



Woodside Baptist Church
Spring Lane, London, SE25
Annual Report and Accounts
2023

(Charity Reg. No. 1130792)

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1. Statutory Information

Charity Name

Woodside Baptist Church

Registered Address

Spring Lane, London, SE25 4SP

Charity registration number

1130792

Trustees (during 2023)

Reverend Steve Calder (Senior Minister)

Robert Newson (Treasurer)

Neil Scarse (Secretary)

Ruth Newson (Safeguarding Deacon)

Moses Kajubi (Property Deacon)

Jo Scarse (Children & Youth Deacon)

Karina Henry (Communications Deacon)

Trustees at report approval

Reverend Steve Calder (Senior Minister)

<see below>

Neil Scarse (Secretary)

Ruth Newson (Safeguarding Deacon)

Moses Kajubi (Property Deacon)

Jo Scarse (Children & Youth Deacon)

Karina Henry (Communications Deacon)

Property Trustees

London Baptist Property Board

235 Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2H 8EP

Bankers

National Westminster Bank plc, 1 High Street, Croydon, CR9 1PD

Virgin Money plc, Jubilee House, Gosforth, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, NE3 4PL

Independent Examiner

Mr Paul Bradbury, 15 Oak Avenue, Croydon, CR0 8EN

Treasurer

Our treasurer resigned during the year 2024. As we were unable to replace him immediately, his duties were split between the finance committee and other volunteers overseen by the Trustees to ensure that the books were kept, authorised payments made, etc.

2. Structure, Governance & Management

a) Charitable Object

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

Governing Document

The church is governed by an Approved Governing Document which is a public document and the legal basis on which we function as a registered charity.

Vision Statement

God has called us to be a worshipping and praying community, committed to taking Christ into all the world, and seeking to encourage a response of committed discipleship.

Church Covenant

Depending day by day on the loving kindness of our Lord Jesus, we commit ourselves to building a community of love, accepting one another as He has accepted us, and putting the needs of others before our own. We will seek to express the unity of the Holy Spirit through being at peace with each other; to encourage one another in following Jesus; and to comfort and help one another in times of difficulty.

We will support and pray for the Pastor, leaders and officers of the Church. As we are able, and in co-operation with the church leaders, we will contribute to the life of the church in prayer; through regular participation in worship together; in offering ourselves in service; and in financial support for all aspects of the church's ministry.

Under the leading of the Holy Spirit, we will seek in word and deed to share the gospel with our families and others, through our own personal witness; by sharing in the outreach activities of the church; by the instruction of our children and young people; and in our support for mission here and overseas.

Doctrinal Statement

The following statements of belief express those doctrines which we believe to be supremely important.

1. The Divine Inspiration Authority and Sufficiency of the Holy Scriptures as not only containing but being in themselves the Word of God and the need of the teaching of the Holy Spirit in order to gain a true and spiritual understanding of it.
2. The unity of the Godhead and the Divine Co-equality of the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit.

3. The utter depravity of human nature in consequence of the fall.
4. The true and proper Godhead of our Lord Jesus Christ. His real and perfect manhood. His work of atonement for sinners of mankind. His resurrection and ascension and His present priestly intercession for His people at the Right hand of the Father.
5. The justification of the sinner solely by faith through the atoning merits of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
6. The necessity of the Work of the Holy Spirit in Regeneration Conversion and Sanctification also in ministry and worship.
7. The immortality of the soul, the Resurrection of the body, the Judgement of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ with the eternal blessedness of the righteous and the eternal punishment of the wicked.
8. The Divine institution of the Christian Ministry and the obligation and perpetuity of the ordinances of Believers' Baptism (by immersion) and the Lord's Supper.

b) Organisational Structure

Charity Trustees

In accordance with the Constitution the Members appoint Trustees, who together with the Minister, Church Secretary and Treasurer (who are also appointed by the Members) are responsible for the day to day running of the church's work and witness, and the financial and legal aspects of the charity.

Church Membership

Members of the Church are accepted in accordance with the Constitution which requires them to be or to have been publicly baptised on the profession of faith in Jesus Christ. At the end of 2023 there were 86 members on the members list.

Relationships with other Organisations

The church is a member of the Baptist Union of Great Britain, the London Baptist Association, Christians Together in South Norwood and Croydon Citizens

c) Safeguarding

Policies

The church recognises its responsibilities in safeguarding all children, young people and adults at risk, regardless of gender, ethnicity or ability. Any concerns raised are reported and investigated. The church practices safe recruitment by ensuring that all employees and volunteers are provided with appropriate training, support and supervision. DBS checks for all volunteers are reviewed regularly and kept up to date.

