

**The Annual Report and Financial Statements  
of the Trustees of  
The Gate Church Prudhoe, Northumberland  
For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021**

**Pastors**

Egbert and Margaret Boonstra

**Bankers**

Barclays Bank plc  
Hexham, Northumberland

**Solicitors**

Geldards LLP  
Derby

**Independent Examiner**

Robert Scott-Biggs M.A., A.C.I.S.

Web Site: [www.thegatechurch.org.uk](http://www.thegatechurch.org.uk)

The Gate Church is a Registered Charity No. 1052138

## **Aim & Purpose**

The Gate Church, Prudhoe, is registered with the Charity Commission and affiliated with the Assemblies of God Churches in the U.K. The Assemblies of God is a Fellowship of Christian leaders and over 500 churches of various sizes operating autonomously, but sharing fellowship, training opportunities and resources.

The Gate Church continues to seek wholeheartedly to work alongside other local churches and community service providers to enhance the quality of life for as many people as possible. The charity recognises the generous financial support and giving of its members in reaching its objectives to:

- Advance Christian faith
  - Relieve sickness and financial hardship
  - Advance education
- in the UK and around the world.

## **Objectives and Activities**

The Gate Church is multicultural and multigenerational, committed to see sustainable ministries emerging to serve current and future generations, where all are given opportunity to thrive and learn to relate responsibly with others; to explore avenues of gifting and be released to their God-given assignment. The church is made up of many people, each doing their share to bring life, love, laughter and hard work to get the many jobs that need doing done. We are grateful for the commitment shown during the past year and going forward it is our continued aim to bring hope and purpose for living to the communities of the Tyne Valley and beyond.

## **Achievements & Performance**

Despite the challenges of Lockdown and the halting of some of the regular outreach programs, the work has continued using technology. Sunday and mid-week services continued via Zoom with guest speakers from around the world. In addition;

- “Heart to Heart” Scheduled broadcast on Sundays; also available on YouTube
- Website based activities for children and families through Zoom sessions
- Missions prayer and outreach on Zoom throughout the pandemic
- AoG Regional and National Training/Conference Days attended by members
- Newsletters sent out weekly by email or hand delivered
- “Open the Book” Zoom recording for schools circulated monthly
- Alpha Online and WhatsApp Prayer Team maintained.
- Foodbank contributions have continued through the Lockdown
- Continued support for our missionaries in Spain, Mozambique and Pakistan.
- Trustees’ meetings on Zoom to enable business continuity

## **COVID 19**

When a limited return to services in the building was possible strict measures were implemented to ensure safety following advice from our Safety Advisor. By the Grace of God, we can report no COVID 19 outbreaks resulting from meeting together in the building.

## **Planning Ahead**

Whilst the virus is not yet under control, and we are being encouraged to "Stay Alert," the Church is planning for the next year and beyond in the following ways:

