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# EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH SCARBOROUGH

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## 2023 Annual Report



EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH, SCARBOROUGH  
COLUMBUS RAVINE, SCARBOROUGH YO12 7QZ  
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1148674  
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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date		Period end date		
From	1 <sup>st</sup>	January	2023	To 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2023

## Section A Reference and administration details

**Charity name** Ebenezer Baptist Church Scarborough

**Other names charity is known by** Hope Whitby, Family Lights, Mustard Seed, Arise Cayton

**Registered charity number (if any)** 1148674

**Charity's principal address** Ebenezer Baptist Church

Columbus Ravine

Scarborough

**Postcode** YO12 7QZ

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Rebecca Coates	Pastor		
2	Sheena Beadle	Elder	01.01.23 – 03.09.2023	
3	Paul Smith	Elder		
4	John Games	Elder	07.05.2023 – 31.12.2023	
5	Janet Wilson	Deacon		
6	Phillip Gott	Treasurer		
7	William Holmes	Secretary (Chair)		
8	Jane Taylor	Deacon		
9	Peter White	Deacon		

### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
Yorkshire Baptist Association Incorporated	

### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
<b>Accountant</b>	Anne Mead FCA	Ashby Berry Coulsons Chartered Accountants, 2 Belgrave Crescent, Scarborough YO11 1UB

### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)


## Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document	Trust Deed and Constitution adopted on 12 <sup>th</sup> October 2005 and amended on 15 <sup>th</sup> July 2015.
How the charity is constituted	Charitable Trust
Trustee selection methods	Trustees are nominated and elected by the membership, as set out in the Church Constitution adopted on 12 <sup>th</sup> October 2005 and amended on 15 <sup>th</sup> July 2015.

## Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

### Training

New trustees are trained according to the guidelines issued by the Baptist Union and the Charity Commission.

Training for Trustees, paid staff and volunteers continues through attending suitable courses and events arranged by the Baptist Union of Great Britain, Yorkshire Baptist Association and others.

### Affiliations

We are members of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and the Yorkshire Baptist Association, and are affiliated to the Evangelical Alliance.

EBC is a member of Churches Together in Scarborough and we join with the local and regional networks of New Wine for prayer, training and equipping events.

### Major Risks

We believe that our Safeguarding & Data Protection policies, employment contracts and volunteer agreements and risk assessments for activities are sufficiently robust to protect employees and volunteers and the people to whom we are ministering. We also have a Counter-Terrorism Policy.

We have Trustee Indemnity Insurance cover to protect personal liability for actions carried out in accordance with their constitutional responsibilities.

Should the charity be wound up and find itself unable to meet its contractual liabilities, then the liability would fall on the Trustees and then the members of the church

## Section C

## Objectives and activities

### Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

In a Baptist setting, the advancement of the Christian Faith through worship, prayer, evangelism at home and abroad, the nurture and growth of disciples, unifying membership, training and equipping the congregation for Christian service, giving pastoral care and to support social action at home and abroad.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

### Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The charity provides and maintains Ebenezer Baptist Church and the church hall for the purposes of holding regular public acts of worship, including religious instruction for children, young people and adults of all ages in the main services, Family Lights, Youth and Mustard Seed. Our church hall is made available to local residents and community groups at a modest rent.

General pastoral support, discipling, teaching and encouragement are through our missional communities, home groups and fellowship groups and we offer prayer support through our Prayer Chain and Prayer Ministry Team..

Hope Whitby seeks to reach out to its local communities with the gospel in Whitby, leading school assemblies, running groups and activities for local parents and children and gatherings for worship and teaching. The Malachi Storehouse supplies food parcels to those in need and we provide a drop-in coffee morning and warm spaces in Scarborough & Whitby.

Through our Missionary Support programme, we help finance those training for and working in evangelism both at home and abroad.

The trustees confirm that they have had due regard to the guidance published by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

### Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

#### **Our Missionary Support Policy is:**

Ebenezer Baptist Church Scarborough will give 20% of voluntary income\* (offerings plus gift aid) to Mission outside our own church setting and ministry.