The Trustees produce and the Members approve a set of policies which are used in the day-to-day governance of the church. Policies provide guidance on matters such as Child Protection, Health & Safety, Fire Safety, Disability, and Equal Opportunities.

Risk Assessments

Risk Assessments have been produced, and are regularly reviewed, for matters of Finance, Health & Safety, and Youth & Children's work. Risk Assessments are also produced, where appropriate, for one-off events or activities.

d) Decision Making

Trustees

The trustees were able to meet face-to-face ten times during 2023, with a further three special meetings.

Church Business Meetings / Special Church Business Meetings

The church meeting is an integral part of the way the church functions. Though the Constitution permits decisions to be made at Church meetings by appropriate majorities, the Church seeks to work by consensus wherever possible.

During 2023 the church was able to meet together for four church business meetings, one of which was the AGM.

3. Objectives & Activities

Objectives

The main purpose of the church is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination. The church may also advance education, community service and other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and/or other parts of the world.

Activities

In order to achieve the principal objective which is set out above, the Church provides a variety of activities both to its membership and to the community generally. The aim is to show the love of Jesus Christ in both word and deed and to bring people into a closer relationship with Him as living Lord.

The main activities are normally:

- Sunday worship – at 11am
- Sunday Club – a place for children to learn more about Jesus Christ and the Christian faith through fun activities.
- Communion of the Lord's Supper – once per month, during the morning service,

- Home Groups – for the growth of faith and discipleship in the homes of some members and in the church lounge.
- Boys' & Girls' Brigades – meet on Monday evenings to provide children from the local community with a place to enjoy fun activities and to experience the love of Jesus Christ and learn more about Him.
- Parents' & Toddlers' Group – meets on Friday morning, providing a safe and fun environment for children and a place of relaxation and companionship for the parents.
- Monday Fellowship – meets once a month to provide the over 55s with a time of companionship, often accompanied by a guest speaker.
- N:GAGE Youth Club & Rooted: the youth club is open to all young people aged 12 to 17 who are resident in the homes around the church, and beyond. Rooted meets on Sunday mornings and is a place where young people can learn more about Jesus Christ, and the Christian faith and lifestyle.
- Community Café on Tuesdays – open to the local community for coffee, cake, and a chat.
- Arts & Crafts – offers the chance to get involved in various artistic and craft-based activities in a relaxed environment with refreshments provided.
- Memory Café – an opportunity for those living with dementia and their carers to talk, share stories and get to know each other over drinks and snacks. On each occasion, there is a session of Singing for the Brain, in which people affected by dementia can sing a variety of songs that they know and love in a fun and friendly environment.

Public Benefit Statement

When planning our activities for the year, the trustees have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our church and local community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the local area.
- Missionary and outreach work.
- Sunday Club, Boys' & Girls' Brigades & Youth Work.
- Use of buildings by community groups

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of the church buildings.

4. Achievements & Performance

During 2023, the church's worship and community programme continued to develop, finding creative ways to connect with people and improve their sense of well-being. In particular, the

church celebrated its 125th anniversary, with a well-attended community festival and celebration meal on Saturday 16th September, followed by an anniversary service and cake-cutting on the Sunday. Many people with current and previous links to the church attended these events, as well as those who were visiting for the first time.

Public Worship & Teaching

We continued to use our private Facebook account and zoom to allow those unable to attend services in person an opportunity to engage with corporate worship and preaching.

The teaching in our Sunday services continued with monthly series on a variety of topics including "Unsung heroes of the Bible", "Jesus and power", and "Esther: Queen in exile", and we continued to make recordings of this teaching available on our website.

Looking ahead to 2024 we aim to continue to offer a varied programme of teaching from both the Old and New Testaments, with an emphasis on applying the Bible to people's lived experience.

Local Mission & Community Outreach

As a church, we continued to partner with various community groups (a charity offering a Community Pop-In, a Movement therapy group, a Kumon education centre and a charity providing a fortnightly food bank) which enabled many more local people to benefit from activities run from our site. In October 2023, the Woodside Community Hub started in our large community hall (with support from the One Croydon Alliance), which offers consultations with representatives from statutory and third sector organisations and signposting to others.

The church is also a member organisation of Croydon Citizens, an alliance of community groups working on a broad social justice agenda "for the common good" of our local communities and our borough as a whole. As part of this work, Croydon Citizens has regular meetings with the executive mayor of Croydon and other key stakeholders on several key issues including mental health support, youth safety, and affordable housing.

We held a breakfast for ladies with a flower arranging session facilitated by a church member.