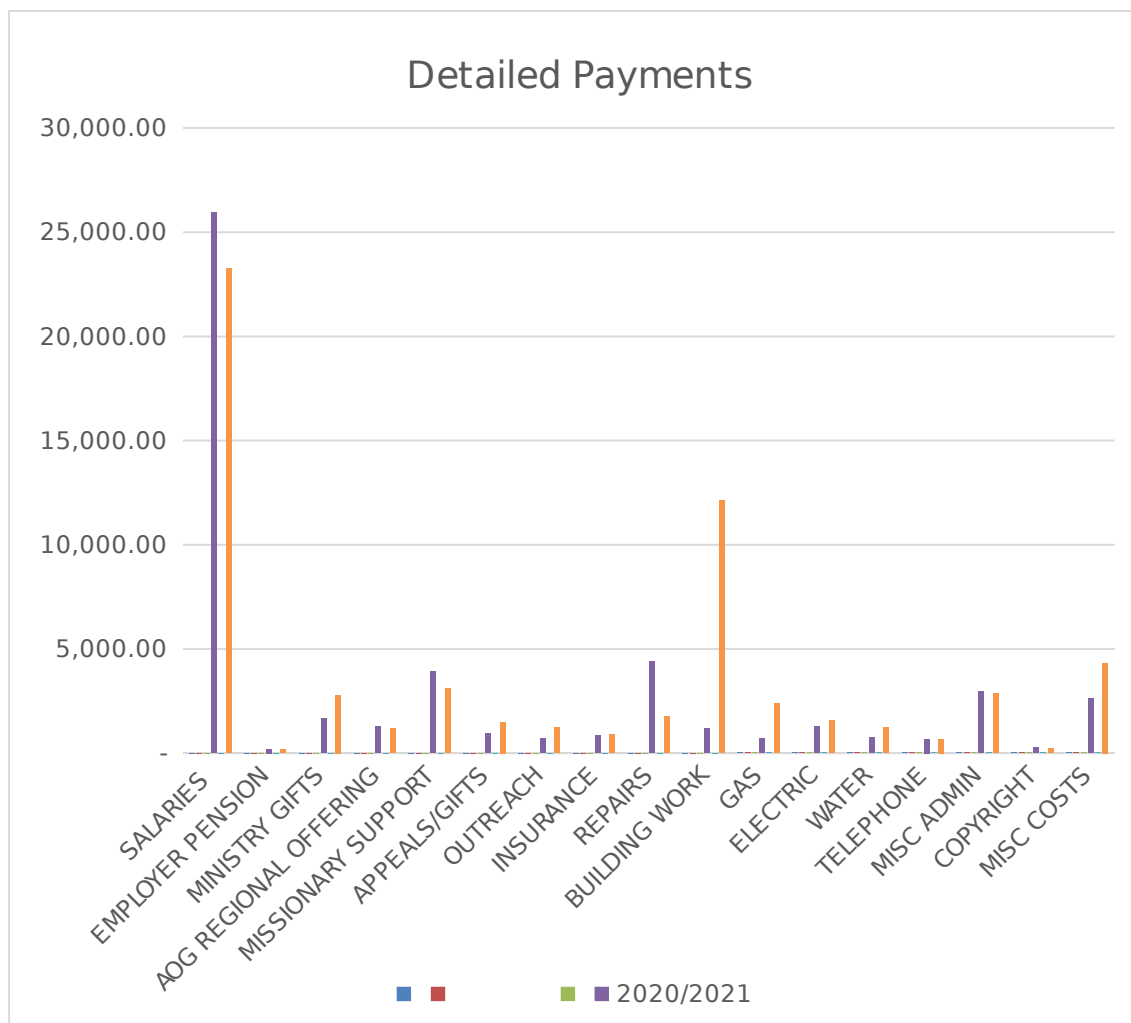
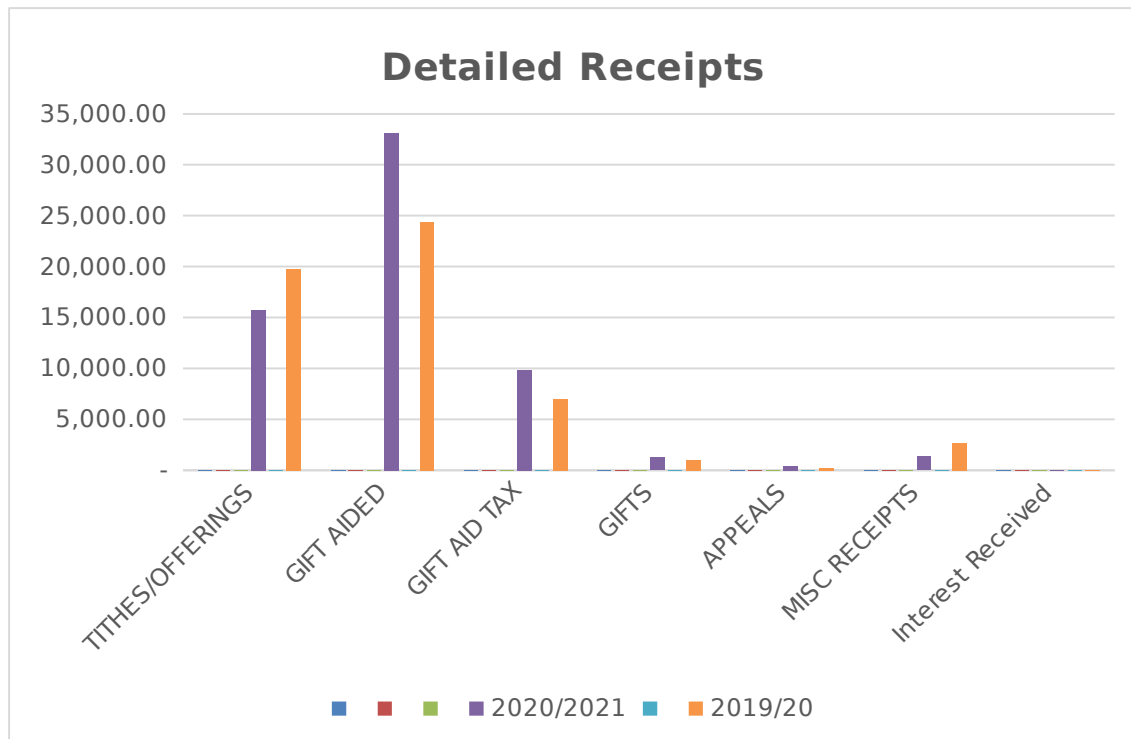
- Funds permitting recruitment of a Children/Youth Worker
- Restarting Children's Church extending its reach to the local community
- Increasing work in local schools
- Establishing new discipleship groups
- Promote FindGod.learnn.com
- Encouraging musicians within the church to lead worship.

