722
Other income		<u>425,454</u>	<u>137,286</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>562,740</u>	<u>6,148</u>	<u>81,209</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>87,357</u>
Total income		<u>607,276</u>	<u>169,002</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>776,278</u>	<u>187,342</u>	<u>106,774</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>294,117</u>
Expenditure on:	3										
Charitable activities		<u>311,359</u>	<u>407,777</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>719,136</u>	<u>260,037</u>	<u>61,887</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>321,924</u>
Total expenditure		<u>311,359</u>	<u>407,777</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>719,136</u>	<u>260,037</u>	<u>61,887</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>321,924</u>
Gains/(losses) on investment assets		<u>(642,339)</u>	<u>(158,299)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(244,832)</u>	<u>(1,045,470)</u>	<u>293,129</u>	<u>74,928</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>195,192</u>	<u>563,249</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		(346,422)	(397,074)	-	(244,832)	(988,328)	220,434	119,815	-	195,193	535,442
Transfers between funds	4	<u>(96,942)</u>	<u>96,942</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>70,173</u>	<u>(70,173)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		(443,364)	(300,132)	-	(244,832)	(988,328)	290,607	49,642	-	195,193	535,442
Balance brought forward 1 January		<u>4,240,163</u>	<u>1,642,118</u>	<u>28,772</u>	<u>2,357,697</u>	<u>8,268,750</u>	<u>3,949,556</u>	<u>1,592,476</u>	<u>28,772</u>	<u>2,162,504</u>	<u>7,733,308</u>
Balance carried forward 31 December		<u>3,796,799</u>	<u>1,341,986</u>	<u>28,772</u>	<u>2,112,865</u>	<u>7,280,422</u>	<u>4,240,163</u>	<u>1,642,118</u>	<u>28,772</u>	<u>2,357,697</u>	<u>8,268,750</u>

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Balance Sheet

As at 31 December 2022

Registered Charity No. 240979

		General Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Fund	Endowment Fund £	Total 2022 £	General Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Fund	Endowment Fund £	Total 2021 £
FIXED ASSETS											
Investments	5	3,293,708	933,387	-	2,066,748	6,293,843	4,256,639	1,159,016	-	2,323,644	7,739,299
CURRENT ASSETS											
Investments	6	-	37,333	-	-	37,333	-	29,133	-	-	29,133
Debtors – falling due within one year	7	455,156	83,997	-	-	539,153	37,063	-	-	-	37,063
Cash at bank and in hand		362,034	320,769	31,307	46,117	760,227	229,634	517,576	41,447	34,053	822,710
		817,190	442,099	31,307	46,117	1,336,713	266,697	546,709	41,447	34,053	888,906
CREDITORS											
Falling due within one year	8	219,249	28,925	2,535	-	250,709	172,487	35,107	10,140	-	217,734
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITES)		597,941	413,174	28,772	46,117	1,086,004	94,210	511,602	31,307	34,053	671,172
CREDITORS											
Falling due after one year	8	94,850	4,575	-	-	99,425	110,686	28,500	2,535	-	141,721
NET ASSETS		3,796,799	1,341,986	28,772	2,112,865	7,280,422	4,240,163	1,642,118	28,772	2,357,697	8,268,750
FUNDS	10										
Unrestricted Funds		3,796,799	1,341,986	-	-	5,138,785	4,240,163	1,642,118	-	-	5,882,281
Restricted Funds		-	-	28,772	-	28,772	-	-	28,772	-	28,772
Endowment Fund		-	-	-	2,112,865	2,112,865	-	-	-	2,357,697	2,357,697
		3,796,799	1,341,986	28,772	2,112,865	7,280,422	4,240,163	1,642,118	28,772	2,357,697	8,268,750

The financial statements were approved by the Executive Committee on 13 September 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

Eric Cousins
Treasurer

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Cash Flow Statement For the year ended 31 December 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
Cash flows from operating activities	<u>(621,487)</u>	<u>203,910</u>
Cash flows from investing activities		
Interest received	1,558	38
Dividends received	203,393	201,684
(Payment into) fixed asset investments managed portfolio	-	(450,000)
Repayment from fixed asset investment managed portfolio	300,000	300,000
Repayment of programme related investments – loan repayments	<u>54,053</u>	<u>90,373</u>
Net cash generated by investing activities	<u>559,004</u>	<u>142,095</u>
(Decrease)/Increase in cash and cash equivalents during the year	(62,483)	346,005
Cash and cash equivalents as at 1 January	<u>822,710</u>	<u>476,705</u>
Cash and cash equivalents as at 31 December	<u>760,227</u>	<u>822,710</u>
Reconciliation of net movement in funds to cash used in operating activities	2022	2021
	£	£
Net movement in funds	(988,328)	535,442
Adjustments for:		
(Interest received)	(1,558)	(38)
(Dividends received)	(203,393)	(201,684)
Investment losses/(gains)	1,045,470	(563,249)
Management charges borne within managed portfolio	37,733	37,969
(Increase)/decrease in debtors – income receivable	(502,090)	427,503
(Decrease) in creditors	<u>(9,321)</u>	<u>(32,033)</u>
Net cash (utilised)/provided by operating activities	<u>(621,487)</u>	<u>203,910</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 31 December 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102). The financial statements are drawn up on the historical cost basis of accounting, as modified by the revaluation of investment properties and other investments. There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue in operation. The accounts are stated in pounds sterling and rounded to the nearest pound. The Particular Baptist Fund meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Fund accounting

The General Fund is an unrestricted fund which is available for use at the discretion of the Executive in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which has not been designated for other purposes. The Designated Loan Fund is an unrestricted fund which has been set aside by the Executive for particular purposes. The Endowment Fund represents those funds which must be held permanently by the Fund. Investment income is allocated to the General Fund. Gains and losses held by the General and Designated Funds are allocated proportionally to the appropriate fund. Gains and losses on Endowment Fund investments are allocated directly to the Endowment Fund.

Income

Voluntary income and donations (including collections and legacies) are accounted for once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be reliably measured. Investment income is accounted for on an accruals basis.

Grants and other expenditure

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is conveyed to the recipient except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year-end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

A provision for a multi-year grant is recognised at its present value where settlement is due over more than one year from the date of the award, there are no unfulfilled performance conditions under the control of the Fund to avoid making the future payment(s), settlement is probable, and the effect of discounting is material. The discount rate used is the rate offered on government bonds (Gilt) for a commensurate or similar time period offered in the year in which the grant award is made

Other expenditure is accrued as soon as a liability is considered probable, discounted to present value for longer term liabilities. Expenditure includes attributable VAT which cannot be recovered. Governance costs are now allocated to grant activities.

Investments

Listed investments are stated at quoted market value. Realised and unrealised gains and losses on investments are reflected through the Statement of Financial Activities. Programme related investments, being loans to Churches, are stated at the amount loaned, adjusted for any repayments, accrued interest and any irrecoverable amount.

Debtors

Amounts owed to the charity for goods and services and other debtors are included at the settlement amount due. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

Cash at bank and in hand

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

Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation arising from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at their settlement amount.

Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

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2. **INCOME FROM**

	2022 General Fund	2022 Loan Fund	2022 Welsh Fund	2022 Endow ment Fund	2022 Total	2021 Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<u>Donations and legacies</u>						
Collections & donations from Members	1,025	-	-	-	1,025	1,005
Gifts from beneficiaries	2,698	3,750	-	-	6,448	3,607
Other gifts	1,114	-	-	-	1,114	426
	<u>4,837</u>	<u>3,750</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,587</u>	<u>5,038</u>
<u>Investments</u>						
Dividends	175,427	20,796	7,170	-	203,393	201,684
Bank interest	1,558	-	-	-	1,558	38
	<u>176,985</u>	<u>20,796</u>	<u>7,170</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>204,951</u>	<u>201,722</u>
<u>Other income</u>						
Redundant Churches	425,454	-	137,286	-	562,740	87,357
Total income	607,276	24,546	144,456	-	776,278	294,117
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Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 31 December 2022

3. EXPENDITURE		2022 £	2021 £
<u>Charitable activities</u>			
<u>Grants</u>	Grants to Institutions		
<i>Educational grants</i>	Angus Library	15,000	15,000
	Spurgeon's College	-	5,000
<i>Ministerial Internship Grant</i>	Abingdon	(3,333)	-
	Ballymena	10,000	-
<i>Special Project Grants</i>	New Addington	-	1,410
<i>Pastoral Support Grants</i>	Arann	-	2,281
	Chingford	-	20,800
	Grangetown - Welsh Fund	-	54,900
	Hyde Heath	72,900	-
	Oldham	-	3,500
	Portsmouth	-	2,500
	Wakefield	15,000	6,600
	Walthamstow	-	67,500
	Wick	38,750	17,050
<i>Capital Grant</i>	Cambourne	388,022	-
<i>Gift in Specie</i>	Redeemer Church Cardiff – Splott Chapel	2,223	1,446
	Grants to Individuals		
<i>Educational grants</i>	Theological Education Support Grants	62,500	16,000
<i>Retired ministerial grants</i>		49,900	46,050
<i>Benevolent Grants</i>		-	1,000
		650,962	261,037
Secretary's honorarium	(see note below)	10,906	10,767
Investment Management		37,457	38,486
Advertising		2,138	144
Office Running Costs		2,067	2,395
Travel costs		1,665	2,352
Forex (Gain)		-	(348)
Legal & professional		4,857	1,560
Audit		5,300	4,800
Meetings expense		3,262	136
Other		522	595
Total expenditure		719,136	321,924

⁴ Included within Travel costs are amounts totalling £76 (2021: £ 1,949) which one (2021: 6) member of the Executive received for costs incurred in furtherance of the Fund's activities other than in connection with governance. Also included in Travel expenses are amounts totalling £891 (2021: £82) which six (2021: 4) members of the Executive received for costs in connection with governance. In total six members of the Executive claimed travelling expenses totalling £967 (2021: 6 members claimed a total of £2,031). No member of the Executive received remuneration in the year or preceding year.

Total Governance Costs amounted to	9,550	5,018
There was one employee (2021: 1):		
Gross salary (inc. in lieu Pension Contributions)	10,906	10,767
Employer's National Insurance	-	-
	10,906	10,767

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4. TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS

During the year a transfer of £96,942 to the Designated Loan Fund from the General Fund (2021: £70,173 from the Designated Loan Fund to the General Fund) was made in order to reflect the wishes of the Executive to keep the Designated Loan Fund at £1,000,000.

5. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Commercial Investments at market value £	Programme related investments at cost £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
At 1 January 2022	7,629,300	109,999	7,739,299	7,141,892
Additions within managed portfolio	1,163,236	-	1,163,236	1,043,694
Disposal proceeds within managed portfolio	(1,216,114)	-	(1,216,114)	(1,209,053)
Cash recycled in managed portfolio	52,878		52,878	165,660
Realised (deficits) absorbed in managed portfolio	(143,482)		(143,482)	(25,006)
Charges settled within managed portfolio	(37,730)		(37,730)	(38,270)
Cash introduced to managed portfolio	441		441	450,000
Cash withdrawn from managed portfolio	(300,000)		(300,000)	(300,000)
Net (deficit)/surplus on revaluation	(902,432)	-	(902,432)	588,255
Transfers to current asset investments	-	(62,253)	(62,253)	(77,873)
At 31 December 2022	<u>6,246,097</u>	<u>47,746</u>	<u>6,293,843</u>	<u>7,739,299</u>
Commercial investments at market value include cash and cash equivalents held with investments as part of a managed portfolio	<u>138,431</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>138,431</u>	<u>422,842</u>
			2022 £	2021 £
Commercial investments at original cost			6,079,166	6,135,337
Quoted Securities Portfolio managed by Investec			<u>6,079,166</u>	<u>6,135,337</u>

Programme related investments are loans made to Churches for building works to Churches and Church manses.
All investments are held within the UK.

