

WOODVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

**Martin Waterworth Limited
Bronwylfa
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CHARITY INFORMATION

Pastor:	Vacant
Deacons:	Justin Chaloner Alastair Clarke Judy Davies (Secretary) Henry Forrest Tom Fok – Appointed 27/4/2022
Elders:	Annabel Chaloner Stuart Hardisty Martin Pearce
Governing Document:	Constitution adopted 20 January 2010 There is also a Charity Commission scheme dated 11 December 1923 which applies to the church property
Charity Registration number:	1134695
Custodian Trustee:	Baptist Union Corporation
Registered office:	Crwys Road, Cathays, Cardiff CF24 4ND
Independent Examiner:	Martin Waterworth Martin Waterworth Limited Bronwylfa Llangunnor Road Carmarthen SA31 2PB
Bankers:	Co-operative Bank

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year.

Objects of the charity

The Trust seeks to demonstrate the Christian faith in action by being a church in the Cardiff area.

Government

Church leadership follows a Pastor/Elders/Deacons pattern. The Pastor and Elders are charged with the general oversight and direction of the church with the Pastor and Deacons responsible for matters including financial and material needs. The Church also employs a part-time Children and Youth Team Leader, who passes on information to the Trustees as required for Church governance. Final decisions are made by meetings of all Church members.

Review of Activities

The Church has a mission statement, which provides an overall framework for the Church's activities. The statement agreed by the Church is: Woodville Baptist Church is "a community changed by faith in Christ, united in our love for Jesus, empowered to demonstrate God's Kingdom and leading others to him". Our vision is summed up in 'Love God, Love each other, Love Cathays'.

At the start of 2022 we concluded a 4-month trial of a new pattern of Sunday gatherings. The church decided to continue with this format on an ongoing basis. This included: more 'traditional' service formats on the first and third Sundays of each month, one of which had separate children's provision and the other as a whole-church "BIG Woody" service with communion; the sermons for both these services were recorded and subsequently made available, with subtitles, online. On the other two weeks we held 'Woody CAFÉ [Community and Family Event] gatherings which were very different in format and put children and the community at the centre. The CAFÉ services included a short time of meeting together for worship followed by children's activities in the main hall, a café in the lounge and a space for prayer and ministry in our upper room. There was also a team picking litter from the streets of Cathays as a way to serve the community. Sermons on Woody CAFÉ weeks were pre-recorded for online viewing or listening.

During the year the Church continued to demonstrate the Christian faith in action by serving the community locally and across Cardiff. This has included:

- a) The Church continues to be a distribution centre for Foodbank. Church member involvement in this has reduced in recent years so we were mainly a host venue for a service run by members from other churches and others. Vouchers are provided by agencies such as social services or doctors and these can be redeemed for emergency food supplies.
- b) Supporting students within Woody activities rather than dedicated student activities due to reduced numbers.
- c) Little Acorns, the weekly Parents and Toddlers Group, which is open to those in the community, remained popular, and was seeing relationships develop. Many of the families involved in Little Acorns also attend our CAFÉ services.
- d) We have a weekly prayer meeting in our upper room, with one session per month as a larger praise and worship evening. We also have a monthly leaders' prayer meeting on Zoom.
- e) Activities with Cathays Compass have not restarted since the pandemic, but we continued with building relationships with those who had been involved in Compass.
- f) We held an alpha course for people to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed informal setting.

- g) Life Groups –five Life Groups ran throughout the year: a British Sign Language group, a weekly theology and bible study discussion group, a discipleship group, a Twenties group and a Justice group. There were also two less formal life groups: a Knit and Natter weekly Zoom meeting and a Men's Group; both of these offered an informal chance for friendship and fellowship. In early summer a new 'Bible Explorers' group started for those who were new to the Christian faith, or wanting to know more after the alpha course.
- h) Mentoring relationships continued, with the church encouraging this support across the generations.

Other events:

A quiz to raise money for Tearfund, and as a social for members of the church and their friends and family.

In planning the activities, the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission in December 2008.

Other community groups which used Woodville Christian Centre during 2022 included:

- Woodville Road Playgroup,
- A breastfeeding support group run by midwives,
- A French-speaking African Church Sunday Service and other meetings
- A gospel choir holding rehearsals and events periodically
- A mortgage broker company using one of our offices from June onwards.

Staffing.

Throughout 2022 we did not have a pastor; the recruitment process took place during the year and in early December an appointment was made with the new pastor due to start in April 2023.

The staff employed by the Church (Children and Youth Worker, Social Media and Content Manager and Administrator) continued to have weekly staff meetings: these were mainly in person, but occasionally they were via Zoom when required.

Financial Review

The church relies on the gifts of those who attend for its income. Whilst this is the main source of income the other important source of income during 2022 included the shop unit rental.

Our income during the year has enabled us to pay staff and to administer the charity. The financial outturn for the year was, in aggregate, broadly in line with the budget, with shortfalls in some areas being covered by excesses in others.