## **Financial Review**

Financially, the church has a great deal to be thankful to God for during the past financial year.

- Total income has increased by 12% to £61,663 (£55,085 2019/20) with Planned Giving (Tithes, Offerings, Gift Aid giving) increasing by 11% (or £4,672) to £48,828.
- Gift Aid recovered increased by 40% to £9,861.
- Total Expenditure fell by 18% to £50,406 resulting from the cost of building works being £10,918 lower than in the previous financial year.
- Support for ministries and missionaries was consistent with the previous year.
- Total Funds rose by £11,257 to £21,383.

Comparison with the previous year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 are be shown as follows;



## Trustees

Trustees who served during the period are as follows:

Egbert Boonstra (Chair)  
Lucy Hall (Deputy Chair)  
Margaret Boonstra  
Ruth Bowler

#### **Trainee Trustees**

Derek Forster  
Annabel Wesley

### **Structure, Governance and Management**

The church is governed overall by a Board of Trustees, chosen from the membership and agreed by the serving Trustees. In addition, a Management Team deal with day-to-day issues.

### **Administrative Information**

The following are the Church Officers and their areas of responsibility

Joint Pastors	Egbert & Margaret Boonstra
Church Treasurer	Shirley Hill
Church Secretary	Chris Blackburn
Financial Administration	Egbert Boonstra, Shirley Hill, Ruth
Bowler	
Gift Aid Financial Officer	Margaret Boonstra
Safeguarding Coordinator	Margaret Boonstra
Deputy Safeguarding Coordinator	Lucy Hall
Health & Safety/Risk Management	Simon Hobson
Media/Data Protection Lead	Ruth Bowler
First Aiders	Lucy Hall, Judith Gray

### **Training**

Trustees and church officers receive appropriate training periodically throughout the year.

### **Volunteers**

In addition to the named officers above, there is a dedicated team of church members who assist behind the scenes to ensure that the building is clean, well maintained and hospitable to all who use its facilities.

### **Financial Statements & Independent Examiners Report**

What follows are the Financial Statements and Independent Examiners report.