Support of missionaries

The church continued its financial and prayer support to two missionary families now working in the UK, alongside its new missionary link with the JEM (YWAM) school and missionary training centre in Koutiala, Mali. Because of the generosity of people within the church last year and this year, new classrooms have been built within the school complex allowing many more students to attend.

Youth ministry

The church's youth work has continued to make good progress in 2023. The N:Gage youth club had run for a number of years with support from Play Place, a local youth charity, but unfortunately, funding for this work ceased at the end of March 2023. By this stage, it had become clear that we needed to develop a new approach not only to the youth club but to how all of our youth ministry is led and managed.

We had therefore already started discussions with Reaching Higher, another youth charity based in Croydon with a strong faith-based ethos. Initially, they assumed the running and management of the youth club, with a view to recruiting a staff member who would work part time for both organisations.

In September, after a short recruitment process, a Reaching Higher staff member was appointed as part-time church youth worker, whilst they continue to work on reduced hours for Reaching Higher. In the few months that they have worked for the church, there has been a noticeable growth in attendances both at the Friday evening youth club and at the Sunday-based church youth discipleship group.

Pastoral Care

During this year, our church pastor has worked with the Pastoral Deacon seeking to ensure that those connected to our fellowship are effectively supported and encouraged in their Christian lives. As part of this, a Pastoral Team has tried to keep in regular contact with those who are unwell, housebound or in any other way needing extra support from the church.

As a church, we aimed to offer:

- visits to those who are in hospital, unwell, or unable to attend church for other reasons;
- lifts to meetings and other church activities when possible;
- to take folk to their clinics or to hospital when possible;
- to arrange help with “simple jobs” in the house and garden where possible for those unable to tackle such things themselves;
- to give basic support and encouragement for the bereaved within the fellowship;
- to provide signing for the hearing impaired during morning services,
- a greeting card sent to each person who often attended our church for birthdays, bereavements, etc (approx 200 cards),
- that any urgent needs of folk were brought to the attention of the whole church for prayer.

This ministry relies on many volunteers who give their time generously and the church acknowledges their selfless commitment.

Property maintenance

The Church is blessed with an extensive and useful set of buildings, on trust from the London Baptist Property Board. The main church building sits alongside two halls, several classrooms, and a car park. In addition, the church has residential accommodation in the form of “The Manse”, “The Cottage” and “The Caretaker’s Flat” (formally used by the church caretaker).

In recent years the number of volunteers has decreased and the church has become increasingly reliant on external tradesman to perform repairs/installations, particularly those which involve electricity, gas or water

Routine and statutory inspection of heaters, electrical appliances, fire extinguishers and similar equipment has been carried out and the necessary approvals/certificates have been obtained and kept on file.

5. Financial review

Financial Summary

The financial aspects of the church are the responsibility of the Trustees but they are managed on a day-to-day basis by the Treasurer, the Finance Committee (who are responsible for reviewing the finances and suggesting matters of policy to the trustees), the Gift Aid Secretary, the Offering Counting Team, and the Treasurers for the auxiliary departments (Parents & Toddlers, Boys' Brigade, Girls' Brigade, Young People's Group, Sunday Club).

The financial results for the year are set out in the accompanying financial statements, prepared on the Receipts & Payments basis. The main funds maintained are the General Fund, Mission Support Fund, Property Fund, and the departmental funds (Parents & Toddlers, etc).

The vast majority of the church's income is from donations given by the members and congregation. Other income is derived mainly from the rent for the Caretaker's Flat and Cottage, donations for use of our buildings, and tax recovered on gift-aided donations.

The main areas of expenditure are employment costs (Pastor & Cleaner), property utilities, maintenance costs, charitable donations & grants, and mission (evangelism/outreach/ministry/training). This year saw the start of the replacement of our the roof over the rooms at the back of our large hall which will be finished in 2024 and is expected to cost about £35,000 in total.

At the end of 2023 the General Fund had a balance of £38,740; the balance at the start of 2023 was £44,074. At the start of 2023 the church set a budget for the General Fund of £91,815, and the actual spend was £80,827 with a further £2,502 given from income to the missionaries. The average weekly giving required to support the budget was £1,365 (after tax recoveries and other adjustments) and the actual average weekly income received was £1,262. The congregation gave generously and we received contributions from a greater use of our buildings by a variety of local community groups.

When planning our activities for the year, the trustees have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. With the uncertainty of the restrictions imposed regarding the Covid-19 pandemic, a basic budget was set. As the restrictions were fully lifted we were able to restart more activities with the budget revised as we did so.

