

STONE PUBLISHING TRUST

Registered Charity 1034689

Trustees: David Burr (Chairman), Kenneth Hollands, Eric McPhail,

Keith Parkin, Philip Coldrick, Keith Wickens

ANNUAL REPORT 2020

The following is a review of the activities of the Trust over the past year. The Trustees continue to seek the guidance of the Lord in their work and greatly value the support of others in doing so. They seek to comply with the requirements of the Charity Commission including the need to demonstrate public benefit. They believe that these activities do so.

YOUTHFUL DAYS (Editor Keith Wickens)

The pandemic that has affected so many aspects of life this year has affected the distribution of “Youthful Days” as well, though by the grace of God the work of reaching out to those overseas has been able to continue. There have been concerns along the way – would our printer and international mail services remain available, and would young readers abroad still be accessible? Would the Bible classes of more than 500 students in Zambia and Malawi continue, given the closure of many of the churches?

In Zambia a few churches have been unable to continue, but again, the commitment of Christian workers there who co-ordinate local distributions and resorted to house-to-house delivery of “Youthful Days”, has enabled the Gospel message to be circulated. We have lost a few names from the bible class, but new names are appearing, and new churches in place of some that have been hindered.

Circulation of almost 3,000 copies of “Youthful Days” has remained fairly constant throughout the year. The magazine is published bi-monthly, of which more than 2,000 are sent free of charge, mostly to Africa. The editor is very grateful to those who have contributed articles in 2020, for the help of Eric McPhail in the provision of the Student Bible class questions

and answers and the Word Search. Thanks also to David Greeves for his work for the Gleaners and Searchers age groups 5-11, including the issue of personalised certificates for all; children who participate regularly. Then too there are the regular proof readers, for whose time and counsel the editor is truly thankful.

BIBLE DISTRIBUTION OVERSEAS

We continue to distribute Bibles overseas as requested, including places that operate Sunday schools and need them for their attendees, mainly in Zambia. The pandemic has affected communications but we were still able to distribute 4796 Bibles including 1772 direct from the UK. We are thankful to have contacts in Africa in whom we have full confidence and who are dedicated to the work of the Lord. We note the Joy to the World bookshop in Ibadan, Nigeria, and the Zambia Bible Society where we can save shipping costs by sourcing Bibles locally.

DISTRIBUTION OF TRACTS PUBLISHED BY BRIAN PARR

We seek to provide supplies of these tracts free of charge to any who wish to use them. Due to the pandemic requests declined significantly in 2020 but demand remains strong: 197,520 tracts were sent out, and toward the end of the year we were able to reprint two additional tracts, ("Jesus for a Bright Tomorrow" and "Jesus gives Peace, real Peace"). It has been encouraging to see fresh ways in which tracts are made available. Some are putting them in boxes outside their houses for passers-by to pick up, and others are posting them door-to-door.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
STONE PUBLISHING TRUST No (if any)
1034689

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from **01/01/20** Period start date To **31/12/20** Period end date

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 £
A1 Receipts					
GIFTS	-	-	-	2,741-	6,161-
LEGACIES	-	-	-	30,277-	378,751-
SALES OF MAGAZINES	-	-	-	1,796-	3,370-
SALES OF BOOKS	-	-	-	302-	591-
BANK INTEREST	-	-	-	5,508-	1,615-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	-	-	-	40,624-	390,488-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	-	-	40,624-	390,488-
A3 Payments					
COST OF MAGAZINES	-	-	-	4,120-	11,427-
POSTAGE ON MAGAZINES	-	-	-	771-	1,862-
HYMN BOOKS + BOOKS	-	-	-	-	2,341-
COST OF FREE DISTRIBUTION	-	-	-	29,558-	35,336-
ADMINISTRATION	-	-	-	1,375-	1,328-
BANK CHARGES	-	-	-	263-	200-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	36,087-	52,494-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	-	-	36,087-	52,494-
Net of receipts/(payments)	-	-	-	4,537-	337,994-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	446,724-	108,730-
Cash funds this year end	-	-	-	451,261-	446,724-



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

STONE PUBLISHING TRUST

On accounts for the year
ended

31 / 12 / 2020

Charity no
(if any)

1034689

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2020.

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:

F S Wallace

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21/01/2021

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