

Wick Baptist Church
Financial Statement
For the Year Ended 31 May 2023

SC 021252

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For the Year ended 31 May 2023

Pastor

The pastorate was vacant from 1st July 2017. [REDACTED] served as part-time pastor during the period August 2019 to March 2020. [REDACTED] was appointed pastor on 1 August 2020.

Secretary

[REDACTED]

Treasurer/Minute Secretary

[REDACTED]

Deacons

[REDACTED]

Registered Charity Number

SC 021252

Bankers

Clydesdale Bank plc
Bridge Street
Wick

Independent Examiner

[REDACTED]

The Report of the Deacons Court

The deacons submit their report and accounts for the year ended 31 May 2023 . .

Constitution

The church is established by Constitution and is registered as a Scottish Charity.

Principal Objective

The aims of the church, which is affiliated to the Baptist Union of Scotland, are to worship together in Spirit and Truth, to build up the members in the faith and to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ in word and action to a dying world.

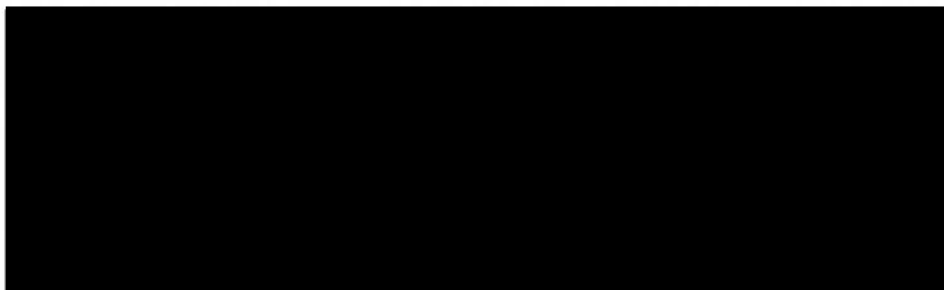
Principal Activities

The principal activities of the church during a normal year were the public worship of Jesus Christ and the running of prayer meetings, Sunday School, youth and various fellowship groups.

During these last previous years the church embraced digital technology and conducted meetings via Whats App and Zoom and with the arrival of [REDACTED] services were pre-recorded and placed on Youtube. When permitted services continued to be conducted within the church building. The majority of services now are held physically in the church premises again

Office Bearers

The church is congregational in policy and its day to day running is undertaken by the office bearers and deacons. The office bearers and deacons who served during the year were as follows :-



The Deacons are the Charity Trustees.

Geoff Oswald also acts as church cleaner and currently receives £37.50 per week. .

Pastor

The pastorate was vacant from 1st July 2017 . [REDACTED] served as part-time pastor during the period August 2019 to March 2020. [REDACTED] was appointed pastor on 1 August 2020.

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The results for the year are set out in the accounts on pages 5 .

The Report of the Deacons Court (Continued)

Statement by Deacons'

.The church was delighted to welcome [REDACTED] who was appointed pastor on 1 August 2020..

The church has maintained attendance and membership, however the congregation is ageing and we are seeing a gradual decrease in attendance at the evening services. AS a result some evening services have been halted. With the restrictions due to Covid some members are still reluctant to return to church

The outreach activities of Sunday School in Wick, Mainly Music in Wick, Mothers and Toddlers in Wick and Youth Club in Keiss continued to develop a large number of contacts who are introduced to the Gospel message. These had to cease for periods but the Sunday School continued to operate every Sunday via Zoom. These are now fully operational.

In respect of accounts the Reserves are satisfactory and we are grateful to God for his provision. However these reserves are necessary both for the provision of a pastor and during the lockdown for the catching up of the general maintenance of the church and provision for work that requires to be carried out in the future on replacing the clock in the spire, replacement of wooden windows and repair of external stonework.

The Deacons decided to prepare a Receipts and Payments Account in accordance with the new 2006 regulations and this has been independently examined.

Deacons are appointed by election by the church members whenever required. No deacons received any remuneration or expenses during the year, apart from any reimbursement of expenses incurred on behalf of the church, apart from [REDACTED] who receives £37.50 per week as church cleaner.

Approval

This report was approved by the deacons court and the church at its AGM on 12 September 2023 and signed on its behalf by

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[REDACTED]
Treasurer

Independent Examiners Report to the Deacons of Wick Baptist Church

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 May 2023 which are set out on the attached page.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10 (1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under Section 44 (1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiners statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention :-

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements :-

- * to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44 (1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and

- * to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met, or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Receipts and Payments Account
For the Years ended 31 May 2023

General Fund	2023	2022
Receipts		
Church offerings	58426	55840
Gift Aid income tax recoverable	7435	7434
Sunday School	293	669
Donations and gifts	2000	21000
Repair grants	-	5250
Special collections	420	235
Sundry income	40	335
Interest on Gift Aid	<u>124</u>	<u>118</u>
	<u>68738</u>	<u>90881</u>
Payments		
Additions to church fixtures	-	525
Additions to manse	-	-
Pastor's remuneration and allowances	26653	27012
Pastor's expenses	192	124
Church contribution pension, national insurance	3315	3225
Pulpit supply	2483	463
Contribution to BUS Fund	2400	2400
Church insurance	4035	4300
Church water	-	-
Church heat and light	4381	4063
Church cleaner	2180	2150
Church repairs, renewals and disposables	5184	13517
Manse insurance and council tax	2804	4913
Manse heat and light	2854	2088
Manse repairs and renewals	-	2112
Postages, stationery, photocopier, CCLI etc	1255	1893
Telephone	728	757
Audio and computer expenses	324	140
Donations	3902	6507
Sunday School, Mainly Music, Keiss YC	5068	3087
Sundry expenses	<u>1381</u>	<u>2644</u>
	<u>69139</u>	<u>81920</u>
(Deficit) / Surplus for the year	(401)	8961
Balance of Cash in Bank and on Hand to Begin	<u>34061</u>	<u>25100</u>
Balance of Cash in Bank and on Hand to End	<u><u>33660</u></u>	<u><u>34061</u></u>