The Church expressed its part in the life of the wider church by making grants to national and international Christian organisations and societies with Christian aims and objectives compatible with the church's own charitable purpose. The largest grants were towards the support of the church's own missionaries who are supported through Operation Mobilisation and Ambassadors In Sport, and supporting College Samuel in Mali. In addition, donations were made to the LBA Home Mission and Open Doors.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have established a Reserves Policy which ensures a minimum balance of £11,370 in the General Fund. They are satisfied that the reserves are sufficient at the Balance Sheet date,

together with ongoing income anticipated, to enable the church to function effectively in the coming year. A budget for 2024 was set to ensure a reserve of £24,000 at the end of the year.

In addition a Property Reserve, £28,602 at the Balance Sheet date, has been previously created from surplus funds (of the General Fund) in anticipation of unexpected and significant property repairs and maintenance in the future.

Volunteers

The Church is heavily dependent on its membership and congregation working as volunteers in all aspects of the church's activities, many of which run with little or no impact on the church's expenditure, but nevertheless contribute substantially to the achievement of the church's objectives. No accounting for this time and effort has been included in the financial statements.

Funds held on behalf of other Organisations

None.

Pension Scheme Liability

The Church is an employer participating in the Baptist Pension Scheme (BPS) which is administered by the Baptist Pension Trust Ltd (the Pension Trustee; it is a separate legal entity and its assets are kept separate from all participating employers.

For service prior to 1 January 2012 benefits are provided through a Defined Benefit (DB) plan within the BPS. A formal value of the DB plan was performed at 31 December 2019 by a professionally qualified Actuary using the Projected Unit Method: the market value of the assets at the valuation was £298 million, but the valuation of the DB plan revealed a deficit of £18 million when comparing assets and liabilities (equivalent to a past service funding level of 94%). All participating employers are collectively responsible for funding the deficit. The next actuarial valuation of the DB Plan within the Scheme is due to take place no later than as at 31 December 2022

On 30th June 2022 the Baptist Pension Scheme signed an agreement with the insurance company Just Group ("Just") to secure DB Plan members' pension benefits. Just are now providing financial backing for all pensions provided through the Scheme's DB Plan and following this transaction, the Scheme no longer has a shortfall. An updated Recovery plan was then signed in August 2022 under which recovery contributions from each participating employer in the DB Plan reduced to £1 per month from August 2022.

The church has three members in the BPS DB plan one of whom is receiving a pension. The pension deficit liability shown in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities is calculated as £1 per month multiplied by the number of months remaining in the Schedule of Contributions until June 2026.

6. Plans for Future Periods

Looking ahead to 2024, we are planning to continue to provide a limited online service (via the church's private Facebook group and Zoom) for those members unable to come to the building. In

our services, we will continue with our varied diet of teaching from both the Old and New Testaments in monthly series with an emphasis on applying the Bible to people's lived experience.

We also plan to consolidate and strengthen our links with other faith and community groups, as we work in partnership with them to make our community and borough the best that it can be.

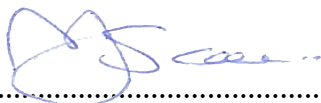
7. Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees 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 the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles 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 charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are 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.



..... Secretary

Signed: Mr Neil Scarse (Secretary)



..... Senior Minister

Signed: Revd Steve Calder (Senior Minister)

Signed on Behalf of the Trustees15.October.2024.....

8. Receipts and Payments Account

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENT ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