Our aim is to advance the Kingdom of God, as envisioned by Christians, locally, in the UK and worldwide. We will do this by giving to organisations and individuals that:

- a) Preach the Christian gospel and bring people to Christ
- b) Support people practically where they are in need

\* This does not apply to gifts given for specific projects or ministries.

#### **Volunteers**

None of our activities could run without the dedicated volunteers who give generously of their time, talents and money to carry on the ministry of the church.

We are so grateful for those doing practical jobs like making tea, cleaning and maintaining the buildings, operating audio/video and streaming services, maintaining the website and FaceBook pages, producing the newsletter, accountancy, banking and other administration work; also those preaching, leading services and leading worship; those teaching and leading groups, those welcoming, pastoring, discipling others and all of us supporting one another in our Christian journey.

## Section F Other optional information

The Trustees' main priorities this year have been to complete the process of incorporation into a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and to begin the search for a new Minister, as we seek God's purposes for the next stage of our church's journey, which began in 1771. We are grateful to Revd. Dr. Jim Purves who is advising us as our Consultant Minister.

As we were drafting the Constitution, we found it was impracticable to set up a CIO which encompassed Ebenezer and Hope Whitby, as the two communities had different membership requirements, so it was decided to set up a CIO for Ebenezer and encourage Hope Whitby to set up a separate CIO.

Following consultation with Members over a 6-month period, the new Constitution was adopted and the Trustees for the existing charity were appointed Trustees of the new charity at a Special Church Members' Meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> January.

Once the CIO was registered with the Charity Commission, it was agreed at a Special Church Members' Meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> June that the assets, liabilities and activities of the unincorporated charity be transferred to the CIO with the Registered Charity No. 1202746. Following Charity Commission approval, the transfer was completed on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2023.

The search for a new Minister required us to create a church profile, set out our vision and objectives, and appoint a Search Team; following discussions in earlier Church Members' Meetings, these matters were agreed by Members in June 2023. Following a meeting of the Search Team, the post was advertised via the BUGB Settlement Process with a closing date of 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023. This means that the process has now been passed to the Trustees of the new charity.

## Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>W. Holmes</i>	<i>Phillip R Gott</i>
Full name(s)	William Paul Holmes	Phillip Raymond Gott
Position	Chair & Secretary	Treasurer
Date	05.04.2024	



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name  
**Ebenezer Baptist Church Scarborough**

No (if any)  
**1148674**

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

Period start date  
01/01/2023

To

Period end date  
31/12/2023

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations and legacies	74,496	-	-	74,496	201,002
Grants	-	-	-	-	12,451
Income from charitable activities	263	-	-	263	279
Other trading activities	6,731	-	-	6,731	13,698
Investments	3,518	-	-	3,518	1,400
Other income	2,932	62	-	2,994	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>87,940</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>88,002</b>	<b>228,830</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>87,940</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>88,002</b>	<b>228,830</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Raising funds	187	-	-	187	313
Paid staff and volunteers	41,422	-	-	41,422	75,042
Ministry	9,147	-	-	9,147	8,128
Missionary Support	12,070	-	-	12,070	22,300
Upkeep of premises & equipment	18,586	-	-	18,586	21,166
Administration	6,704	-	-	6,704	7,956
Governance Costs	1,341	-	-	1,341	810
Other expenditure	-	140	-	140	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>89,457</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>89,597</b>	<b>135,715</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>89,457</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>89,597</b>	<b>135,715</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>(1,517)</b>	<b>(78)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(1,595)</b>	<b>93,115</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>(78)</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>225,031</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>225,031</b>	<b>131,916</b>
<b>Assets transferred to CIO (1202746)</b>	<b>(223,436)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(223,436)</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>225,031</b>

These are the final accounts for the unincorporated charity, as the assets, liabilities and activities of this charity were transferred to a new Charitable Incorporated Organisation, which will carry on the work of Ebenezer Baptist Church, Scarborough.