6. CURRENT ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Programme related investments at cost	
	2022 £	2021 £
At 1 January 2022	29,133	41,633
Transfers from fixed asset investments	62,253	77,873
Disposals	(54,053)	(90,373)
At 31 December 2022	<u>37,333</u>	<u>29,133</u>

7. DEBTORS

	2022 £	2021 £
Accrued dividend income	47,496	36,937
Accrued redundant chapel proceeds	491,657	-
Donations receivable	<u>-</u>	<u>126</u>
	<u>539,153</u>	<u>37,063</u>

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8. CREDITORS

	2022 £	2021 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Constructive Obligations		
Project Grants:		
Mission Enabler	5,625	7,500
Home Mission Pastoral Grants		
Aberdeen	19,125	25,500
Chingford	9,600	9,600
Didcot	10,986	21,972
Grangetown	18,300	18,300
Hyde Heath	24,300	-
Melksham	2,535	10,140
Noddfa	-	7,640
Oldham	-	3,500
Spen Valley	4,825	7,238
Wakefield	7,200	1,200
Walthamstow	22,500	22,500
Wick	18,600	3,100
Educational Grants	92,700	60,633
	236,296	198,823
Other taxes and social security	124	128
Accruals and other creditors	14,289	18,783
	250,709	217,734
Amounts falling due after one year:		
Project Grants:		
Mission Enabler	-	5,625
Pastoral Support Grants		
Aberdeen	-	19,125
Chingford	-	9,600
Didcot	-	10,986
Grangetown	4,575	22,875
Hyde Heath	48,600	-
Melksham	-	2,535
Spen Valley	-	4,825
Wakefield	1,800	-
Walthamstow	18,750	41,250
Wick	4,650	-
Educational Grants	21,050	24,900
	99,425	141,721

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Mission Enabler is a project in Pembrokeshire, led by Pembrokeshire Baptist Association (English Wing) to encourage and enable local communities to engage in local mission activities. The project started in October 2013 for three years and support was agreed for another three years in 2016. The grant was reviewed in 2019 and support was agreed for the remaining 4 years of the maximum 10 year term of this grant. The total amount of grant allocated is £73,500 of which £67,875 has been paid as at 31 December 2022 (2021: £60,375) and £5,625 remains to be paid in 2023. There will be no further grant allocated to this project.

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9. HOME MISSION PASTORAL GRANTS

Since the inception of these Grants, awards approaching £1.5M have been allocated and will be paid as follows:

	Year commenced	Paid up to 31 Dec 2022	Due 2023	Due 2024	Due 2025	Total allocated
		£	£	£	£	£
Aberdeen	2020	57,375	19,125			76,500
Arann	2014	142,367				142,367
Chelmondiston	2012	69,235				69,235
Chingford	2014	84,986	9,600			94,586
Didcot	2020	42,738	10,986			53,724
Grangetown	2018	120,225	18,300	4,575		143,100
Hyde Heath	2022	-	24,300	24,300	24,300	72,900
Manchester	2014	55,386				55,386
Melksham	2017	67,485	2,535			70,020
Noddfa	2016	91,980				91,980
Oldham	2018	28,700				28,700
Portsmouth	2015	110,500				110,500
Southampton	2011	92,266				92,266
Spenn Valley	2017	86,075	4,825			90,900
Wakefield	2018	62,585	7,200	1,800		71,585
Walthamstow	2021	26,250	22,500	18,750		67,500
Wick	2018	97,600	18,600	4,650		120,850
Total allocated		1,235,753	137,971	54,075	24,300	1,452,099

10. FUND MOVEMENTS In 2022 the movements of the various Funds were as follows:

	General Fund	Loan Fund	Welsh Mission Fund	Cambourne Fund	Endowment Funds	Bathford Fund	Total
Brought forward reserves	4,240,163	1,000,000	254,096	388,022	2,357,697	28,772	8,268,750
Income	607,276	24,546	144,456	-	-	-	776,278
Expenditure	(311,359)	(3,774)	(15,981)	(388,022)	-	-	(719,136)
Transfers between Funds	(96,942)	96,942	-	-	-	-	-
Investment gains/(losses)	(642,339)	(117,714)	(40,585)	-	(244,832)	-	(1,045,470)
Total carried forward reserves	3,796,799	1,000,000	341,986	-	2,112,865	28,772	7,280,422
<i>In 2021 the movements of the various Funds were as follows:</i>							
<i>Brought forward reserves</i>	<i>3,949,556</i>	<i>1,000,000</i>	<i>204,454</i>	<i>388,022</i>	<i>2,162,504</i>	<i>28,772</i>	<i>7,733,308</i>
<i>Income</i>	<i>187,342</i>	<i>18,435</i>	<i>88,339</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>294,117</i>
<i>Expenditure</i>	<i>(260,037)</i>	<i>(3,980)</i>	<i>(57,907)</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>(321,924)</i>
<i>Transfers between Funds</i>	<i>70,173</i>	<i>(70,173)</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>
<i>Investment gains/(losses)</i>	<i>293,129</i>	<i>55,718</i>	<i>19,210</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>195,192</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>563,249</i>
Total carried forward reserves	4,240,163	1,000,000	254,096	388,022	2,357,697	28,772	8,268,750

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Unrestricted Funds.

These comprise those Funds which the Executive is free to use in accordance with the charitable objects of the Fund and are:

- The General Fund
- The Loan Fund. This designated Fund arose from a decision made in 1951 to set aside exceptional income (mainly arising from chapel sales where the Fund was the ultimate beneficiary) in order to purchase sites for new chapels. Originally denominated the Special Funds Account, it was renamed the Loan Fund in 1978, its application being changed to the provision of loans to Churches for the purchase of manses, extension of buildings and major repair costs. This purpose was confirmed by the Executive in a minute dated 3 October 1990
- The Welsh Mission Fund. This designated Fund was set up in 2012 from the proceeds of the sale of the sale of Zion Chapel, Scleddau, Fishguard. On a request from the Welsh Baptist Union Corporation, the Trustees agreed to set aside this amount to provide Mission grants to Welsh Churches. The Trustees have decided to increase the Welsh Fund to include the proceeds of redundant chapels in all parts of Wales. During 2022 the proceeds of chapels at Kidwelly and St David's have been added to the fund
- The Cambourne Fund. During 2016 the Executive agreed that, when received, the proceeds of Caxton chapel should be transferred to Christ Church Cambourne, Cambridgeshire, for the purpose of assisting in acquiring a suitable manse, the Fund to continue to be the ultimate beneficiary of a proportion of that property commensurate with the proceeds of Caxton chapel. During 2019 the proceeds of Caxton chapel were received, but a suitable property was not acquired until July 2022, so the proceeds were held as the Cambourne Fund pending suitable arrangements for their application being concluded and have been distributed in 2022

Endowment Fund.

Income arising on the general endowment Fund can be used in accordance with the objects of the charity and is included as unrestricted income. Any capital gains or losses arising on general endowment Funds form part of the endowment Fund. When churches become member churches of the fund they are required to make a capital contribution to the Fund and these contributions are added to the Endowment Fund.

Bathford Fund

Income arising on the Bathford Fund can be used in accordance with the objects of the charity for the benefit of SW England and will be included as restricted income. Any capital gains or losses arising on the Bathford Funds form part of the Fund. The income derived from the Bathford Fund being very modest, during 2018, the Executive resolved to apply the capital of the fund as if it were income. During 2019 the resolution was duly notified to the Charity Commission and no objection received. The restriction that the Bathford Fund should be used for the benefit of SW England remains. Accordingly, the whole of the Fund is now accounted for as restricted income. The Executive intend to use it in connection with projects located as near as possible to Bathford, so when the Home Mission Pastoral Grant to Melksham, just a few miles from Bathford, was renewed in 2020, and again in 2023, this was funded from the Bathford Fund.

11. **FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS**

At 31 December 2022 there were no programme related investments authorised but not yet taken up (2021: none).

12. **POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS**

As at 8 September 2023, the investments had changed in value to £4,625,845 (unrestricted funds, including £500,000 additional investment and net of withdrawals of £150,000, a recovery of £48,750) and £2,035,532 (endowment – a fall of £31,216) owing to the continuing effects of on-going world events. It is anticipated that values will recover in the long term.

13. **RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

Paul Barton is the Pastor of Hyde Heath Baptist Church. Hyde Heath Baptist Church was awarded, as permitted by clause 13(2) of the Fund's Constitution, a Home Mission Pastoral Grant during 2022. Details of the financial support given can be seen in Note 9.

14. **ADMINISTRATION**

The Fund is an unincorporated charity, governed by a Charity Commission Scheme dated 27 August 2004. The address of the registered office is 5 Sandalwood Road Westbury Wiltshire BA13 3UP.

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Report and Financial Statements

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Report of the Executive Committee For the year ended 31 December 2021

The Executive Committee submits its report and the financial statements of the Particular Baptist Fund ("the Fund") for the year ended 31 December 2021. The financial statements comply with Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS102) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued by the Charity Commission.

1. Reference and Administrative Information

1.1 The Trustees

The Trustees serve on the Executive Committee. The Trustees who served during the year and the Trustees who were serving at the date of the report (unless otherwise stated) were:

D Chapman	Vice Chairman (retired 21 April 2021)	M O'Mara	Vice Chairman
E Cousins	Treasurer	W Randall	(retired 20 April 2022)
K Johns		G M Trice	Chairman
G H Jones		P Barton	(appointed 20 October 2021)

Mr D Chapman retired from the Executive Committee at the Annual General Meeting on 21 April 2021, having served on the Committee since April 2005, and as its Vice-Chairman since April 2014. As Executive Committee members are drawn from the Members' Representatives his service to the Fund dates from earlier than the commencement of his long service on the Committee and all remaining members of the Executive Committee thank him for his long and diligent service and look forward to continuing to work with him as he continues as a Member's Representative.

Miss M O'Mara was elected to the office of Vice-Chairman on 21 April 2021.

William Randall retired from the Committee at the Annual General Meeting on 20 April 2022 having served the maximum three three-year terms. The Executive Committee thank him for his diligent service and look forward to continuing to work with him as he continues as a Member's Representative.

Mr Paul Barton was co-opted to the Committee in October 2021 and his appointment confirmed at the Half-Annual General Meeting on 20 October 2021 and the Executive Committee welcome him to their number.

1.2 The Members

The members are certain Churches and individuals. The Churches serving at 31 December 2021, together with their number of registered representatives (including the Minister), each holding one vote, are as follows:

Brentford, Ealing Road	(1)	Metropolitan Tabernacle, Elephant & Castle	(1)
Bromley, Hayes Lane	(2)	New Addington	(2)
Camberwell, Denmark Place	(2)	New Cross Road	(2)
Caterham	(2)	Tottenham High Road	(1)
Croydon West	(1)	Tring	(1)
Greenwich, Village Church	(1)	Tunbridge Wells, Pantiles	(2)
Hyde Heath	(2)	Walthamstow	(1)
Islington, Tollington Park	(1)	Walworth, East Street	(1)
Lewisham, College Park	(1)	Wandsworth, West Hill	(2)
Leyton, Hainault Road	(2)	Watford, Derby Road	(2)

1.3 Principal Office

5 Sandalwood Road
Westbury
Wiltshire BA13 3UP

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1.4 Professional Advisers and Agents

The principal professional advisers and agents employed by the Fund as at the date of this report are as follows:

Solicitors	Pothecary Witham Weld 70 St George's Square London SW1V 3RD	Investment Managers	Investec Wealth and Investment 30 Gresham Street London EC2V 7QN	Bankers	CAF Bank Limited 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill West Malling Kent ME19 4JQ
Auditors	Jacob Cavenagh & Skeet 5 Robin Hood Lane Sutton Surrey SM1 2SW	Secretary	John Edwards 5 Sandalwood Road Westbury Wiltshire BA13 3UP		

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2. Structure, Governance & Management

2.1 Charitable Status

The Fund was established in 1717 by six Baptist Churches in London holding the doctrines of Particular Redemption and Believers' Baptism. The Fund is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission no. 240979.

2.2 The Governing Document

The Fund is governed by a Charity Commission Scheme dated 27 August 2004.

2.3 The Trustees

The Trustees of the Fund are the members of the Executive Committee ("the Executive"). The Executive is appointed by the Members in general meeting. Executive members serve three year terms. The Executive currently meets up to six times per annum and meets with the Members' Representatives twice per annum.

The induction process for any newly-appointed member of the Executive comprises an initial meeting with the Chair and the Board, followed by a series of short meetings with the Secretary on investments, the grant making process, powers and responsibilities of the Executive. The welcome information pack includes:

- a brief history of the Fund
- copies of recent Executive and Members' meeting minutes
- copies of the last three years of annual reports and accounts
- a copy of the Scheme of Arrangement
- a copy of the Rules and Regulations and
- a copy of the Charity Commission's guidance 'The Essential Trustee'.

2.4 The Members

The Members of the Fund are the Churches. Individuals may be Members, but currently there are no Individual Members. There are both doctrinal and financial requirements for Membership. Doctrinally, Members must hold to the doctrines of Particular Baptists. Financially, Members make an initial contribution to the Fund's permanent capital and thereafter make continuing contributions by way of an annual offering or donation.

Members' duties are to:

- attend Members' meetings
- elect members to the Executive
- receive reports from the Executive; and
- make recommendations to the Executive regarding the making of grants and loans.

2.5 Key Management Personnel

The Key Management Personnel of the Fund consists of the Secretary, John Edwards BSc(Econ) to whom all the day to day administrative and accounting functions of the Fund are delegated.

The Secretary's role is part-time and is regarded as a vocation and accordingly remuneration is calculated with reference to two fifths of the Baptist Union of Great Britain Stipend Scale and is reviewed annually towards the end of each year by the Trustees in a meeting, who then set the remuneration for the coming year.

