

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 05270456 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1106918

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020
FOR
LIVING LIGHT CHRISTIAN CHURCH, TAUNTON**

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LIVING LIGHT CHRISTIAN CHURCH, TAUNTON

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020**

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LIVING LIGHT CHRISTIAN CHURCH, TAUNTON

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2020. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The trustees provide each year a comprehensive report of the activities of the church during the year under review. This report is presented as a supplementary document and is attached to the financial statements at the end of the formal accounts.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

05270456 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1106918

Registered office

Gipsy Lane
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Trustees

Mr Benedict Rupert E Thorne Spiritual Leader
Mr David Entwistle Leader/ Trustee (resigned 1/2/2020)
Mr John Christopher Lalgee Senior Spiritual Leader
Mr Richard Karl Appleby Leader
Mr Trefor Jones Leader
Mr Kevin Parker Leader
Mr Bruce Izzett Leader
Mr Christopher Izzett (appointed 2/8/2020)

Company Secretary

Mr Benedict Rupert E Thorne

Independent Examiner

Carl Turner
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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020**

COMPREHENSIVE TRUSTEES REPORT

For the year under review, the trustees have produced an in-depth report in relation to the activities of the trust. This includes notes on charitable activities, financial overview, administration report, and aims and objects for the future.

This report is attached at the end of the formal accounts.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 13th August 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

Mr Benedict Rupert E Thorne - Secretary

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
LIVING LIGHT CHRISTIAN CHURCH, TAUNTON**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Living Light Christian Church, Taunton ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31st December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of Chartered Certified Accountant which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Carl Turner
Chartered Certified Accountant
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13th August 2021

LIVING LIGHT CHRISTIAN CHURCH, TAUNTON

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31/12/20 Total funds £	31/12/19 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		262,469	29,262	291,731	292,389
Investment income	2	39,984	-	39,984	36,412
Total		302,453	29,262	331,715	328,801
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		40,895	29,262	70,157	71,116
Charitable activities					
Overheads		113,348	-	113,348	145,253
Other		71,507	-	71,507	71,273
Total		225,750	29,262	255,012	287,642
NET INCOME		76,703	-	76,703	41,159
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		682,354	-	682,354	641,195
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		759,057	-	759,057	682,354

The notes form part of these financial statements

LIVING LIGHT CHRISTIAN CHURCH, TAUNTON

**BALANCE SHEET
31ST DECEMBER 2020**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31/12/20 Total funds £	31/12/19 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	7	565,431	-	565,431	572,783
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank		196,578	-	196,578	112,787
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	8	(2,952)	-	(2,952)	(3,216)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>193,626</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>193,626</u>	<u>109,571</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>759,057</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>759,057</u>	<u>682,354</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>759,057</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>759,057</u>	<u>682,354</u>
FUNDS	9				
Unrestricted funds				<u>759,057</u>	<u>682,354</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>759,057</u>	<u>682,354</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31st December 2020.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2020 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 13th August 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:

Mr Benedict Rupert E Thorne - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

LIVING LIGHT CHRISTIAN CHURCH, TAUNTON

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	- 1% straight line basis
Fixtures and fittings	- 25% on reducing balance

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31/12/20	31/12/19
	£	£
Rents received	<u>39,984</u>	<u>36,412</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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3. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31/12/20	31/12/19
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	7,352	7,703
	<u>7,352</u>	<u>7,703</u>

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

	31/12/20	31/12/19
	£	£
Trustees' salaries	71,507	71,273
	<u>71,507</u>	<u>71,273</u>

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st December 2020 nor for the year ended 31st December 2019.

5. STAFF COSTS

	31/12/20	31/12/19
	£	£
Wages and salaries	104,219	98,964
	<u>104,219</u>	<u>98,964</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31/12/20	31/12/19
Trustees	5	5
Leadership/Administration	4	4
	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	259,479	32,910	292,389
Investment income	36,412	-	36,412
Total	<u>295,891</u>	<u>32,910</u>	<u>328,801</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	38,206	32,910	71,116
Charitable activities			
Overheads	145,253	-	145,253

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
Other	71,273	-	71,273
Total	254,732	32,910	287,642
NET INCOME	41,159	-	41,159

RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS

Total funds brought forward	641,195	-	641,195
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	682,354	-	682,354

7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
COST			
At 1st January 2020 and 31st December 2020	630,042	32,291	662,333
DEPRECIATION			
At 1st January 2020	61,464	28,086	89,550
Charge for year	6,301	1,051	7,352
At 31st December 2020	67,765	29,137	96,902
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31st December 2020	562,277	3,154	565,431
At 31st December 2019	568,578	4,205	572,783

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31/12/20	31/12/19
	£	£
Accrued expenses	2,952	3,216
	<u>2,952</u>	<u>3,216</u>