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	-	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name		Date of approval
	Phillip Gott	Phillip Raymond Gott		05.04.2024

## Income and Expenditure by Fund

Income & Expenditure		Funds:							
1st January to 31st July 2023		Network	EBC General	EBC Manse	Family Lights	Hope Whitby	Mustard S	Refuel	Others
Income and Endowments									
	Donations and Legacies		66,707			7,784	5		
	Grants								
	Income from Charitable activities				75		188		
	Other trading activities		2,566	4,165					
	Investments		2,889			629			
	Other Income		2,932						62
<b>Total Income and Endowments</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>75,094</b>	<b>4,165</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>8,413</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>62</b>
<b>£88,002</b>									
Expenditure									
Expenditure on charitable activities									
	Fundraising Trading costs				187				
	Ministry: Paid staff & volunteers		18,414			23,008			
	Ministry: Other Expenses		2,533		1,316	5,138	160		
	Mission Support		12,040			30			
	Premises & Equipment		14,058	2,348	521	174	21	1,464	
	Administration		5,952	450		289	13		
	Governance		1,341						
	Other Expenditure								140
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>54,338</b>	<b>2,798</b>	<b>2,024</b>	<b>28,639</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>1,464</b>	<b>140</b>
<b>89,597</b>									
Surplus/Deficit									
	Transfers to/from	-83,974	18,474		4,000	60,000	-78	1,500	78
	Transfer of Asserts to CIO		-153,565	-12,450	-3,581	-50,655	-3,070	-115	
	Brought forward balance	83,974	114,335	11,083	1,530	10,881	3,149	79	0
<b>Carried forward balance</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>£0</b>

Please note that these accounts are for the 7 months before incorporation.

### Network Fund

It was agreed at the January Members' Meeting to close this fund and allocate £60,000 to Hope Whitby, and the balance to EBC General Fund.

### EBC General Fund

Income: Donations (including Gift Aid) were £10,707 more than budgeted and investment income was £1,139 higher, partly due to higher interest rates and partly due to receiving interest earlier than expected due to closure of our Skipton Building Society account. We received an insurance settlement of £2,932 for items damaged in the Underground flood.

Ministry: Revd. Jim Purves continued to act as our Consultant Minister during the Ministerial vacancy. His fees and the provision of a manse cost £17,378. Our liability to the Baptist Ministers' Final Salary Scheme was absolved at a cost of £999. A Coronation tea party for the neighbourhood was held, costing £300.

Mission: We continue to commit 20% of donations plus Gift Aid to support outside mission at home and abroad. Due to the additional donations received the CIO will have an extra £1,300 to distribute later in the year.

Premises & Equipment: There were no major projects this year, with the general repairs and renewals costing £4,161, heat & light £3,502, and the replacement equipment for the Underground £654 (computer not yet replaced)

Administration & Governance: Legal fees for the incorporation of the charity were £1,597 and a new secure file storage and email system was set up, costing £396. Copyright licences for worship and streaming were £1,470. Subscriptions were: BUGB £230, Evangelical Alliance £150 and Churches Together in Scarborough £20. Travel expenses for Trustees were £458, which included attendance at the YBA Conference in Huddersfield. The audit fee for the 2022 accounts was £780.

### EBC Manse Fund

The Manse at 48 Ashville Avenue continues to be let out and provided an income of £4,165, less management fees of £450. Repairs to the rear boundary wall cost £1,640 and the oven was replaced for £374.

### Family Lights

The team continue to provide teaching for families on Sundays and additional events for the wider church.

The tuck shop was stocked up for £187 (receipts were banked after the transfer to CIO.) Items for the Christmas 2022 gift bags were £138. They put on 4 "Big Breakfasts," including an Easter Day breakfast on the beach, at a cost of £373. A Maundy Thursday supper was £134, less £75 received in donations, and refreshments for Youth Nights were £266. £229 was spent on a portable PA System with microphones, and £203 on the hire of a Beach Chalet for the year; we are so grateful to the 9 families who shared the actual cost of £2,030.