2.6 Risk Management

The Fund's primary concern and objective is the glory of God. While it is the Fund's policy to trust wholly in the Lord that he will work out his purpose to this end, the Fund also acknowledges that it has a responsibility for the proper management of the Fund in accordance with applicable laws and accepted good practice and for ensuring that the risks faced by the Fund in achieving its primary aim are addressed and managed as best as possible. The Executive Committee has therefore conducted its own review of the major risks to which the Fund is exposed and systems and procedures have been established in order to manage those risks. This review is repeated annually.

The most significant risks identified and actions undertaken to mitigate them are:

- The trustee body cease to have a sufficient range of skills and abilities due to a declining trustee base. This is being addressed by seeking new churches to join the fund and inviting suitable officers of churches in the increased membership to become Trustees;
- Decline in investment values. This is being addressed by the appointment of proactive investment managers with instructions to maintain a balanced portfolio and monitoring their performance through a program of Trustee meetings with them;
- Incapacity of Key Management Personnel through long term illness, resulting in failure to continue grant-making procedures and compliance failures. This is addressed by the Fund's electronic records being maintained on cloud-based platforms to which key Trustees have access enabling them to intervene if necessary.

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3. Objectives, Activities & Strategies

3.1 Objective

The object of the charity is stated as: “the advancement of the Christian religion in Great Britain, Ireland, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man in accordance with the doctrines of Particular Baptists”.

3.2 Aim

The Trustees aim to achieve this objective by:

- relieving ministers and retired ministers and the dependants who are in need, hardship or distress;
- supporting selected projects which seek to revive or establish new Particular Baptist Churches;
- supporting the theological education of persons intending to minister to others;
- assisting with the construction, maintenance and repair of the fabric, fittings and furniture of the buildings of Churches (whether or not a member of the charity) where the doctrines of the Particular Baptists are preached; and
- such other means being charitable and in pursuance of the object as the Executive Committee shall from time to time think fit.

These were the Fund’s main objectives for the year.

3.3 Activities

Alongside the governing document, the activities of the Fund are managed under a series of Rules and Regulations formulated by the Executive Committee. Within this framework, the Fund seeks to make:

- grants to colleges providing education for those preparing for the Baptist ministry
- grants for Churches with a clear vision for mission to their community
- grants to current Baptist ministers and ministers in training for educational needs
- grants to present and former Baptist ministers and retired ministers’ widows for the relief of hardship
- loans to Churches for the purchase of, and building works to, Church buildings and manses.

3.4 Strategies

The Fund is committed to distributing its unrestricted reserves in accordance with its stated objectives and also in accordance with its unrestricted reserves policy. It is also committed to increasing its loan portfolio. To these ends the Executive is committed to:

- identifying new beneficiaries by:
 - appointing, where practicable/possible, individuals to the Executive with extensive contacts within the Particular Baptist community
 - encouraging each Executive member and also the Fund’s members to be alert to charitable opportunities within the Particular Baptist community
 - advertising through a website (www.pbfund.org.uk) and the distribution of up to date promotional literature to the Particular Baptist community, not only directly to Churches but also via local associations
- reviewing grant and loan levels at least once per annum
- reporting half-annually to the members

4. Achievements and Performance

During the year, the Fund continued to make grants and loans in accordance with the Fund’s objectives and in accordance with the grants and loans policies established by the Executive. The Fund continues to report performance in terms of numbers of individuals, institutions and Churches who have been assisted, together with monetary amounts distributed by category of grant.

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The Fund's grant-making expenditure of £261,037 to 24 different parties shows a decrease (largely due to fewer applications for Theological Educational Support Grants) over the previous year's expenditure of £333,718 to 28 different parties, as follows:

	2021 No.	2021 £	2020 No.	2020 £
Educational grants (institutions)	2	20,000	2	25,000
Consents to redundant chapel transfers - related costs	0	1,446	0	6,605
Theological Education Support Grants	2	16,000	7	67,500
Ministerial Internship Grants	0	-	1	10,000
Home Mission Pastoral Grants	8	175,131	6	174,663
Project grants	0	-	0	-
Special Project Grants	1	1,410	1	5,000
Retired ministerial grants	10	46,050	10	43,950
Benevolent Grants	1	1,000	1	1,000
Total	24	261,037	28	333,718

The Fund's loan profile, disclosed as programme related investments within fixed asset (note 5) and current asset (note 6) investments, is as follows:

	2021 No.	2021 £	2020 No.	2020 £
New loans	-	-	-	-
Total loans	12	139,132	12	229,505

4.1 Investment Performance against objectives

The Fund's investment policy is set out more fully at 6.1 below.

The investments produced dividend income of £201,684 (2020: £171,422)

Net gains, realised and unrealised, of £195,192 (2020: losses £(24,352)) accrued to the Endowment Fund taking the value of the Endowment Fund to £2,357,697 at 31 December 2021, an increase of 9% over the year. In the light of difficult market conditions in the face of world events this is satisfactory against achieving the objective of protecting the Endowment Fund against inflation and generating income.

Net gains, realised and unrealised, of £368,057 (2020: £232,944) accrued to General Funds, so total returns on investments, gains and dividends, amounted to £764,933, 11% of the value of investments at the start of the year. The performance of the Fund's investments was encouragingly positive in the light of the effects of world events in 2021.

4.2 Future Developments

The Trustees are reviewing certain grants to make them more appropriate and relevant in the current climate.

5. Financial Review

The results of the Fund, together with comparative figures for 2020, can be found in the Statement of Financial Activities on page 11. At 31 December 2021, the Fund had net assets of £8,268,750 (2020: £7,733,308). This includes the market value of the Fund's investments at 31 December 2021.

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6. Financial Policies

The financial policies relating to the Fund are as follows:

6.1 Investment Policy

The assets of the Fund (excluding cash and loans to Churches) are invested in a diversified portfolio to achieve long term growth in capital and income including ensuring the real value of the Endowment Fund is protected against inflation. For details of investments held see notes 5 and 6. The Investment Policy has been extensively reviewed and a new policy including ethical standards was accepted by the member Churches at the AGM in April 2009. In 2018 it was considered appropriate to seek more proactive investment managers and Investec Wealth and Investment were appointed as investment managers and during 2019 investment holdings were transferred to their management.

6.2 Loan Policy

Loans are made to Churches sharing the doctrinal basis of the Members for the purchase of, and building works to, Church buildings and manses, in accordance with the Rules and Regulations. Currently the maximum loan is £100,000. Repayment terms are normally ten years and are interest free. Loans to unincorporated charities are unsecured, but loans to incorporated charities are guaranteed as appropriate. For details of loans, which are accounted for as programme related investments, see notes 5 and 6.

6.3 Grants Policy

Grants are made to educational establishments, Churches and individuals embracing the doctrinal basis of the Members and in accordance with the Rules and Regulations. Details are included below:

- *Educational.* From 1811 the Fund was committed to financial support of the work of Stepney Academy, now Regent's Park College, Oxford, and later gave financial encouragement to the work of The Pastors' College, now Spurgeon's College. Grants are also made to individual ministers in training and to full time ministers seeking to follow further studies relevant to the ministry.
- *Mission.* Grants are made to Churches and Church plants which are culturally relevant as well as being in tune with the Fund's theological position. Such grants are given for up to nine years. Special Project Grants are given to small churches towards the capital expenditure on evangelistic projects
- *Benevolent.* Grants are given to retired ministers with a low income, and occasionally to serving pastors in particular need.

The Fund's aim is to devote 40% of Funds income to Educational Grants, 40% to Mission Grants and 20% to Benevolent Grants with a 5 percentage points tolerance on all three classes. (For details of grants made, see note 3).

6.4 Reserve Policies: Categories and Unrestricted Reserves

6.4.1 Reserve Categories

The Fund's reserves are classified as follows:

Endowment Fund. This comprises those Funds which must be held permanently by the Fund. Income arising can be used in accordance with the objects of the charity and is included as unrestricted income. Any capital gains or losses arising on general Endowment Fund form part of the Endowment Fund.

The Bathford Fund. This arose from the proceeds of the chapel at Bathford, Somerset. Income arising on the Bathford Fund could be used in accordance with the objects of the charity for the benefit of SW England and has been accounted for as restricted income. The capital of the Bathford Fund was in the nature of an endowment fund. Any capital gains or losses arising on the Bathford Fund formed part of the Fund. The income derived from the Bathford Fund being very modest, during 2018 the Executive resolved to apply the capital of the fund as if it were income and no objection was received. The restriction that the Bathford Fund should be used for the benefit of SW England remains. The whole of the Fund is now accounted for as restricted income and the Executive intend to use it in connection with projects located as near as possible to Bathford. In 2020 it was used in Melksham, less than 10 miles away.

Restricted Funds amounted to:	2021	2020
	£	£
Endowment Fund	2,357,697	2,162,504
Bathford Fund - Income	<u>28,772</u>	<u>28,772</u>
	<u>2,386,469</u>	<u>2,191,276</u>

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Unrestricted Funds. These comprise those Funds which the Executive is free to use in accordance with the objects of the Fund and are:

- *The General Fund*
- *The Designated Loan Fund.* This Fund arose from a decision made in 1951 to set aside exceptional income (mainly arising from chapel sales where the Fund was the ultimate beneficiary) in order to purchase sites for new chapels. Originally denominated the Special Funds Account, it was renamed the Loan Fund in 1978, its application being changed to the provision of loans to Churches for the purchase of manses, extension of buildings and major repair costs. This purpose was confirmed by the Executive in a minute dated 3 October 1990.
- *The Welsh Mission Fund.* This Fund was set up in 2012 from the proceeds of the sale of Zion Chapel, Sclleddau, Fishguard. On a request from the Welsh Baptist Union Corporation, the Trustees agreed to set aside this amount to provide Mission grants to Welsh Churches. This Fund was added to during 2015 and 2016 by the proceeds of redundant properties in Colwyn Bay. During 2019 the proceeds of Blaendulais chapel were added to the fund and, in 2021, South Dairy (Nr. Haverfordwest) and Talgarth were added.
- *The Cambourne Fund.* During 2016 the Executive agreed that, when received, the proceeds of Caxton chapel should be transferred to Christ Church Cambourne, Cambridgeshire, for the purpose of assisting in acquiring a suitable manse, the Fund to continue to be the ultimate beneficiary of a proportion of that property commensurate with the proceeds of Caxton chapel. During 2019 the proceeds of Caxton chapel were received, but at the year end a suitable property had not been acquired, so at 31 December 2021 the proceeds were held as the Cambourne Fund pending suitable arrangements for their application which have been concluded in July 2022.

For more details on reserves and reserve balances, see the balance sheet on page 12.

6.4.2 Unrestricted Reserves Policy

The Fund's unrestricted reserves amount to £5,882,281 at 31 December 2021 (2020: £5,542,032). The Executive seeks to distribute the entire income generated by these Funds, together with the income from the endowment (both restricted and unrestricted) Funds.

The Executive have agreed an unrestricted policy whereby approximately £1,000,000 will be set aside for making loans to Churches for repairs to Church buildings and manses (the "Designated Loan Fund").

The Executive consider that to ensure the Fund continues to operate in the case of a substantial decline in its income, the balance of the unrestricted reserves should not go below £300,000. In addition, the Executive is concerned not to undertake commitments that are dependent upon capital gains on investments, as those gains could be reversed in future years. It has adopted a ten year plan that seeks to reduce reserves to £300,000 and thereafter to balance expenditure with income.

6.4.3 Primary Funding Sources

The main source of the Fund's income is its investments.

7. Public Benefit

The Trustees have taken into account the guidance published by the Charity Commission on the provision of public benefit. They confirm that Public Benefit is provided through

- supporting current and retired ministers in financial need. During the year, 1 new award was made to new church plants (2020: 2), and 2 churches (2020:4) had their grants renewed, including the one that was also withdrawn in 2020 when a new minister was appointed (and 5 churches received short-term extensions to their expiring grants due to delays in the renewal process arising from COVID restrictions), and at 31 December 2021 10 (2020:12) churches were receiving on-going grants towards their ministers' stipends, and 10 retired ministers or their widows were helped during the year (2020:10);
- helping Churches by means of loans to upgrade their premises, enabling them to serve their communities better. At 31 December 2021 12 churches (2020:12) were continuing to benefit from funds which have helped them enhance their premises;
- supporting projects that seek to reach out to and help their communities by providing Christian teaching and social support. 1 new one-off project was approved for help during the year (2020:1); and
- training grants to educational institutions and to individual ministers leading to the improvement of the ability of Churches to serve their communities. During the year 2 educational institutions (2020:2) and 1 trainee pastors (2020:1) received grants, and at 31 December 2021 9 supported student pastors (2020:13) were continuing their studies.