		<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Last</u>
		<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Year</u>
		£	£	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS							
Voluntary Income:	Gift Aided Donations	37,236	2,000	13,745	-	52,981	47,974
	Offerings	23,957	980	11,771	-	36,708	33,820
	Tax Recovered	14,870	464	3,927	-	19,261	5,471
	Donations	1,647	-	6,401	-	8,048	15,437
Charitable Activities:	Fees & Contributions	-	2,240	4,570	-	6,810	5,491
	Other Income	1	-	1,877	-	1,878	-
Investment Income:	Rent Received	-	-	25,972	-	25,972	23,730
	Interest Received	283	-	-	-	283	132
Sub total		77,994	5,684	68,263	-	151,941	132,055
Asset and investment sales, etc		-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS		77,994	5,684	68,263	-	151,941	132,055
PAYMENTS							
Ministry:	Pastor Costs	39,194	-	-	-	39,194	35,275
	(including Er NI, Pension, Expenses)						
Mission:	Donations and Grants	1,200	-	16,070	-	17,270	18,428
	Evangelism & Youth	4,352	-	7,357	-	11,709	4,736
	Speakers	545	-	-	-	545	860
	Training	-	-	45	-	45	1,485
Establishment:	Refurbishment & Maintenance	1,855	-	43,317	-	45,172	31,373
	Cleaning & Caretaking	9,016	-	-	-	9,016	8,122
	Lighting & Heating	5,382	1,813	-	-	7,195	5,716
	Equipment	1,080	5,391	6	-	6,477	4,895
	Other Expenses	5,704	-	(375)	-	5,329	4,985
	Council Tax & Water	4,883	499	-	-	5,382	3,999
	Insurance	4,256	-	-	-	4,256	4,212
	Telephone & Internet	1,060	-	-	-	1,060	972
	Publicity	291	-	26	-	317	42
	Postage, Printing & Stationery	8	-	-	-	8	53
Sub total		78,826	7,703	66,446	-	152,975	125,153
Asset and investment purchases, etc		-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL PAYMENTS		78,826	7,703	66,446	-	152,975	125,153
NET OF RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)		(832)	(2,019)	1,817	-	(1,034)	6,902
Transfers between funds		(4,502)	2,000	2,502	-	-	-
Cash funds @ 31/12/2022		44,074	43,515	22,133	-	109,722	102,820
Cash funds @ 31/12/2023		38,740	43,496	26,452	-	108,688	109,722

9. Statement of Assets and Liabilities

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2023**

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u> £	<u>Designated Funds</u> £	<u>Restricted Funds</u> £	<u>Endowment Funds</u> £
Cash Funds				
Current Accounts	34,637	9,405	14,048	-
Deposit Accounts	4,099	34,091	12,139	-
Cash	4	-	265	-
Total cash funds	38,740	43,496	26,452	-


	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u> £	<u>Designated Funds</u> £	<u>Restricted Funds</u> £	<u>Endowment Funds</u> £
Other monetary assets				
Tax reclaims due	9,963	554	1,979	

	<u>Fund to which asset belongs</u>	<u>Cost</u> £	<u>Current Value</u> £
Investment assets	None		

	<u>Fund to which asset belongs</u>	<u>Cost</u> £	<u>Current Value</u> £
Assets retained for the charity's own use	Main church buildings	-	3,658,873

	<u>Fund to which liability belongs</u>	<u>Cost</u> £	<u>Current Value</u> £
Liabilities	Pension (including Deficit)	-	570

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all trustees

Signature	Print name	Date of approval
	Neil Scarse	12/10/2024

10. Notes to the Accounts

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

a) Summary of Movements by Fund

	B/fwd	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Transfers</u>	<u>C/fwd</u>
		£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds					
General Fund	44,074	77,994	(78,826)	(4,502)	38,740
Designated Funds					
Property Reserve	27,602	0	0	1,000	28,602
AV/PA Equipment	6,262	0	(5,391)	1,000	1,871
Legacies	9,375	0	0	0	9,375
Thankoffering	(210)	3,019	0	0	2,809
Christmas Offering/Postbox	447	425	0	0	872
Church Running Costs	39	2,240	(2,312)	0	(33)
Total	43,515	5,684	(7,703)	2,000	43,496
Restricted Funds					
Missionary Fund	4,310	13,630	(14,251)	2,502	6,191
Other	3,826	13,302	301	(11,500)	5,929
Young Peoples Group	4,768	5,140	(4,524)	0	5,384
Brigades	3,910	1,774	(1,917)	0	3,767
Parents & Toddlers	2,831	806	(879)	0	2,758
Sunday Club	2,310	1,360	(1,455)	0	2,215
Arts & Crafts	0	547	(357)	0	190
Property Fund	178	31,657	(43,317)	11,500	18
WBS	0	47	(47)	0	0
Total	22,133	68,263	(66,446)	2,502	26,452

b) Donations & Grants by Recipient

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Last</u>
	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Year</u>
	£	£	£	£	£
Mark & Emma Handley (OM)	0	0	7,780	7,780	7,800
Graham & Natasha Dancy (AIS)	0	0	5,050	5,050	5,100
Centre Samuel (JEM Mali)	0	0	1,421	1,421	3,665
LBA Home Mission	1,200	0	0	1,200	0
Other	0	0	586	586	909
Open Doors	0	0	468	468	345
Paul & Jean Dancy	0	0	315	315	270
Africa	0	0	313	313	0
Practical Fellowship	0	0	90	90	50
Woodside Bereavement Service	0	0	47	47	289
Total	1,200	0	16,070	17,270	18,428

11. Independent Examiner's Report

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Woodside Baptist Church

I report on the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31 December 2023 which are set out on pages 13 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the church as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

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