The church is committed to supporting those involved in mission both in the UK and overseas mainly through a commitment to give a certain percentage of income to BMS World Mission and the Baptist Home Mission Fund plus direct support to individuals from the fellowship involved in mission activity.

Transactions and Financial Position

The Financial Statements follow this report. In November 2013 the Trustees updated the reserves policy by increasing the free reserves held by the charity by £10,000 to £30,000 where funds allow. It was decided this amount better reflected our continued commitments. Our actual reserves exceeded this amount at the end of 2022 and the Trustees consider the reserves position to be satisfactory.

Risk Statement

The Trustees have reviewed the risks to which a small church operating with few employees is exposed. Appropriate procedures are in place to identify, monitor and review these risks on a regular basis.

Trustees' Responsibilities

Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which

give a true and fair view of the state of the charity and of its income and expenditure for the year.

We are required to:

1. Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently,
2. Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent,
3. State whether the applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts and
4. Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

Approval

This report was approved by the Trustees on 26th April 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

J Davies (Secretary)

S Hardisty (Trustee)

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF WOODVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

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

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Martin Waterworth F.C.A.

26 April 2023

For and on behalf of:
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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
RECEIPTS					
Voluntary receipts:	2	73,123	-	73,123	81,090
Activities for generating funds					
Investment Property rental		13,077	-	13,077	12,651
Hall hire income		9,127	-	9,127	6,854
Shop rental		28,000	-	28,000	28,000
Investment and other income		2,890	-	2,890	397
Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme		-	-	-	1,988
Total Receipts		126,217	-	126,217	130,980
PAYMENTS					
Charitable activities	3	120,987	-	120,987	128,939
Loan capital repaid - net		4,664	-	4,664	5,242
Independent Examination		500	-	500	500
Total payments		126,151	-	126,151	134,681
Net Receipts/(Payments) before transfers		66	-	66	(3,701)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Bank balances at 1 January		49,215	-	49,215	52,916
Bank balances at 31 December		49,281	-	49,281	49,215

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1. Fixed Assets

	Insurance Value 2022 £
The value of assets owned are:	
Freehold Buildings:	
Church premises	2,274,004
Investment Property	<u>1,160,696</u>
Total buildings	3,434,700
Equipment	<u>101,631</u>
	<u>3,536,331</u>

2. Other Assets and Liabilities

	2022 £	2021 £
<u>Assets</u>		
Bank Accounts	49,281	49,215
Tax recoverable	11,045	11,767
Other debtors and prepayments	<u>896</u>	<u>761</u>
	<u>61,222</u>	<u>61,743</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Principality loan	24,490	29,154
Baptist Pension Scheme	1,000	58,500
Shop unit rent received in advance	7,000	7,000
Accruals and other creditors	<u>1,329</u>	<u>1,750</u>
	<u>33,819</u>	<u>96,404</u>

The Church is an employer participating in a defined benefit pension scheme known as the Baptist Pension Scheme. This scheme is separate from the Church, and assets and liabilities are held separate from the employer and other participating employers. This scheme was in significant deficit when it was closed in December 2011, in July 2022 the Baptist Union of Great Britain Trustees confirmed the scheme was no longer in deficit and as a result no further deficit contributions have been paid since July 2022. There will be an administrative cost of £1,000 to process any employers leaving the Scheme.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1. Accounting Policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis with a statement of assets and liabilities.

2. Voluntary receipts

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
General donations	60,746	-	60,746	66,079
Special collections	610	-	610	41
Tax recoverable	11,767	-	11,767	14,970
	<u>73,123</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>73,123</u>	<u>81,090</u>

3. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
a. Direct Charitable Costs				
Ministry	35,461	-	35,461	61,460
Manse	3,597	-	3,597	3,014
Property	40,820	-	40,820	18,181
Worship	738	-	738	696
Evangelism	10	-	10	(52)
Fellowship	2,922	-	2,922	2,124
Grants and giving	20,085	-	20,085	23,742
	<u>103,633</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>103,633</u>	<u>109,165</u>

b. Support and Administration

General administration	16,699	-	16,699	19,353
Loan Interest	655	-	655	421
	<u>17,354</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,354</u>	<u>19,774</u>
Combined charitable activity cost	<u>120,987</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>120,987</u>	<u>128,939</u>

c. Grants and giving

	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Baptist Union GB Home Mission Fund	6,800	10,690
BMS World Mission	5,100	5,550
New Wine Cymru	1,200	1,200
Cornerstone Church Rhondda	-	1,200
Other grants totaling less than £2,000	6,985	5,102
	<u>20,085</u>	<u>23,742</u>

4. Staff and Trustees

The charity had a monthly average of 4 employees, none of whom received a salary in excess of £60,000. Its activities are generally carried out by volunteers.

Judy Davies received remuneration of £8,998 in the year plus contributions to her Baptist Union pension scheme £900 in her role as Administrator of the church, and not as a trustee.

No remuneration was paid to any other trustee during the year or to any person connected to them.

5. Loans

The Principality Building Society loan is at a variable rate of interest. The loan is secured on the freehold church land and buildings.