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8. Impact of COVID-19

The Fund derives its income from, and benefits from gains on, commercial investments and, notwithstanding engaging proactive investment advisers, is subject to overall market conditions. During 2020 COVID-19 had an adverse impact on financial markets globally and in 2021 a recovery was experienced. The unquantifiable cautionary effect on some grant making decisions which resulted from concern over falling investment values in 2020 together with general uncertainty in society at large may have resulted in a similarly unquantifiable reduction in applications for grants, especially for Educational Support Grants.

9. Responsibilities of the Executive for the Financial Statements

The Executive is responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice. Charity law requires the Executive to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of its financial activities for that period.

In preparing those financial statements, the Executive is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles set out in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the activities of the charity will continue.

The Executive is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enables it to ensure that the financial statements comply with part 8 of the Charities Act 2011. It is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

10. Approval

The report of the Executive Committee was approved by the Executive Committee on 14th September 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

Eric Cousins
Treasurer

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Independent auditor's report to the trustees of Particular Baptist Fund For the year ended 31 December 2021

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Particular Baptist Fund (the "Charity") for the year ended 31 December 2021 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Charity's affairs as at 31 December 2021 and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least 12 months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, including the trustees' report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the Charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities Act 2011 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate and proper accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of the trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the Charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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Independent auditor's report to the trustees of Particular Baptist Fund For the year ended 31 December 2021

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 145 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Based on our understanding of the charity, we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to employment and financial reporting legislation and we considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements. We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements such as the Charities Act 2011.

We assessed the susceptibility of the company's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by making enquiries of management, considering the internal controls in place and discussion amongst the engagement team.

We determined that the principal risks were related to presentation of separately disclosed items, the recognition of grant expenditure and exceptional income, and management override of controls.

In response to the risks identified we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to reviewing trustees' minutes, evaluating the internal controls, agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation, and testing journal entries. A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Jacob Cavenagh & Skeet

Statutory Auditor

Chartered Accountants

5 Robin Hood Lane

Sutton

Surrey

SM1 2SW

Dated:

Jacob Cavenagh & Skeet is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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Statement of Financial Activities For the year ended 31 December 2021

		2021					2020				
		Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds
	Note	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income from:	2										
Donations and legacies		4,263	774	-	1	5,038	10,058	711	-	1	10,770
Investments		176,931	24,791		-	201,722	156,405	15,047		-	171,452
Other income		<u>6,148</u>	<u>81,209</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>87,357</u>	<u>425,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>425,000</u>
Total income		<u>187,342</u>	<u>106,774</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>294,117</u>	<u>591,463</u>	<u>15,758</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>607,222</u>
Expenditure on:	3										
Charitable activities		<u>260,037</u>	<u>61,887</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>321,924</u>	<u>349,739</u>	<u>12,556</u>	<u>30,420</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>392,715</u>
Total expenditure		<u>260,037</u>	<u>61,887</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>321,924</u>	<u>349,739</u>	<u>12,556</u>	<u>30,420</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>392,715</u>
Gains/(losses) on investment assets		<u>293,129</u>	<u>74,928</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>195,192</u>	<u>563,249</u>	<u>186,274</u>	<u>46,670</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(24,352)</u>	<u>208,592</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		220,434	119,815	-	195,193	535,442	427,998	49,872	(30,420)	(24,351)	423,099
Transfers between funds	4	<u>70,173</u>	<u>(70,173)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>43,990</u>	<u>(43,990)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		290,607	49,642	-	195,193	535,442	471,988	5,882	(30,420)	(24,351)	423,099
Balance brought forward 1 January		<u>3,949,556</u>	<u>1,592,476</u>	<u>28,772</u>	<u>2,162,504</u>	<u>7,733,308</u>	<u>3,477,568</u>	<u>1,586,594</u>	<u>59,192</u>	<u>2,186,855</u>	<u>7,310,209</u>
Balance carried forward 31 December		<u>4,240,163</u>	<u>1,642,118</u>	<u>28,772</u>	<u>2,357,697</u>	<u>8,268,750</u>	<u>3,949,556</u>	<u>1,592,476</u>	<u>28,772</u>	<u>2,162,504</u>	<u>7,733,308</u>

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Balance Sheet

As at 31 December 2021

Registered Charity No. 240979

		General Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Fund	Endowment Fund £	Total 2021 £	General Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Fund	Endowment Fund £	Total 2020 £
FIXED ASSETS											
Investments	5	4,256,639	1,159,016	-	2,323,644	7,739,299	3,834,271	1,167,312	-	2,140,309	7,141,892
CURRENT ASSETS											
Investments	6		29,133			29,133		41,633			41,633
Debtors – falling due within one year	7	37,063				37,063	459,294	5,272			464,566
Cash at bank and in hand		229,634	517,576	41,447	34,053	822,710	(22,411)	425,334	51,587	22,195	476,705
		266,697	546,709	41,447	34,053	888,906	436,883	472,239	51,587	22,195	982,904
CREDITORS											
Falling due within one year	8	172,487	35,107	10,140	-	217,734	204,015	26,310	10,140	-	240,465
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)		94,210	511,602	31,307	34,053	671,172	232,868	445,929	41,447	22,195	742,439
CREDITORS											
Falling due after one year	8	110,686	28,500	2,535	-	141,721	117,583	20,765	12,675	-	151,023
NET ASSETS		4,240,163	1,642,118	28,772	2,357,697	8,268,750	3,949,556	1,592,476	28,772	2,162,504	7,733,308
FUNDS	10										
Unrestricted Funds		4,240,163	1,642,118	-	-	5,882,281	3,949,556	1,592,476	-	-	5,542,032
Restricted Funds		-	-	28,772	-	28,772	-	-	28,772	-	28,772
Endowment Fund		-	-	-	2,357,697	2,357,697	-	-	-	2,162,504	2,162,504
		4,240,163	1,642,118	28,772	2,357,697	8,268,750	3,949,556	1,592,476	28,772	2,162,504	7,733,308

The financial statements were approved by the Executive Committee on 14 September 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

Eric Cousins
Treasurer

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Cash Flow Statement For the year ended 31 December 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
Cash flows from operating activities	<u>203,910</u>	<u>(370,926)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities		
Interest received	38	30
Dividends received	201,684	171,422
(Payment into) fixed asset investments managed portfolio	(450,000)	-
Repayment from fixed asset investment managed portfolio	300,000	75,000
New programme related investments granted – loans advanced	-	-
Repayment of programme related investments – loan repayments	<u>90,373</u>	<u>73,183</u>
Net cash generated by investing activities	<u>142,095</u>	<u>319,635</u>
Increase/(Decrease) in cash and cash equivalents during the year	346,005	(51,291)
Cash and cash equivalents as at 1 January	<u>476,705</u>	<u>527,996</u>
Cash and cash equivalents as at 31 December	<u>822,710</u>	<u>476,705</u>
Reconciliation of net movement in funds to cash used in operating activities	2021	2020
	£	£
Net movement in funds	535,442	423,099
Adjustments for:		
(Interest received)	(38)	(30)
(Dividends received)	(201,684)	(171,422)
Investment (gains)	(563,249)	(208,592)
Management charges borne within managed portfolio	37,969	36,042
Decrease/(Increase) in debtors – income receivable	427,503	(415,642)
(Decrease)/Increase in creditors	<u>(32,033)</u>	<u>(34,381)</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>203,910</u>	<u>(370,926)</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 31 December 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102). The financial statements are drawn up on the historical cost basis of accounting, as modified by the revaluation of investment properties and other investments. There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue in operation. The accounts are stated in pounds sterling and rounded to the nearest pound. The Particular Baptist Fund meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Fund accounting

The General Fund is an unrestricted Fund which is available for use at the discretion of the Executive in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which has not been designated for other purposes. The Designated Loan Fund is an unrestricted Fund which has been set aside by the Executive for particular purposes. The Endowment Fund represents those Funds which must be held permanently by the Fund. Investment income is allocated to the General Fund. Gains and losses held by the General and Designated Funds are allocated proportionally to the appropriate Fund. Gains and losses on Endowment Fund investments are allocated directly to the Endowment Fund.

Income

Voluntary income and donations (including collections and legacies) are accounted for once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be reliably measured. Investment income is accounted for on an accruals basis.

Grants and other expenditure

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is conveyed to the recipient except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year-end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

A provision for a multi-year grant is recognised at its present value where settlement is due over more than one year from the date of the award, there are no unfulfilled performance conditions under the control of the Fund to avoid making the future payment(s), settlement is probable, and the effect of discounting is material. The discount rate used is the rate offered on government bonds (Gilts) for a commensurate or similar time period offered in the year in which the grant award is made

Other expenditure is accrued as soon as a liability is considered probable, discounted to present value for longer term liabilities. Expenditure includes attributable VAT which cannot be recovered. Governance costs are now allocated to grant activities.

Investments

Listed investments are stated at quoted market value. Realised and unrealised gains and losses on investments are reflected through the Statement of Financial Activities. Programme related investments, being loans to Churches, are stated at the amount loaned, adjusted for any repayments, accrued interest and any irrecoverable amount.

Debtors

Amounts owed to the charity for goods and services and other debtors are included at the settlement amount due. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

Cash at bank and in hand

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

Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation arising from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at their settlement amount.

Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

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2. **INCOME FROM**

	2021 General Fund	2021 Loan Fund	2021 Welsh Fund	2021 Endow- ment Fund	2021 Total	2020 Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<u>Donations and legacies</u>						
Collections & donations from Members	1,004			1	1,005	1,005
Gifts from beneficiaries	2,833	-	774		3,607	8,820
Other gifts	426	-	-	-	426	945
	<u>4,263</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>774</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>5,038</u>	<u>10,770</u>
<u>Investments</u>						
Dividends	176,893	18,435	6,356	-	201,684	171,422
Bank interest	38	-	-	-	38	30
	<u>176,931</u>	<u>18,435</u>	<u>6,356</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>201,722</u>	<u>171,452</u>
<u>Other income</u>						
Redundant Churches	6,148	-	81,209		87,357	425,000
Total income	<u>187,342</u>	<u>18,435</u>	<u>88,339</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>294,117</u>	<u>607,222</u>

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3. EXPENDITURE		2021 £	2020 £
<u>Charitable activities</u>			
<u>Grants</u>	Grants to Institutions		
<i>Educational grants</i>	Angus Library	15,000	15,000
	Spurgeon's College	5,000	10,000
<i>Ministerial Internship Grant</i>	Abingdon	-	10,000
<i>Special Project Grants</i>	Folkestone	-	5,000
	New Addington	1,410	-
<i>Project Grants</i>	Pembrokeshire Missioner (Welsh Fund)	-	-
<i>Pastoral Support Grants</i>	Arann	2,281	11,519
	Aberdeen	-	76,500
	Chingford	20,800	(20,000)
	Didcot	-	53,724
	Grangetown (Welsh Fund)	54,900	-
	Melksham (Bathford Fund)	-	30,420
	Oldham	3,500	-
	Portsmouth	2,500	-
	Spenn Valley	-	22,500
	Wakefield	6,600	-
	Walthamstow	67,500	-
	Wick	17,050	-
<i>Gift in Specie</i>	Redeemer Church Cardiff – Splott Chapel	1,446	6,605
	Grants to Individuals		
<i>Educational grants</i>	Theological Education Support Grants	16,000	67,500
<i>Retired ministerial grants</i>		46,050	43,950
<i>Benevolent Grants</i>		1,000	1,000
		261,037	333,718
Secretary's honorarium	(see note below)	10,767	10,725
Investment Management		38,486	35,685
Advertising		144	720
Office Running Costs		2,395	1,189
Travel costs		2,352	482
Forex (Gain)/Loss		(348)	1,034
Legal & professional		1,560	3,890
Audit/Independent examination		4,800	4,500
Meeting expenses		136	178
Other		595	594
Total expenditure		321,924	392,715

⁴ Included within Travel costs are amounts totalling £1,949 (2020: £ nil) which 6 (2020: no) members of the Executive received for costs incurred in furtherance of the Fund's activities other than in connection with governance. Also included in Travel expenses are amounts totalling £82 (2020: £216) which 4 (2020: 6) members of the Executive received for costs in connection with governance. In total 6 members of the Executive claimed travelling expenses totalling £2,031 (2020: 6 members claimed a total of £216). No member of the Executive received remuneration in the year or preceding year.

Total Governance Costs amounted to	5,018	4,894
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There was one employee (2020: one):

Gross salary (inc. in lieu Pension Contributions)	10,767	10,725
Employer's National Insurance	-	-
	10,767	10,725

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4. TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS

During the year a transfer of £70,173 from the Designated Loan Fund to the General Fund (2020: £43,990 from the Designated Loan Fund) was made in order to reflect the wishes of the Executive to keep the Designated Loan Fund at £1,000,000.

5. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Commercial Investments at market value £	Programme related investments at cost £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
At 1 January 2021	6,954,020	187,872	7,141,892	7,109,525
Additions within managed portfolio	1,043,694	-	1,043,694	1,153,376
Disposals within managed portfolio	(1,209,053)	-	(1,209,053)	(1,202,418)
Cash recycled in managed portfolio	165,660		165,660	49,042
Realised (deficits) absorbed in managed portfolio	(25,006)		(25,006)	(268,751)
Charges borne within managed portfolio	(38,270)		(38,270)	(36,042)
Cash introduced to managed portfolio	450,000		450,000	-
Cash withdrawn from managed portfolio	(300,000)		(300,000)	(75,000)
Net surplus (deficit) on revaluation	588,255	-	588,255	477,343
Transfers to current asset investments	-	(77,873)	(77,873)	(65,183)
At 31 December 2021	7,629,300	109,999	7,739,299	7,141,892
Commercial investments at market value include cash and cash equivalents held with investments as part of a managed portfolio	<u>422,842</u>	=	<u>422,842</u>	<u>170,460</u>
			2021 £	2020 £
Commercial investments at original cost			6,135,337	6,093,363
Quoted Securities Portfolio managed by Investec			<u>6,135,337</u>	<u>6,093,363</u>

Programme related investments are loans made to Churches for building works to Churches and Church manses.
All investments are held within the UK.

6. CURRENT ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Programme related investments at cost 2021 £	2020 £
At 1 January 2021	41,633	49,633
Transfers from fixed asset investments	77,873	65,183
Disposals	(90,373)	(73,183)
At 31 December 2021	<u>29,133</u>	<u>41,633</u>

7. DEBTORS

	2021 £	2020 £
Accrued dividend income	36,937	39,293
Accrued redundant chapel proceeds	-	425,000
Donations receivable	<u>126</u>	<u>273</u>
	<u>37,063</u>	<u>464,566</u>

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8. CREDITORS

	2021 £	2020 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Constructive Obligations		
Project Grants:		
Ebbsfleet	-	8,750
Mission Enabler	7,500	7,500
Special Project Grants		
Folkestone	-	5,000
Home Mission Pastoral Grants		
Aberdeen	25,500	25,500
Arann	-	2,892
Chingford	9,600	-
Didcot	21,972	15,875
Grangetown	18,300	7,350
Melksham	10,140	10,140
Noddfa	7,640	11,460
Oldham	3,500	4,900
Portsmouth	-	12,500
Spenn Valley	7,238	6,800
Wakefield	1,200	4,875
Walthamstow	22,500	-
Wick	3,100	5,400
Educational Grants	60,633	91,767
	198,823	220,709
Other taxes and social security	128	125
Accruals and other creditors	18,783	19,631
	217,734	240,465
Amounts falling due after one year:		
Project Grants:		
Mission Enabler	5,625	13,125
Pastoral Support Grants		
Aberdeen	19,125	44,625
Chingford	9,600	-
Didcot	10,986	32,958
Grangetown	22,875	-
Melksham	2,535	12,675
Noddfa	-	7,640
Spenn Valley	4,825	12,500
Walthamstow	41,250	-
Educational Grants	24,900	27,500
	141,721	151,023

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Ebbsfleet was a new style Church project in a new town within the Thames Gateway in North Kent led by the Association of Grace Baptist Churches (South East). The project started in 2012 and the Fund's support is reviewed every two years. The Fund confirmed its fourth period of support in 2018. The total amount of grant, after the review, allocated is £150,000 all of which had been paid as at 31 December 2021 (2020: £141,250). There will be no further grant allocated to this project.

Mission Enabler is a project in Pembrokeshire, Wales led by Pembrokeshire Baptist Association (English Wing) to encourage and enable local communities to engage in local mission activities. The project started in October 2013 for three years and support was agreed for another three years in 2016. The grant was reviewed in 2019 and support was agreed for the remaining 4 years of the maximum 10 year term of this grant. The total amount of grant allocated is £73,500 of which £60,375 has been paid as at 31 December 2021 (2020: £52,875) and £7,500 remains to be paid in 2022 and £5,625 in 2023.

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9. HOME MISSION PASTORAL GRANTS

Since the inception of this Grant, awards now exceeding £1.3M have been allocated and will be paid as follows:

	Year commenced	Paid up to 31 Dec 2021	Due 2022	Due 2023	Due 2024	Total allocated
		£	£	£	£	£
Aberdeen	2020	31,875	25,500	19,125		76,500
Arann	2014	142,367				142,367
Chelmondiston	2012	69,235				69,235
Chingford	2014	75,386	9,600	9,600		94,586
Didcot	2020	20,766	21,972	10,986		53,724
Grangetown	2018	101,925	18,300	18,300	4,575	143,100
Manchester	2014	55,386				55,386
Melksham	2017	57,345	10,140	2,535		70,020
Noddfa	2016	84,340	7,640			91,980
Oldham	2018	28,700				28,700
Portsmouth	2015	110,500				110,500
Southampton	2011	92,266				92,266
Spenn Valley	2017	78,837	7,238	4,825		90,900
Wakefield	2018	55,385	1,200			56,585
Walthamstow	2021	3,750	22,500	22,500	18,750	67,500
Wick	2018	79,000	3,100	-	-	82,100
Total allocated		<u>1,087,063</u>	<u>127,190</u>	<u>87,871</u>	<u>23,325</u>	<u>1,325,449</u>

10. FUND MOVEMENTS

In 2021 the movements of the various Funds were as follows:

	General Fund	Loan Fund	Welsh Mission Fund	Cambourne Fund	Endowment Funds	Bathford Fund	Total
Brought forward reserves	3,949,556	1,000,000	204,454	388,022	2,162,504	28,772	7,733,308
Income	187,342	18,435	88,339	-	1	-	294,117
Expenditure	(260,037)	(3,980)	(57,907)	-	-	-	(321,924)
Transfers between Funds	70,173	(70,173)	-	-	-	-	-
Investment gains/(losses)	293,129	55,718	19,210	-	195,192	-	563,249
Total carried forward reserves	<u>4,240,163</u>	<u>1,000,000</u>	<u>254,096</u>	<u>388,022</u>	<u>2,357,697</u>	<u>28,772</u>	<u>8,268,750</u>

In 2020 the movements of the various Funds were as follows:

Brought forward reserves	3,477,568	1,000,000	198,572	388,022	2,186,855	59,192	7,310,209
Income	591,463	12,967	2,791	-	1	-	607,222
Expenditure	(349,739)	(3,682)	(8,874)	-	-	(30,420)	(392,715)
Transfers between Funds	43,990	(43,990)	-	-	-	-	-
Investment gains/(losses)	186,274	34,705	11,965	-	(24,352)	-	208,592
Total carried forward reserves	<u>3,949,556</u>	<u>1,000,000</u>	<u>204,454</u>	<u>388,022</u>	<u>2,162,504</u>	<u>28,772</u>	<u>7,733,308</u>

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Unrestricted Funds.

These comprise those Funds which the Executive is free to use in accordance with the charitable objects of the Fund and are:

- The General Fund.
- The Loan Fund. This designated Fund arose from a decision made in 1951 to set aside exceptional income (mainly arising from chapel sales where the Fund was the ultimate beneficiary) in order to purchase sites for new chapels. Originally denominated the Special Funds Account, it was renamed the Loan Fund in 1978, its application being changed to the provision of loans to Churches for the purchase of manses, extension of buildings and major repair costs. This purpose was confirmed by the Executive in a minute dated 3 October 1990.
- The Welsh Mission Fund. This designated Fund was set up in 2012 from the proceeds of the sale of the sale of Zion Chapel, Sclleddau, Fishguard. On a request from the Welsh Baptist Union Corporation, the Trustees agreed to set aside this amount to provide Mission grants to Welsh Churches. The Trustees have decided to increase the Welsh Fund to include the proceeds of redundant chapels in all parts of Wales. During 2021 the proceeds of chapels at South Dairy, Haverfordwest and Talgarth have been added to the fund.
- The Cambourne Fund. During 2016 the Executive agreed that, when received, the proceeds of Caxton chapel should be transferred to Christ Church Cambourne, Cambridgeshire, for the purpose of assisting in acquiring a suitable manse, the Fund to continue to be the ultimate beneficiary of a proportion of that property commensurate with the proceeds of Caxton chapel. During 2019 the proceeds of Caxton chapel were received, but a suitable property was not acquired until July 2022, so the proceeds were held as the Cambourne Fund pending suitable arrangements for their application being concluded and have been distributed in 2022.

Endowment Fund.

Income arising on the general endowment Fund can be used in accordance with the objects of the charity and is included as unrestricted income. Any capital gains or losses arising on general endowment Funds form part of the endowment Fund. When churches become member churches of the fund they are required to make a capital contribution to the Fund and these contributions are added to the Endowment Fund.

Bathford Fund

Income arising on the Bathford Fund can be used in accordance with the objects of the charity for the benefit of SW England and will be included as restricted income. Any capital gains or losses arising on the Bathford Funds form part of the Fund. The income derived from the Bathford Fund being very modest, during 2018, the Executive resolved to apply the capital of the fund as if it were income. During 2019 the resolution was duly notified to the Charity Commission and no objection received. The restriction that the Bathford Fund should be used for the benefit of SW England remains. Accordingly, the whole of the Fund is now accounted for as restricted income. The Executive intend to use it in connection with projects located as near as possible to Bathford, so when the Home Mission Pastoral Grant to Melksham, just a few miles from Bathford, was renewed in 2020, this was funded from the Bathford Fund.

11. **FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS**

At 31 December 2021 there were no programme related investments authorised but not yet taken up (2020: none).

12. **POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS**

As at 12 September 2022, the investments had reduced in value to £4,589,306 (unrestricted funds) and £2,164,917 (endowment) owing to the effects of world events in 2022. It is anticipated that values will recover in the long term.

13. **RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

Margaret O'Mara and David Chapman were also Trustees of the Association of Grace Baptist Churches (South East). The Association of Grace Baptist Churches (South East) lead the **Ebbsfleet** project. The Particular Baptist Fund supported this project financially. Details of the financial support given can be seen in Note 8 under special projects.

David Chapman is an Elder at Akeman Street Baptist Church, Tring. The church was granted an interest free loan of £50,000 towards the redevelopment of the church. The loan was drawn in 2016 and will be repayable over the next 10 years on the Fund's standard terms.

There were no other related party transactions in the year.

14. **ADMINISTRATION**

The Fund is an unincorporated charity, governed by a Charity Commission Scheme dated 27 August 2004. The address of the registered office is 5 Sandalwood Road Westbury Wiltshire BA13 3UP.

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Report and Financial Statements

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Report of the Executive Committee For the year ended 31 December 2020

The Executive Committee submits its report and the financial statements of the Particular Baptist Fund ("the Fund") for the year ended 31 December 2020. The financial statements comply with Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS102) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued by the Charity Commission.

1. Reference and Administrative Information

1.1 The Trustees

The Trustees serve on the Executive Committee. The Trustees who served during the year and the Trustees who were serving at the date of the report (unless otherwise stated) were:

D Chapman	Vice Chairman (retired 21 April 2021)	M O'Mara	Vice Chairman
E Cousins	Treasurer	W Randall	
K Johns		G M Trice	Chairman
G H Jones			

Mr D Chapman retired from the Executive Committee at the Annual General Meeting on 21 April 2021, having served on the Committee since April 2005, and as its Vice-Chairman since April 2014. As Executive Committee members are drawn from the Members' Representatives his service to the Fund dates from earlier than the commencement of his long service on the Committee and all remaining members of the Executive Committee thank him for his long and diligent service and look forward to continuing to work with his as he continues as a Member's Representative.

Miss M O'Mara was elected to the office of Vice-Chairman on 21 April 2021.

1.2 The Members

The members are certain Churches and individuals. The Churches serving at 31 December 2020, together with their number of registered representatives (including the Minister), each holding one vote, are as follows:

Brentford, Ealing Road	(1)	Metropolitan Tabernacle, Elephant & Castle	(1)
Bromley, Hayes Lane	(2)	New Addington	(2)
Camberwell, Denmark Place	(2)	New Cross Road	(2)
Caterham	(2)	Tottenham High Road	(1)
Croydon West	(1)	Tring	(1)
Greenwich, Village Church	(1)	Tunbridge Wells, Pantiles	(2)
Hyde Heath	(2)	Walworth, East Street	(1)
Islington, Tollington Park	(1)	Wandsworth, West Hill	(2)
Lewisham, College Park	(1)	Watford, Derby Road	(2)
Leyton, Hainault Road	(2)		

1.3 Principal Office

5 Sandalwood Road
Westbury
Wiltshire BA13 3UP

1.4 Professional Advisers and Agents

The principal professional advisers and agents employed by the Fund as at the date of this report are as follows:

Solicitors	Pothecary Witham Weld 70 St George's Square London SW1V 3RD	Investment Managers	Investec Wealth and Investment 30 Gresham Street London EC2V 7QN	Bankers	CAF Bank Limited 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill West Malling Kent ME19 4JQ
Auditors	Jacob Cavenagh & Skeet 5 Robin Hood Lane Sutton Surrey SM1 2SW	Secretary	John Edwards 5 Sandalwood Road Westbury Wiltshire BA13 3UP		

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2. Structure, Governance & Management

2.1 Charitable Status

The Fund was established in 1717 by six Baptist Churches in London holding the doctrines of Particular Redemption and Believers' Baptism. The Fund is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission no. 240979.

