

West Lane Baptist Church

Annual Reports 2024



West Lane Baptist Church
Haworth BD22 8EN

<http://www.westlanebaptistcentre.org.uk>

Minister's Report

The first six months here have truly flown by, and it feels like Julie and I have been part of this wonderful community much longer! We are both settling in well and feel deeply blessed to be on this journey with you. As a church, we continue to grieve those we've recently lost, and I'm grateful for the opportunity to celebrate their lives. We will keep them in our hearts as we move forward together.

I'm excited about what lies ahead as we continue to settle in and get to know all that's happening in the church. I've started new groups and social activities aimed at strengthening our connections with one another, and I've also been meeting with the local Church leaders, councillors and social prescribers to explore how we can better support the wider community together.

Visiting and getting to know as many of you as possible has been a priority for me, and I look forward to continuing those conversations. Please keep an eye out for upcoming events – there will be many opportunities to get involved and help!

If you'd like to meet or chat, my door is always open. Thank you for your ongoing warmth and support!

Blessings,
Rev. David Skeet

Bookings Report for 2024 AGM

Income from letting the Church premises to outside groups decreased by 15% last year because some groups finished, left or reduced their activities without other groups coming in to replace them.

Events held by Church Groups	Events held by non-Church Groups
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Year ended	30.06.22	30.06.23	30.06.24	30.06.22	30.06.23	30.06.24
No. events	197	253	187	938	808	634

Income from non-Church Groups

£21648	£23210	£19706
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Relative values of rooms let out for year ended 30.06.24

Room	Upstairs	Front Room	Lounge	Back Room	Total
Letting Value	£4664	£11603	£673	£2766	£19706

Groups no longer using the premises

Moorland Meditation
Department of Work and Pensions Non-paying
It's Worth Talking About
Warm Space Funding ended
Haworth and District WI

The financial value of these groups in the year ended 30.06.24 was £1425

Haworth and District WI generously gave a donation to the Church at the end of their long relationship with us.

The Operatic Society has reduced its amount of usage of our premises in last year and this will reduce further in the current year.

The highest contributors to the Church's income over the year were:

£501 to £1000 Haworth and Stanbury Village Council, Moorland Meditation, Re-thinking Pain, Haworth Senior Citizens
£1001 to £1500 Tai chi, Over 50s Fitness, Haworth Film Club
£1501 to £2000 Yoga with Liz
£2001 to £2500 Fit for Life, Operatic Society

£2501 to £3000 Slimming World

These 10 groups contributed 81.5% of the income from non-Church groups using the premises.

We have space in our Calendar for more groups to use our premises.

Sunday school report

We have been trying to run the Sunday school on the 1st Sunday of the month and have renamed it Kids Club.

We have 4 regular kids and 4 others that come now and then, unfortunately 2 regulars have left with a house move.

I have bought a few more resources to help plan a session.

We aim to come back up to the service to share what we have done. Sharon has agreed to come and teach some songs to them, Liz will do an art class with them, Debbie will do some drama so we will use the talents of others in church to make the kids clubs more engaging.

We would like to attract more families into church in the future.

Mags Dearden Sunday School Lead

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Accounts for the year ending 30th June 2024

Personnel

Minister	Reverend David Skeet	27 Emmott Farm Fold, Haworth BD22 8BQ
Secretary	Judith Sargent	
Treasurer	Helen Starford	Buttergate Barn, Sykes Lane, Oxenhope BD22 9SH
Independent Examiner	Christine Husbands	15 Church View, Gisburn, Clitheroe BB7 4HG
Bank	Virgin Money	30 St Vincent Place, Glasgow, G1 2HL

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Receipts and Payments Accounts for the year ending June 2024

2023-24	Receipts	2022-23
	Collections and Gift Aid	
6,267	Weekly Collection	7,141
15,847	Gift aided Collection	13,813
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22,114		20,954
	Donations and Room Hire	
18,725	Use of Premises	23,210
7,160	Miscellaneous	10,856
2,460	Donations and Special Efforts	27,326
500	Food Bank	1,200
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28,845		62,592
	Investment Income	
195	Thomas Parker Trust [YBA]	500
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195		500
	Property Income	
6,200	Rent 3, Bronte Street	5,700
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6,200		5,700
	Collections for Other Charities	
975	Various	586
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975		586
58,329	Total Receipts for year carried forward	90,332

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Receipts and Payments Accounts for the year Ending 30th June 2024

Payments

Maintenance of Ministry

25,790	Ministers Stipend and allowances etc [includes baptist pension scheme]	14,613
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25,790		14,613

Church Premises

5,595	Maintenance and equipment	5,356
5,109	Utilities	4,806
2,679	Insurance	2,397
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13,383		12,559

Administration

92	Stationary	223
1,132	Cleaning	1,804
1,535	Catering	2,755
199	Sundries	592
1,050	Food Bank	600
1,801	Other	5,086
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5,809		11,060

Donations to Other Charities

2,263	Various	1,388
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2,263		1,388

47,245 **Total Payments for year carried forward 39,620**

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Receipts and Payment Accounts for the Year Ending 30th June
2024

Summary	2023-24	2022-23
Total Receipts	58,329	91,262
Total Payments	47,245	39,620
Surplus/deficit for year	11,084	51,641

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Statement of Current Assets as at 30th June 2024

Cash & Bank Balances	2023-24	2022-23
Cash in Hand	2,429	0
Cash at Bank	85,086	76,425
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	87,515	76,425
Other Accounts and Investments		
Edwin Parker for Graveyard		
COIF Charities Investment Fund	4,150	3,765
Interest account	Closed	2,342
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	4,150	6,107
Total Assets	91,665	82,532

Notes

1. In Addition to the above, there are the Fixed Assets of the Church building and manse at Bronte street. These are provisionally valued at £2,600,000 and £202,241 respectively, being the sums insured for their reinstatement.
2. The cash in hand at the close of the year is an unbanked check for £2,429 which was the balance of the Edwin Parker for Graveyard investment account on closure of the account.

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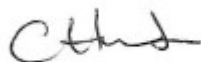
2nd September 2024

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

West Lane Baptist Church

I have audited the records of the above organisation for the period ended 30th June 2024.

I can confirm that I find the accounting statements to be a true and fair record.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'CHH', is positioned below the text of the audit confirmation.

Christine Husbands

INVOICE

Invoice: WL24
2nd September 2024

To audit of accounting records of West Lane Baptist Church 2024 £100

Remit to: C A Husbands, 05-02-40, 15073023