

WITHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

Accounts for the Year to 31 March 2021

Receipts and Payments Account (General Purposes Fund)

Income Receipts

	£	£	<u>2020</u>
Donations			17200
Weekly Offerings	15695		
L & E Message	1345		1285
Leprosy Mission	160		90
D & A Boyle	2700		2245
Millgrove	-		92
Air Cadets	-		129
Farleigh Hospice	70		101
Harvest	70		-
Other	<u>18</u>		<u>84</u>

20058

Trading Activities

Subscriptions and Tuck Sales

-

-

Investment Income

Bank and Building Society Interest

-

17

20058

21243

Income Tax Rebate

5203

5373

Total Receipts

25261

26616

Direct Charitable Expenditure

Hire of Premises	-		1609
Minister's Stipend and NI	17213		17441
Minister's Council Tax	2675		2576
Preacher's Expenses	<u>120</u>		<u>681</u>

20008

22308

Other Expenditure

Advertising	-		312
Churches Together in Witham	-		80
Baptist Union Subscription	34		51
Donations	40		25
Millgrove	35		162
L & E Message	1320		1285
Data Protection	40		40
D & A Boyle	2700		2245
P C Help	50		36
Farleigh Hospice	70		101
CCL Licence	122		117
Insurance	376		379
The Leprosy Mission	160		90
Website Costs	-		-
Stationery	-		20
Transfer Building Fund	-		2500
Sundry Expenses	114		<u>182</u>

7625

Total Payments

25069

29933

Net Receipts/(Payments) for the Year

192

(3317)

Cash and Bank balances at 31 March 2020

4886

8203

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5078

4886

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Receipts and Payments Account (Building Fund)

Income Receipts	£	£	<u>2020</u>
Donations			
In Memory Of	150		1320
Other	490		1047
Sundry	222		-
Tax Reclaimed on Covenants and Gift Aid	<u>-</u>		<u>2500</u>
		862	4867
 Trading Activities			
Buy a Brick		-	-
Knitting		-	25
Sundry Sales		-	-
 Investment Income			
Bank and Building Society Interest		<u>874</u>	<u>317</u>
Total Receipts		1736	5209
 Other Expenditure			
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Payments		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
 Net Receipts for the Year		<u>-</u>	<u>5209</u>
 Building Fund Balance at 31 March 2020		<u>141143</u>	<u>135934</u>
 Building Fund Balance at 31 March 2021		<u>142879</u>	<u>141143</u>

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 March 2021

Monetary Assets	£	2020
Bank and Cash Balances - General Purposes Fund		
Bank Current Account	1996	1048
Bank Deposit account	3075	3831
Building Society Account	7	7
Cash Float	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	5078	4886
 Bank and Cash Balances - Building Fund	 <u>142879</u>	 <u>141143</u>
	147957	146029
 Current Liability		
PAYE and NI	472	255

Other Assets

For use by the charity and belonging to the General Purposes Fund

Fireproof document box costing £70
Two projection screen costing £239
Laptop and Projector costing £823
Notice board costing £444
A Frame display board costing £140
Christmas banner costing £109
Roll Up WBC Banner costing £151

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

I report on the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145 (5)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

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

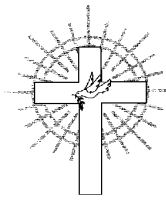
- . to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act; and
 - . to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act
- have not been met; or

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

**B. G. FURNESS
ACCOUNTANT**

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9 November 2021



Witham Baptist Church

Serving Christ and Our Community

Trustees Annual Report 2020~2021

Trustees

The Church currently has three Trustees: Rev'd. Michael R Child (Chairman); Mrs Ann M Coleman (Secretary); Philip J West (Treasurer).

The Trustees met once during the year.

Membership

As at end of March we had 5 members. Due to Covid 19 Services for 2020/2021 were held via Zoom.

The Diaconate

The Church is served by a diaconate of two: Ann Coleman and Philip West.

Baptismal Service

There were no Believers' Baptisms during the year.

Giving

Members and Friends are still giving sacrificially and generously to the work of the Church. Although there was a deficit at the end of the Financial Year, the Church had sufficient in its Reserve Account to cover this, plus the rebate received from HM Customs and Revenue for "Gift Aid" donations. The Building Fund is continuing to grow.

The Church supports the ministry of Leslie and Elizabeth Message (Belgium), we were delighted that this year they could join us for Sunday services via Zoom. Also, the Church supports David and Alice Boyle (USA).

During the period April 2020 to March 2021 the Church gave a donation to the Leprosy Mission and the Harvest Thanksgiving monetary offering was divided between the Witham Food Bank and the Mill Grove Centre, South Woodford. The Church also donated shoe boxes on line this year for the Samaritan's Purse "Operational Christmas Child" appeal. The Carols by Candlelight Service offering was given to Farleigh Hospice.

Services and Auxiliaries

We held weekly Sunday Services for Worship, Prayer and Preaching via Zoom and also held mid week prayer meetings on a Wednesday again via Zoom.

Our Pastor continues as Honorary Chaplain to the Royal Air Forces Association and Air Training Corps, maintaining contact via Zoom and Microsoft Teams during the COVID-19 lockdown.

Church Premises

The Trustees are still actively seeking a suitable site or premises for Sunday Services and to develop the Church's ministry.

Baptist Union of Great Britain

Witham Baptist Church is affiliated to the Baptist Union of Great Britain.

Eastern Baptist Association

Witham Baptist Church is also affiliated to the Eastern Baptist Association.

Churches Together in Witham and District

We continue to be part of Churches Together in Witham and District. Due to Covid 19 no joint services were held this year.

Harvest

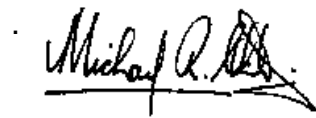
Harvest Thanksgiving was held on Sunday 27th September 2020 the monetary offering was divided between the Witham Food Bank and the Mill Grove Centre, South Woodford a Christian charity working with children and deprived families in Woodford.

Special Services

The Church celebrated its 23rd Anniversary via a Zoom service on Sunday 6th December 2020.

The Annual Carols Service this year took place via Zoom on Sunday 20th December 2020 and the offering sent to the Farleigh Hospice.

We are thankful to God for His loving faithfulness to us throughout a difficult and challenging year and for providing for our needs and we trust Him for all that is to come as we seek further ways of serving our community.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael R. Child', with a horizontal line underneath.

Revd Michael R Child
Pastor and Chairman of the Trustees