2.2 The Governing Document

The Fund is governed by a Charity Commission Scheme dated 27 August 2004.

2.3 The Trustees

The Trustees of the Fund are the members of the Executive Committee ("the Executive"). The Executive is appointed by the Members in general meeting. Executive members serve three year terms. The Executive currently meets up to six times per annum and meets with the Members' Representatives twice per annum.

The induction process for any newly-appointed member of the Executive comprises an initial meeting with the Chair and the Board, followed by a series of short meetings with the Secretary on investments, the grant making process, powers and responsibilities of the Executive. The welcome information pack includes:

- a brief history of the Fund
- copies of recent Executive and Members' meeting minutes
- copies of the last three years of annual reports and accounts
- a copy of the Scheme of Arrangement
- a copy of the Rules and Regulations and
- a copy of the Charity Commission's guidance 'The Essential Trustee'.

2.4 The Members

The Members of the Fund are the Churches. Individuals may be Members, but currently there are no Individual Members. There are both doctrinal and financial requirements for Membership. Doctrinally, Members must hold to the doctrines of Particular Baptists. Financially, Members make an initial contribution to the Fund's permanent capital and thereafter make continuing contributions by way of an annual offering or donation.

Members' duties are to:

- attend Members' meetings
- elect members to the Executive
- receive reports from the Executive; and
- make recommendations to the Executive regarding the making of grants and loans.

2.5 Key Management Personnel

The Key Management Personnel of the Fund consists of the Secretary, John Edwards BSc(Econ) to whom all the day to day administrative and accounting functions of the Fund are delegated.

The Secretary's role is part-time and is regarded as a vocation and accordingly remuneration is calculated with reference to two fifths of the Baptist Union of Great Britain Stipend Scale and is reviewed annually towards the end of each year by the Trustees in a meeting, who then set the remuneration for the coming year.

2.6 Risk Management

The Fund's primary concern and objective is the glory of God. While it is the Fund's policy to trust wholly in the Lord that he will work out his purpose to this end, the Fund also acknowledges that it has a responsibility for the proper management of the Fund in accordance with applicable laws and accepted good practice and for ensuring that the risks faced by the Fund in achieving its primary aim are addressed and managed as best as possible. The Executive Committee has therefore conducted its own review of the major risks to which the Fund is exposed and systems and procedures have been established in order to manage those risks. This review is repeated annually.

The most significant risks identified and actions undertaken to mitigate them are:

- The trustee body cease to have a sufficient range of skills and abilities due to a declining trustee base. This is being addressed by seeking new churches to join the fund and inviting suitable officers of churches in the increased membership to become Trustees;
- Decline in investment values. This is being addressed by the appointment of proactive investment managers with instructions to maintain a balanced portfolio and monitoring their performance through a program of Trustee meetings with them;
- Incapacity of Key Management Personnel through long term illness, resulting in failure to continue grant-making procedures and compliance failures. This is addressed by the Fund's electronic records being maintained on cloud-based platforms to which key Trustees have access enabling them to intervene if necessary.

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3. Objectives, Activities & Strategies

3.1 Objective

The object of the charity is stated as: “the advancement of the Christian religion in Great Britain, Ireland, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man in accordance with the doctrines of Particular Baptists”.

3.2 Aim

The Trustees aim to achieve this objective by:

- relieving ministers and retired ministers and the dependants who are in need, hardship or distress;
- supporting selected projects which seek to revive or establish new Particular Baptist Churches;
- supporting the theological education of persons intending to minister to others;
- assisting with the construction, maintenance and repair of the fabric, fittings and furniture of the buildings of Churches (whether or not a member of the charity) where the doctrines of the Particular Baptists are preached; and
- such other means being charitable and in pursuance of the object as the Executive Committee shall from time to time think fit.

These were the Fund’s main objectives for the year.

3.3 Activities

Alongside the governing document, the activities of the Fund are managed under a series of Rules and Regulations formulated by the Executive Committee. Within this framework, the Fund seeks to make:

- grants to colleges providing education for those preparing for the Baptist ministry
- grants for Churches with a clear vision for mission to their community
- grants to current Baptist ministers and ministers in training for educational needs
- grants to present and former Baptist ministers and retired ministers’ widows for the relief of hardship
- loans to Churches for the purchase of, and building works to, Church buildings and manses.

3.4 Strategies

The Fund is committed to distributing its unrestricted reserves in accordance with its stated objectives and also in accordance with its unrestricted reserves policy. It is also committed to increasing its loan portfolio. To these ends the Executive is committed to:

- identifying new beneficiaries by:
 - appointing, where practicable/possible, individuals to the Executive with extensive contacts within the Particular Baptist community
 - encouraging each Executive member and also the Fund’s members to be alert to charitable opportunities within the Particular Baptist community
 - advertising through a website (www.pbfund.org.uk) and the distribution of up to date promotional literature to the Particular Baptist community, not only directly to Churches but also via local associations
- reviewing grant and loan levels at least once per annum
- reporting half-annually to the members

4. Achievements and Performance

During the year, the Fund continued to make grants and loans in accordance with the Fund’s objectives and in accordance with the grants and loans policies established by the Executive. The Fund continues to report performance in terms of numbers of individuals, institutions and Churches who have been assisted, together with monetary amounts distributed by category of grant.

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Taking into account the improvement in investment values in the previous year the Executive found it possible to recommence the making of potentially very-long-term-commitment Home Mission Pastoral Grants as well as renewing grants to existing beneficiaries. Consequently the Fund's grant-making expenditure of £333,718 to 26 different parties shows an increase over the previous year's expenditure of £287,792 to 24 different parties, as follows:

	2020 No.	2020 £	2019 No.	2019 £
Educational grants (institutions)	2	25,000	2	30,000
Consents to redundant chapel transfers - related costs	0	6,605	0	1,458
Theological Education Support Grants	7	67,500	8	87,000
Ministerial Internship Grants	1	10,000	0	-
Home Mission Pastoral Grants	6	174,663	4	98,034
Project grants	0	-	1	30,000
Special Project Grants	1	5,000	1	5,000
Retired ministerial grants	8	43,950	8	36,300
Benevolent Grants	1	1,000	0	-
Total	26	333,718	24	287,792

The Fund's loan profile, disclosed as programme related investments within fixed asset (note 5) and current asset (note 6) investments, is as follows:

	2020 No.	2020 £	2019 No.	2019 £
New loans	-	-	2	95,000
Total loans	12	229,505	14	302,688

4.1 Investment Performance against objectives

The Fund's investment policy is set out more fully at 6.1 below.

The investments produced dividend income of £171,422 (2019: £126,204)

Net (losses), realised and unrealised, of £(24,352) (2019 gains £342,327) accrued to the Endowment Fund taking the value of the Endowment Fund to £2,162,504 at 31 December 2020, an decrease of 1.1% over the year. In the light of difficult market conditions in the face of world events this is satisfactory against achieving the objective of protecting the Endowment Fund against inflation and generating income.

Net gains, realised and unrealised, of £232,944 (2019 £901,146) accrued to General Funds, so total returns on investments, gains and dividends, amounted to £380,014, 5.3% of the value of investments at the start of the year. The performance of the Fund's investments was encouragingly positive in the light of the effects of world events in 2020.

4.2 Future Developments

The Trustees are reviewing certain grants to make them more appropriate and relevant in the current climate.

5. Financial Review

The results of the Fund, together with comparative figures for 2019, can be found in the Statement of Financial Activities on page 10. At 31 December 2020, the Fund had net assets of £7,733,308 (2019: £7,310,209). This includes the market value of the Fund's investments at 31 December 2020.

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6. Financial Policies

The financial policies relating to the Fund are as follows:

6.1 Investment Policy

The assets of the Fund (excluding cash and loans to Churches) are invested in a diversified portfolio to achieve long term growth in capital and income including ensuring the real value of the Endowment Fund is protected against inflation. For details of investments held see notes 5 and 6. The Investment Policy has been extensively reviewed and a new policy including ethical standards was accepted by the member Churches at the AGM in April 2009. In 2018 it was considered appropriate to seek more proactive investment managers and Investec Wealth and Investment were appointed as investment managers and during 2019 investment holdings were transferred to their management.

6.2 Loan Policy

Loans are made to Churches sharing the doctrinal basis of the Members for the purchase of, and building works to, Church buildings and manses, in accordance with the Rules and Regulations. Currently the maximum loan is £50,000. Repayment terms are normally ten years and are interest free. Loans to unincorporated charities are unsecured, but loans to incorporated charities are guaranteed as appropriate. For details of loans, which are accounted for as programme related investments, see notes 5 and 6.

6.3 Grants Policy

Grants are made to educational establishments, Churches and individuals embracing the doctrinal basis of the Members and in accordance with the Rules and Regulations. Details are included below:

- Educational. From 1811 the Fund was committed to financial support of the work of Stepney Academy, now Regent's Park College, Oxford, and later gave financial encouragement to the work of The Pastors' College, now Spurgeon's College. Grants are also made to individual ministers in training and to full time ministers seeking to follow further studies relevant to the ministry.
- Mission. Grants are made to Churches and Church plants which are culturally relevant as well as being in tune with the Fund's theological position. Such grants are given for up to twelve years. Special Project Grants are given to small churches towards the capital expenditure on evangelistic projects
- Benevolent. Grants are given to retired ministers with a low income, and occasionally to serving pastors in particular need.

The Fund's aim is to devote 40% of Funds income to Educational Grants, 40% to Mission Grants and 20% to Benevolent Grants with a 5 percentage points tolerance on all three classes.

For details of grants made, see note 3.

6.4 Reserve Policies: Categories and Unrestricted Reserves

6.4.1 Reserve Categories

The Fund's reserves are classified as follows:

Endowment Fund. This comprises those Funds which must be held permanently by the Fund. Income arising can be used in accordance with the objects of the charity and is included as unrestricted income. Any capital gains or losses arising on general Endowment Fund form part of the Endowment Fund.

The Bathford Fund. This arose from the proceeds of the chapel at Bathford, Somerset, of which the Fund was the ultimate beneficiary. Income arising on the Bathford Fund could be used in accordance with the objects of the charity for the benefit of SW England and has been accounted for as restricted income. The capital of the Bathford Fund was in the nature of an endowment fund. Any capital gains or losses arising on the Bathford Fund formed part of the Fund. The income derived from the Bathford Fund being very modest, during 2018 the Executive resolved to apply the capital of the fund as if it were income. During 2019 the resolution was duly notified to the Charity Commission and no objection received. The restriction that the Bathford Fund should be used for the benefit of SW England remains. Accordingly the whole of the Fund is now accounted for as restricted income and the Executive intend to use it in connection with projects located as near as possible to Bathford. During 2020 it has been possible to apply the Bathford Fund in Melksham, less than 10 miles away.

Restricted Funds amounted to:	2020	2019
	£	£
Endowment Fund	2,162,504	2,186,855
Bathford Fund - Income	<u>28,772</u>	<u>59,192</u>
	<u>2,191,276</u>	<u>2,246,047</u>

Unrestricted Funds. These comprise those Funds which the Executive is free to use in accordance with the objects of the Fund and are:

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- The General Fund
 - The Designated Loan Fund. This Fund arose from a decision made in 1951 to set aside exceptional income (mainly arising from chapel sales where the Fund was the ultimate beneficiary) in order to purchase sites for new chapels. Originally denominated the Special Funds Account, it was renamed the Loan Fund in 1978, its application being changed to the provision of loans to Churches for the purchase of manses, extension of buildings and major repair costs. This purpose was confirmed by the Executive in a minute dated 3 October 1990.
 - The Welsh Mission Fund. This Fund was set up in 2012 from the proceeds of the sale of Zion Chapel, Sclleddau, Fishguard. On a request from the Welsh Baptist Union Corporation, the Trustees agreed to set aside this amount to provide Mission grants to Welsh Churches. This Fund was added to during 2015 and 2016 by the proceeds of redundant properties in Colwyn Bay. During 2019 the proceeds of Blaendulais chapel were added to the fund.
 - The Cambourne Fund. During 2016 the Executive agreed that, when received, the proceeds of Caxton chapel should be transferred to Christ Church Cambourne, Cambridgeshire, for the purpose of assisting in acquiring a suitable manse, the Fund to continue to be the ultimate beneficiary of a proportion of that property commensurate with the proceeds of Caxton chapel. During 2019 the proceeds of Caxton chapel were received, but at the year end a suitable property had not been acquired, so the proceeds are held as the Cambourne Fund pending suitable arrangements for their application being concluded.