**THE GATE CHURCH Receipts & Payments Account 12 months ended 31st March 2021**

	<b>Unrestrict ed</b>	<b>Designate d</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Total 2020/202 1</b>	<b>Total 2019/20</b>
<b>Receipts</b>					
TITHES/OFFERINGS	15,726.38			15,726.38	19,756.73
GIFT AIDED	33,102.50			33,102.50	24,400.00
GIFT AID TAX	9,860.87			9,860.87	7,003.00
GIFTS			1,250.00	1,250.00	1,000.00
APPEALS			380.76	380.76	225.00
MISC RECEIPTS	1,340.94			1,340.94	2,690.59
Interest Received	1.45			1.45	9.51
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>60,032.14</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,630.76</b>	<b>61,662.90</b>	<b>55,084.83</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
<b>MINISTRY</b>					
SALARIES	25,958.38			25,958.38	23,250.89
EMPLOYER PENSION	202.20			202.20	175.53
EMPLOYER NI	-			-	
MINISTRY GIFTS	1,655.00			1,655.00	2,798.00
AOG REGIONAL OFFERING	1,280.00			1,280.00	1,200.00
MISSIONARY SUPPORT	3,920.00			3,920.00	3,120.00
APPEALS/GIFTS			936.29	936.29	1,500.00
OUTREACH	717.50			717.50	1,231.70
<b>Total Ministry Payments</b>	<b>33,733.08</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>936.29</b>	<b>34,669.37</b>	<b>33,276.12</b>
<b>ESTABLISHMENT COSTS</b>					
INSURANCE	836.47			836.47	900.61
REPAIRS	4,030.00		382.00	4,412.00	1,768.00
BUILDING WORK	1,190.90			1,190.90	12,109.38
MISC				-	
<b>Total Establishment Costs</b>	<b>6,057.37</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>382.00</b>	<b>6,439.37</b>	<b>14,777.99</b>
<b>ADMIN</b>					
GAS	700.97			700.97	2,379.84
ELECTRIC	1,269.42				

				1,269.42	1,559.16
WATER	743.80			743.80	1,248.00
TELEPHONE	678.26			678.26	684.16
MISC ADMIN	2,979.48			2,979.48	2,870.35
COPYRIGHT	291.34			291.34	236.35
<b>Total Administration</b>	<b>6,663.27</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,663.27</b>	<b>8,977.86</b>
<b>MISC COSTS</b>					
MISC ITEMS	2,150.24			2,150.24	2,665.82
CHILDREN'S WORK	90.19			90.19	582.55
YOUTH WORK	-			-	
MUSIC	393.88			393.88	1,087.60
<b>Total Miscellaneous Costs</b>	<b>2,634.31</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,634.31</b>	<b>4,335.97</b>
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>49,088.03</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,318.29</b>	<b>50,406.32</b>	<b>61,367.94</b>
Transfer Between Funds	1,074.83	(1,074.83)		-	
<b>Net Receipts /- Payments</b>	<b>12,018.94</b>	<b>(1,074.83)</b>	<b>312.47</b>	<b>11,256.58</b>	<b>(6,283.11)</b>
<b>Balance B/F 1st April 2020</b>	<b>(3,398.69)</b>	<b>12,300.00</b>	<b>1,225.00</b>	<b>10,126.31</b>	<b>16,409.42</b>
<b>Balance C/f 31st March 2021</b>	<b>8,620.25</b>	<b>11,225.17</b>	<b>1,537.47</b>	<b>21,382.89</b>	<b>10,126.31</b>


#### Statement of Assets & Liabilities at 31st March 2021

				2020/21	2019/20
<b>Fixed Assets</b>					
- Buildings	100,000.00			100,000.00	100,000.00
- Plant & Equipment	2,815.00			2,815.00	2,815.00
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>102,815.00</b>			<b>102,815.00</b>	<b>102,815.00</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Bank Current Account	10,157.72			10,157.72	8,222.59
Bank Savings Account	11,225.17			11,225.17	1,903.72
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>21,382.89</b>			<b>21,382.89</b>	<b>10,126.31</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>					
				-	-

<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>124,197.89</b>	-	<b>124,197.89</b>	<b>112,941.31</b>
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Approved by the Trustees of The Gate Church on 1st June 2021

Signed

  
E. Baanstra (Chair)  
1.6.2021

Trustee

## Independent Examiner's Report To the Trustees of The Gate Church, Prudhoe, Northumberland

I report on the accounts of the church for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021

### Responsibilities of the Trustees

The Charities Act 2011 establishes clearly that the trustees and are the 'persons having the general control and management of the administration of the (church) charity' (Charities Act 2011, s177).

The Trustees are responsible for all church finance, its management and control, including the appointment of a treasurer. While it may delegate some of its duties, this does not remove its legal responsibilities.

### Responsibilities of the External Independent Examiner

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts, under section 145 of the 2011 Charities Act and to ensure that the (church) charity has in place sufficiently robust financial procedures as is required by the Assemblies of God fellowship of churches of which the (church) charity is a member.



- state whether particular matters have become evident and to which the attention of the PCC should be drawn.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Robert Scott-Biggs M.A., A.C.I.S  
Associate of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and  
Administrators  
9<sup>th</sup> June 2021