### Mustard Seed

Members' subscriptions were £188 for the 6 meetings held. Uncle Steve's Magic Show cost £50. £78 was used to make up the deficit in contributions from members for the support of a Stepping Stones child.

### Refuel

The main project this year was the setting up "the Dwelling Place," a place for worship and prayer. The trussing, fabric and fairy lights for the Prayer Tent cost £1,042; a Monitor and associated equipment for leading worship were £422.

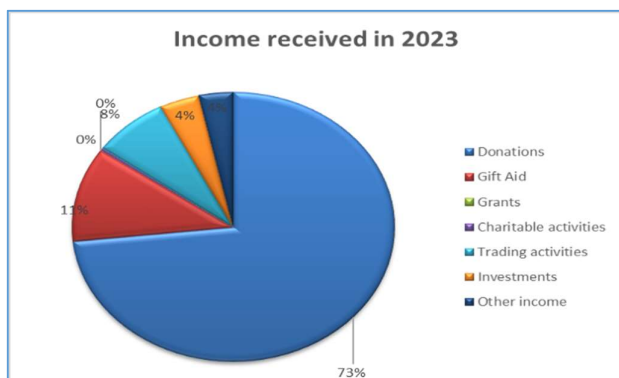
### Hope Whitby

Donations (including Gift Aid) were £687, which was offset by interest from Skipton Building Society of £629.

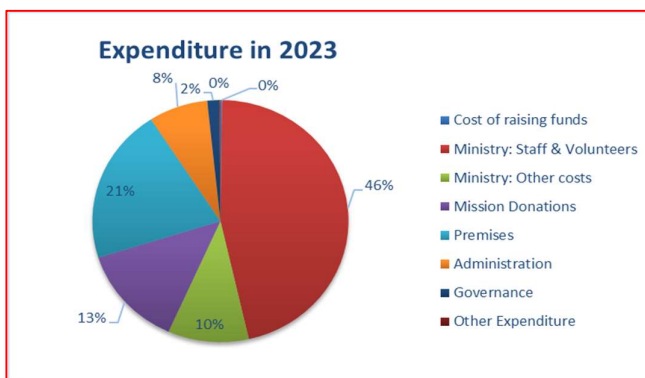
Refreshments for Hope Meets were £50; Youth expenses were £160 and HYP £61. Additional food for food parcels and sanitary products for Wings were £2,884 and heating equipment for the Malachi Storehouse cost £183. The Warm Space provided at Penny Hedge weekly was continued in Spring as Hope Gives Hope. The cost of refreshments was £1,659. We are grateful to the management and staff of the Penny Hedge for partnering with us in providing free hosting and discounted food. Eastside Community Centre room hire was £100.

## THE YEAR IN CHARTS

Income received in 2023		%	2022
Donations	64,515	73	170,826
Gift Aid	9,981	11	30,176
Grants	0	0	12,451
Charitable activities	263	0	279
Trading activities	6,731	8	13,698
Investments	3,518	4	1,400
Other income	2,994	3	0
	88,002		228,830



Expenditure in 2023		%	2022
Cost of raising funds	187	0	313
Ministry: Staff & Volunteers	41,422	46	75,042
Ministry: Other costs	9,147	10	8,128
Mission Donations	12,070	13	22,300
Premises	18,586	21	21,166
Administration	6,704	7	7,956
Governance	1,341	1	810
Other Expenditure	140	0	
	89,597		135,715





**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Ebenezer Baptist Church Scarborough

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1148674

**Set out on pages**

5 to 8 above

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2023.

**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 (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me 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.

*\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

**Signed:**

*Anne Mead*

**Date:**

9<sup>th</sup> April 2024

**Name:**

Anne Mead

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):**

FCA

**Address:**

Ashby Berry Coulsons Chartered Accountants

2 Belgrave Crescent

Scarborough YO11 1UB