For more details on reserves and reserve balances, see the balance sheet on page 11.

6.4.2 Unrestricted Reserves Policy

The Fund's unrestricted reserves amount to £5,542,032 at 31 December 2020 (2019: £5,064,162). The Executive seeks to distribute the entire income generated by these Funds, together with the income from the endowment (both restricted and unrestricted) Funds.

The Executive have agreed an unrestricted policy whereby approximately £1,000,000 will be set aside for making loans to Churches for repairs to Church buildings and manses (the "Designated Loan Fund").

The Executive consider that to ensure the Fund continues to operate in the case of a substantial decline in its income, the balance of the unrestricted reserves should not go below £300,000. In addition, the Executive is concerned not to undertake commitments that are dependent upon capital gains on investments, as those gains could be reversed in future years. It has adopted a ten year plan that seeks to reduce reserves to £300,000 and thereafter to balance expenditure with income.

6.4.3 Primary Funding Sources

The main source of the Fund's income is its investments.

7. Public Benefit

The Trustees have taken into account the guidance published by the Charity Commission on the provision of public benefit. They confirm that Public Benefit is provided through

- supporting current and retired ministers in financial need. During the year, 2 new awards were made to new church plants (2019: no new awards), and 4 churches (2019:4) had their grants renewed, though one of these was also withdrawn when the minister left and at 31 December 2020 12 (2019:11) churches were receiving on-going grants towards their ministers' stipends, and 10 retired ministers or their widows were helped during the year (2019:12);
- helping Churches by means of loans to upgrade their premises, enabling them to serve their communities better. At 31 December 2020 12 churches (2019:14) were continuing to benefit from funds which have helped them enhance their premises;
- supporting projects that seek to reach out to and help their communities by providing Christian teaching and social support. Long term projects will not be further renewed (2019:1 renewal) and help for 1 new one-off project was approved for help during the year though funds have not yet been advanced as it was not possible for the church to implement their proposals during COVID-19 restrictions. (2019:1); and
- training grants to educational institutions and to individual ministers leading to the improvement of the ability of Churches to serve their communities. During the year 2 educational institutions (2019:2) and 1 trainee pastors (2019:2) received grants, and at 31 December 2020 13 supported student pastors (2019:15) were continuing their studies.

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8. Impact of COVID-19

The Fund derives its income from, and benefits from gains on, commercial investments and, notwithstanding engaging proactive investment advisers, is subject to overall market conditions. COVID-19 had an adverse impact on financial markets globally and, whilst there was a recovery by the year end noted at 4.1 above, the not-unsatisfactory performance might have been better had the pandemic not occurred, and during the year there was real concern at falling investment values which may have had an unquantifiable cautionary effect on some grant making decisions.

9. Responsibilities of the Executive for the Financial Statements

The Executive is responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice. Charity law requires the Executive to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of its financial activities for that period.

In preparing those financial statements, the Executive is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles set out in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the activities of the charity will continue.

The Executive is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enables it to ensure that the financial statements comply with part 8 of the Charities Act 2011. It is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

10. Approval

The report of the Executive Committee was approved by the Executive Committee on 15th September 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

Eric Cousins
Treasurer

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Independent auditor's report to the trustees of Particular Baptist Fund For the year ended 31 December 2020

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Particular Baptist Fund (the "Charity") for the year ended 31 December 2020 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Charity's affairs as at 31 December 2020 and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least 12 months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, including the trustees' report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the Charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities Act 2011 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate and proper accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of the trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the Charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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Independent auditor's report to the trustees of Particular Baptist Fund For the year ended 31 December 2020

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 145 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Based on our understanding of the charity, we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to employment and financial reporting legislation and we considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements. We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements such as the Charities Act 2011.

We assessed the susceptibility of the company's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by making enquiries of management, considering the internal controls in place and discussion amongst the engagement team.

We determined that the principal risks were related to presentation of separately disclosed items, the recognition of grant expenditure and management override of controls.

In response to the risks identified we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to reviewing trustees' minutes, evaluating the internal controls, agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation, and testing journal entries. A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Jacob Cavenagh & Skeet

Statutory Auditor

Chartered Accountants

5 Robin Hood Lane

Sutton

Surrey

SM1 2SW

Dated:

Jacob Cavenagh & Skeet is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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Statement of Financial Activities For the year ended 31 December 2020

		2020					2019				
		Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds
	Note	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income from:	2										
Donations and legacies		10,058	711	-	1	10,770	40,407	-	-	500	40,907
Investments		156,405	15,047		-	171,452	120,036	6,168		-	126,204
Other income		<u>425,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>425,000</u>	<u>174,162</u>	<u>404,395</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>578,557</u>
Total income		<u>591,463</u>	<u>15,758</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>607,222</u>	<u>334,605</u>	<u>410,563</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>745,668</u>
Expenditure on:	3										
Charitable activities		<u>349,739</u>	<u>12,556</u>	<u>30,420</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>392,715</u>	<u>272,096</u>	<u>64,380</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>336,476</u>
Total expenditure		<u>349,739</u>	<u>12,556</u>	<u>30,420</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>392,715</u>	<u>272,096</u>	<u>64,380</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>336,476</u>
Gains/(losses) on investment assets		<u>186,274</u>	<u>46,670</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(24,352)</u>	<u>208,592</u>	<u>688,940</u>	<u>212,206</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>342,327</u>	<u>1,243,473</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		427,998	49,872	(30,420)	(24,351)	423,099	751,449	558,389	-	342,827	1,652,665
Transfers between funds	4	<u>43,990</u>	<u>(43,990)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>168,089</u>	<u>(168,089)</u>	<u>58,900</u>	<u>(58,900)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		471,988	5,882	(30,420)	(24,351)	423,099	919,538	390,300	58,900	283,927	1,652,665
Balance brought forward 1 January		<u>3,477,568</u>	<u>1,586,594</u>	<u>59,192</u>	<u>2,186,855</u>	<u>7,310,209</u>	<u>2,558,030</u>	<u>1,196,294</u>	<u>292</u>	<u>1,902,928</u>	<u>5,657,544</u>
Balance carried forward 31 December		<u>3,949,556</u>	<u>1,592,476</u>	<u>28,772</u>	<u>2,162,504</u>	<u>7,733,308</u>	<u>3,477,568</u>	<u>1,586,594</u>	<u>59,192</u>	<u>2,186,855</u>	<u>7,310,209</u>

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Balance Sheet

As at 31 December 2020

Registered Charity No. 240979

		General Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Fund	Endowment Fund £	Total 2020 £	General Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Fund	Endowment Fund £	Total 2019 £
FIXED ASSETS											
Investments	5	3,834,271	1,167,312	-	2,140,309	7,141,892	3,742,760	1,190,778	-	2,175,987	7,109,525
CURRENT ASSETS											
Investments	6		41,633			41,633	-	49,633	-	-	49,633
Debtors – falling due within one year	7	459,294	5,272			464,566	46,533	2,391			48,924
Cash at bank and in hand		(22,411)	425,334	51,587	22,195	476,705	18,709	439,227	59,192	10,868	527,996
		436,883	472,239	51,587	22,195	982,904	65,242	491,251	59,192	10,868	626,553
CREDITORS											
Falling due within one year	8	204,015	26,310	10,140	-	240,465	227,159	48,360	-	-	275,519
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)		232,868	445,929	41,447	22,195	742,439	(161,917)	442,891	59,192	10,868	351,034
CREDITORS											
Falling due after one year	8	117,583	20,765	12,675	-	151,023	103,275	47,075	-	-	150,350
NET ASSETS		3,949,556	1,592,476	28,772	2,162,504	7,733,308	3,477,568	1,586,594	59,192	2,186,855	7,310,209
FUNDS	10										
Unrestricted Funds		3,949,556	1,592,476	-	-	5,542,032	3,477,568	1,586,594	-	-	5,064,162
Restricted Funds		-	-	28,772	-	28,772	-	-	59,192	-	59,192
Endowment Fund		-	-	-	2,162,504	2,162,504	-	-	-	2,186,855	2,186,855
		3,949,556	1,592,476	28,772	2,162,504	7,733,308	3,477,568	1,586,594	59,192	2,186,855	7,310,209

The financial statements were approved by the Executive Committee on 15 September 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

Eric Cousins
Treasurer

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Cash Flow Statement For the year ended 31 December 2020

	2020 £	2019 £
Cash flows from operating activities	<u>(370,926)</u>	<u>193,489</u>
Cash flows from investing activities		
Interest received	30	-
Dividends received	171,422	77,280
Proceeds on disposal of fixed asset investments to create managed portfolio	-	6,770,247
(Purchase) of fixed asset investments-creation of managed portfolio	-	(6,530,132)
Repayment from fixed asset investment managed portfolio	75,000	-
New programme related investments granted – loans advanced	-	(95,000)
Repayment of programme related investments – loan repayments	<u>73,183</u>	<u>44,412</u>
Net cash generated by investing activities	<u>319,635</u>	<u>266,807</u>
(Decrease)/Increase in cash and cash equivalents during the year	(51,291)	460,296
Cash and cash equivalents as at 1 January	<u>527,996</u>	<u>67,700</u>
Cash and cash equivalents as at 31 December	<u>476,705</u>	<u>527,996</u>
Reconciliation of net movement in funds to cash used in operating activities	2020	2019
	£	£
Net movement in funds	423,099	1,652,665
Adjustments for:		
(Interest received)	(30)	-
(Dividends received)	(171,422)	(77,280)
Investment (gains)/losses	(208,592)	(1,243,473)
Management charges borne within managed portfolio	36,042	-
(Increase)/Decrease in debtors – income receivable	(415,642)	(48,924)
(Decrease)/Increase in creditors	<u>(34,381)</u>	<u>(89,499)</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>(370,926)</u>	<u>193,489</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 31 December 2020

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102). The financial statements are drawn up on the historical cost basis of accounting, as modified by the revaluation of investment properties and other investments. There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue in operation. The accounts are stated in pounds sterling and rounded to the nearest pound. The Particular Baptist Fund meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Fund accounting

The General Fund is an unrestricted Fund which is available for use at the discretion of the Executive in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which has not been designated for other purposes. The Designated Loan Fund is an unrestricted Fund which has been set aside by the Executive for particular purposes. The Endowment Fund represents those Funds which must be held permanently by the Fund. Investment income is allocated to the General Fund. Gains and losses held by the General and Designated Funds are allocated proportionally to the appropriate Fund. Gains and losses on Endowment Fund investments are allocated directly to the Endowment Fund.

Income

Voluntary income and donations (including collections and legacies) are accounted for once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be reliably measured. Investment income is accounted for on an accruals basis.

Grants and other expenditure

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is conveyed to the recipient except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year-end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

A provision for a multi-year grant is recognised at its present value where settlement is due over more than one year from the date of the award, there are no unfulfilled performance conditions under the control of the Fund to avoid making the future payment(s), settlement is probable, and the effect of discounting is material. The discount rate used is the rate offered on government bonds (Gilts) for a commensurate or similar time period offered in the year in which the grant award is made

Other expenditure is accrued as soon as a liability is considered probable, discounted to present value for longer term liabilities. Expenditure includes attributable VAT which cannot be recovered. Governance costs are now allocated to grant activities.

Investments

Listed investments are stated at quoted market value. Realised and unrealised gains and losses on investments are reflected through the Statement of Financial Activities. Programme related investments, being loans to Churches, are stated at the amount loaned, adjusted for any repayments, accrued interest and any irrecoverable amount.

Debtors

Amounts owed to the charity for goods and services and other debtors are included at the settlement amount due. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

Cash at bank and in hand

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

Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation arising from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at their settlement amount.

Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

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2. **INCOME FROM**

	2020 General Fund	2020 Loan Fund	2020 Welsh Fund	2020 Endow ment Fund	2020 Total	2019 Total
	£	£		£	£	£
<u>Donations and legacies</u>						
Collections & donations from Members	1,004			1	1,005	1,562
Gifts from beneficiaries	8,109	-	711		8,820	5,178
Other gifts	945	-	-	-	945	34,167
	<u>10,058</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>711</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>10,770</u>	<u>40,907</u>
<u>Investments</u>						
Dividends	156,375	12,967	2,080	-	171,422	126,204
Bank interest	30	-	-	-	30	-
	<u>156,405</u>	<u>12,967</u>	<u>2,080</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>171,452</u>	<u>126,204</u>
<u>Other income</u>						
Redundant Churches	425,000	-	-		425,000	578,557
Total income	591,463	12,967	2,791	1	607,222	745,668
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3. EXPENDITURE		2020 £	2019 £
<u>Charitable activities</u>			
<u>Grants</u>	Grants to Institutions		
Educational grants	Angus Library	15,000	15,000
	Spurgeon's College	10,000	15,000
Ministerial Internship Grant	Abingdon	10,000	-
Special Project Grants	Folkestone	5,000	-
	Y GRWP	-	5,000
			-
Project Grants	Pembrokeshire Missioner (Welsh Fund)	-	30,000
Pastoral Support Grants	Arann	11,519	19,789
	Aberdeen	76,500	-
	Chingford	(20,000)	28,800
	Didcot	53,724	-
	Melksham (Bathford Fund)	30,420	-
	Noddfa (Welsh Fund)	-	34,380
	Spen Valley	22,500	-
	Wakefield	-	15,065
Gift in Specie	Redeemer Church Cardiff – Splott Chapel	6,605	1,458
	Grants to Individuals		
Educational grants	Theological Education Support Grants	67,500	87,000
Retired ministerial grants		43,950	36,300
Benevolent Grants		1,000	-
		333,718	287,792
Secretary's honorarium	(see note below)	10,725	10,358
Investment Management		35,685	27,233
Advertising		720	-
Office Running Costs		1,189	185
Travel costs		482	3,910
Forex (Gain)/Loss		1,034	103
Legal & professional		3,890	-
Audit/Independent examination		4,500	4,380
Meeting expenses		178	915
Other		594	1,600
Total expenditure		392,715	336,476

⁴ Included within Travel costs are amounts totalling £nil (2019: £1,046) which no (2019: 4) members of the Executive received for costs incurred in furtherance of the Fund's activities other than in connection with governance. Also included in Travel expenses are amounts totalling £216 (2019: £1,290) which 6 (2019: 6) members of the Executive received for costs in connection with governance. In total 6 members of the Executive claimed travelling expenses totalling £216 (2019: 6 members claimed a total of £2,336). No member of the Executive received remuneration in the year or preceding year.

Total Governance Costs amounted to	4,894	6,585
There was one employee (2019: one):		
Gross salary (inc. in lieu Pension Contributions)	10,725	10,358
Employer's National Insurance	-	-
	10,725	10,358

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4. TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS

During the year a transfer of £43,990 from the Designated Loan Fund to the General Fund (2019: £168,089 from the Designated Loan Fund) was made in order to reflect the wishes of the Executive to keep the Designated Loan Fund at £1,000,000.

5. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Commercial Investments at market value £	Programme related investments at cost £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
At 1 January 2020	6,856,470	253,055	7,109,525	6,054,799
Additions within managed portfolio	1,153,376	-	1,153,376	6,625,132
Disposals within managed portfolio	(1,202,418)	-	(1,202,418)	(5,752,415)
Cash recycled in managed portfolio	49,042		49,042	
Realised (deficits) absorbed in managed portfolio	(268,751)		(268,751)	
Charges borne within managed portfolio	(36,042)		(36,042)	
Cash withdrawn from managed portfolio	(75,000)		(75,000)	
Net surplus (deficit) on revaluation	477,343	-	477,343	225,642
Transfers to current asset investments	-	(65,183)	(65,183)	(43,633)
At 31 December 2020	<u>6,954,020</u>	<u>187,872</u>	<u>7,141,892</u>	<u>7,109,525</u>
Commercial investments at market value include cash held with investments as part of a managed portfolio	170,460	-	170,460	231,096
			2020	2019
Commercial investments at original cost			£	£
Henderson New Star			-	75,697
Quoted Securities Portfolio managed by Investec			6,093,363	6,291,912
			<u>6,093,363</u>	<u>6,367,609</u>

Programme related investments are loans made to Churches for building works to Churches and Church manses.
All investments are held within the UK.

6. CURRENT ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Programme related investments at cost	
	2020	2019
	£	£
At 1 January 2020	49,633	50,413
Transfers from fixed asset investments	65,183	43,633
Disposals	(73,183)	(44,413)
At 31 December 2020	<u>41,633</u>	<u>49,633</u>

7. DEBTORS

	2020	2019
	£	£
Accrued dividend income	39,293	48,924
Accrued redundant chapel proceeds	425,000	-
Donations receivable	273	-
	<u>464,566</u>	<u>48,924</u>

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8. CREDITORS

	2020 £	2019 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Constructive Obligations		
Project Grants:		
Ebbsfleet	8,750	15,000
Mission Enabler	7,500	7,500
Special Project Grants		
Folkestone	5,000	-
Pastoral Support Grants		
Aberdeen	25,500	-
Arann	2,892	8,183
Chingford	-	9,600
Didcot	15,875	-
Grangetown	7,350	29,400
Melksham	10,140	3,300
Noddfa	11,460	11,460
Oldham	4,900	8,400
Portsmouth	12,500	15,000
Spen Valley	6,800	15,200
Wakefield	4,875	19,500
Wick	5,400	21,600
Educational Grants	91,767	96,338
	220,709	260,481
Other taxes and social security	125	-
Accruals	19,631	15,038
	240,465	275,519
Amounts falling due after one year:		
Project Grants:		
Ebbsfleet	-	8,750
Mission Enabler	13,125	20,625
Pastoral Support Grants		
Aberdeen	44,625	-
Chingford	-	19,200
Didcot	32,958	-
Grangetown	-	7,350
Melksham	12,675	-
Noddfa	7,640	19,100
Oldham	-	4,900
Portsmouth	-	12,500
Spen Valley	12,500	-
Wakefield	-	4,875
Wick	-	5,400
Educational Grants	27,500	47,650
	151,023	150,350

GRANTS AGREED BUT NOT YET QUANTIFIABLE

As previously reported, during 2015 the Fund agreed to grant two further Pastoral Support Grants for Ackhill Baptist Church and Formby Baptist Church. These grants did not become quantifiable during the past year and, having regard to potential changes in circumstances during the lengthy period which has elapsed since they were awarded, the Fund has decided any grants to these beneficiaries would be subject to a new application and no obligations currently remain to these beneficiaries.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Ebbsfleet is a new style Church project in a new town within the Thames Gateway in North Kent led by the Association of Grace Baptist Churches (South East). The project started in 2012 and the Fund's support is reviewed every two years. The Fund confirmed its fourth period of support in 2018. The total amount of grant, after the review, allocated is £150,000 of which £141,250 had been paid as at 31 December 2020 (2019: £126,250). £8,750 remains to be paid in 2021. There will be no further grant allocated to this project.

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Mission Enabler is a project in Pembrokeshire, Wales led by Pembrokeshire Baptist Association (English Wing) to encourage and enable local communities to engage in local mission activities. The project started in October 2013 for three years and support was agreed for another three years in 2016. The grant was reviewed in 2019 and support was agreed for the remaining 4 years of the maximum 10 year term of this grant. The total amount of grant allocated is £73,500 of which £52,875 has been paid as at 31 December 2020 (2019: £45,375) and £7,500 remains to be paid in 2021, £7,500 in 2022, and £5,625 in 2023.

9. PASTORAL SUPPORT GRANTS

Since the inception of this Grant, awards now exceeding £1M have been allocated and will be paid as follows:

	Year commenced	Paid up to 31 Dec 2020	Due 2021	Due 2022	Due 2023	Total allocated
		£	£	£	£	£
Aberdeen	2020	6,375	25,500	25,500	19,125	76,500
Arann	2014	137,566	2,183			139,749
Chelmondiston	2012	69,235				69,235
Chingford	2014	73,786				73,786
Didcot	2020	4,890	15,876	21,972	10,986	53,724
Grangetown	2018	80,850	7,350			88,200
Manchester	2014	55,386				55,386
Melksham	2017	47,205	10,140	10,140	2,535	70,020
Noddfa	2016	72,880	11,460	7,640		91,980
Oldham	2018	20,300	4,900			25,200
Portsmouth	2015	95,500	12,500			108,000
Southampton	2011	92,266				92,266
Spenn Valley	2017	71,600	6,800	7,500	5,000	90,900
Wakefield	2018	45,110	4,875			49,985
Wick	2018	59,400	5,400			64,800
Total allocated						1,149,731

10. FUND MOVEMENTS

In 2020 the movements of the various Funds in the year were as follows:

	General Fund	Loan Fund	Welsh Mission Fund	Cambourne Fund	Endowment Funds	Bathford Fund	Total
Brought forward reserves	3,477,568	1,000,000	198,572	388,022	2,186,855	59,192	7,310,209
Income	591,463	12,967	2,791	-	1		607,222
Expenditure	(349,739)	(3,682)	(8,874)	-	-	(30,420)	(392,715)
Transfers between Funds	43,990	(43,990)	-	-	-	-	-
Investment gains/(losses)	186,274	34,705	11,965	-	(24,352)	-	208,592
Total carried forward reserves	3,949,556	1,000,000	204,454	388,022	2,162,504	28,772	7,733,308

In 2019 the movements of the various Funds in the year were as follows:

Brought forward reserves	2,558,030	1,000,000	196,294	-	1,902,928	292	5,657,544
Income	334,605	-	22,541	388,022	500	-	745,668
Expenditure	(272,096)	-	(64,380)	-	-	-	(336,476)
Transfers between Funds	168,089	(168,089)	-	-	(58,900)	58,900	-
Investment gains/(losses)	688,940	168,089	44,117	-	342,327	-	1,243,473
Total carried forward reserves	3,477,568	1,000,000	198,572	388,022	2,186,855	59,192	7,310,209

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Unrestricted Funds.

These comprise those Funds which the Executive is free to use in accordance with the charitable objects of the Fund and are:

- The General Fund.
- The Loan Fund. This designated Fund arose from a decision made in 1951 to set aside exceptional income (mainly arising from chapel sales where the Fund was the ultimate beneficiary) in order to purchase sites for new chapels. Originally denominated the Special Funds Account, it was renamed the Loan Fund in 1978, its application being changed to the provision of loans to Churches for the purchase of manses, extension of buildings and major repair costs. This purpose was confirmed by the Executive in a minute dated 3 October 1990.
- The Welsh Mission Fund. This designated Fund was set up in 2012 from the proceeds of the sale of the sale of Zion Chapel, Scleddau, Fishguard. On a request from the Welsh Baptist Union Corporation, the Trustees agreed to set aside this amount to provide Mission grants to Welsh Churches. The Trustees have decided to increase the Welsh Fund to include the proceeds of redundant chapels in Colwyn Bay. During 2019 the proceeds of Blaendulais chapel have been added to the fund.
- The Cambourne Fund. During 2016 the Executive agreed that, when received, the proceeds of Caxton chapel should be transferred to Christ Church Cambourne, Cambridgeshire, for the purpose of assisting in acquiring a suitable manse, the Fund to continue to be the ultimate beneficiary of a proportion of that property commensurate with the proceeds of Caxton chapel. During 2019 the proceeds of Caxton chapel were received, but a suitable property has still not been acquired, so the proceeds are held as the Cambourne Fund pending suitable arrangements for their application being concluded.

Endowment Fund.

Income arising on the general endowment Fund can be used in accordance with the objects of the charity and is included as unrestricted income. Any capital gains or losses arising on general endowment Funds form part of the endowment Fund. When churches become member churches of the fund they are required to make a capital contribution to the Fund and these contributions are added to the Endowment Fund.

Bathford Fund

Income arising on the Bathford Fund can be used in accordance with the objects of the charity for the benefit of SW England and will be included as restricted income. Any capital gains or losses arising on the Bathford Funds form part of the Fund. The income derived from the Bathford Fund being very modest, during 2018 the Executive resolved to apply the capital of the fund as if it were income. During 2019 the resolution was duly notified to the Charity Commission and no objection received. The restriction that the Bathford Fund should be used for the benefit of SW England remains. Accordingly the whole of the Fund is now accounted for as restricted income. The Executive intend to use it in connection with projects located as near as possible to Bathford, so when the Home Mission Pastoral Grant to Melksham, just a few miles from Bathford, was renewed in 2020, this was funded from the Bathford Fund.

11. **FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS**

At 31 December 2020 there were no programme related investments authorised but not yet taken up (2019: £0).

12. **RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

Margaret O'Mara and David Chapman were also Trustees of the Association of Grace Baptist Churches (South East). The Association of Grace Baptist Churches (South East) leads the **Ebbfleet** project. The Particular Baptist Fund is supporting this project financially. Details of the financial support given can be seen in Note 7 under special projects.

David Chapman is an Elder at Akeman Street Baptist Church, Tring. The church was granted an interest free loan of £50,000 towards the redevelopment of the church. The loan was drawn in 2016 and will be repayable over the next 10 years on the Fund's standard terms.

There were no other related party transactions in the year.

13. **ADMINISTRATION**

The Fund is an unincorporated charity, governed by a Charity Commission Scheme dated 27 August 2004. The address of the registered office is 5 Sandalwood Road Westbury Wiltshire BA13 3UP.