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/1/20	Net movement in funds	At 31/12/20
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	682,354	76,703	759,057
	<u>682,354</u>	<u>76,703</u>	<u>759,057</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>682,354</u>	<u>76,703</u>	<u>759,057</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	302,453	(225,750)	76,703
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	29,262	(29,262)	-
	<u>331,715</u>	<u>(255,012)</u>	<u>76,703</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>331,715</u>	<u>(255,012)</u>	<u>76,703</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/1/19	Net movement in funds	At 31/12/19
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	641,195	41,159	682,354
	<u>641,195</u>	<u>41,159</u>	<u>682,354</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>641,195</u>	<u>41,159</u>	<u>682,354</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	295,891	(254,732)	41,159
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	32,910	(32,910)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>328,801</u>	<u>(287,642)</u>	<u>41,159</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1/1/19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/12/20 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	641,195	117,862	759,057
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>641,195</u>	<u>117,862</u>	<u>759,057</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	598,344	(480,482)	117,862
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	62,172	(62,172)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>660,516</u>	<u>(542,654)</u>	<u>117,862</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020**

10. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st December 2020.

LIVING LIGHT CHRISTIAN CHURCH, TAUNTON
DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

	31/12/20 £	31/12/19 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Gifts tithes & offerings	240,263	250,585
Gift aid	51,468	41,804
	<hr/> 291,731	<hr/> 292,389
Investment income		
Rents received	39,984	36,412
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Total incoming resources	331,715	328,801
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Gifts tithes & offerings	70,157	71,116
Charitable activities		
Honorarium & salaries	32,712	27,691
Office administration costs	11,714	6,535
Books, CDs & publications	1,687	273
Children's work	1,039	1,081
Church events	446	12,651
Evangelistic & outreach	496	1,573
Leadership events & training	-	379
Repairs renewals & cleaning	26,667	45,517
Rent of premises	5,964	14,356
Licences & subscriptions	1,582	1,147
Utilities & waste disposal	12,098	10,313
Travel & hospitality	6,195	10,137
Independent examiner's fees	1,368	1,238
Insurance	4,028	4,659
Freehold property	6,301	6,301
Fixtures and fittings	1,051	1,402
	<hr/> 113,348	<hr/> 145,253
Other		
Trustees' salaries	71,507	71,273
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Total resources expended	255,012	287,642
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Net income	76,703	41,159
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LIVING LIGHT
CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Worshipping God - Nurturing Believers – Evangelising the World

Trustees' Report

January – December 2020

Trustees

John Lalgee
Richard Appleby
Ben Thorne
Trefor Jones
Bruce Izzett
Kevin Parker
Chris Izzett

Charity Registration No. 1106918
Company Registration No. 05270456

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Introduction

December 2020 marked the end of Living Light Christian Church Taunton (and Wellington's) (LLCC) 17th year of ministry. The church has continued to grow and develop in its objectives, which are to worship God, nurture believers and evangelize the world. The church has 2 congregations comprising of all age groups, with a large number of families and young people. The church continues to meet on Sundays, during the week and is divided down into small groups, to ensure good relationships develop amongst all age groups. John and Kim Lalgee, who have oversight for the Taunton and Wellington congregations were unable to visit the churches following the March Covid19 lockdown, but kept in close contact through Zoom meetings, etc.

Trustees

The trustees are John Lalgee (Apostle/Chairman), Richard Appleby, Trefor Jones (elder), Bruce Izzett (elder), Kevin Parker, Ben Thorne (elder/Secretary) and Chris Izzett (who was informally appointed by letter around the middle of the year). David Entwistle relinquished his position as an elder in early 2020 and he and his family left the church.

Apostolic oversight

John Lalgee (of One Church Ministries) now cares for a total of 6 churches and has connections with other church ministries and initiatives around the world (e.g. Liberia and India) and ensures that a good working connection is maintained through the building of strong relationships between the congregations and the sharing of the gifting of God as outlined in Eph 4. These churches are: 'Living Light Christian Church' Kenosha and Racine (Wisconsin) and 'Covenant Life' church in Cadillac (Michigan), U.S.A. Living Light Deutschland (Herten) as well as 'Living Light Christian Church', Taunton & Wellington in the UK.

Elders & Deacons

Bruce Izzett and Ben Thorne are the elders/leaders in Taunton and Trefor Jones, Kevin Parker and Chris Izzett in Wellington. The leadership brought sound support and clear direction to the body in line with the Word of God and continued to receive input and support from John Lalgee in taking forward the vision God has given for church and in the context of the wider church in Taunton and Wellington. Ben, Bruce, Trefor and Kevin were paid by the church on a part time basis alongside their regular jobs. The elders worked together to provide pastoral care to church members, bringing teaching from the Word of God and overseeing programmes, such as church administration, outreach, care for the needy, relations with other church leaders, etc.

Administration Staff

Glyn Hammond continued in his role doing the accounts for LLCC churches (UK) and OCM (UK). Sheila Ledger continued with admin for Taunton & Wellington, with Keith Whittaker as the Facilities Manager for Gipsy Lane (My Day Day Care, Slimming World, etc and The Light House home for young men in the church comprise a considerable part of Keith's management responsibilities, as the building is now used to full capacity). David Ledger developed his role significantly during the year in the area of audio visual, which was key in

the functioning of church meetings during the pandemic – the church excelled in the area of streaming meetings live on YouTube and smaller meetings conducted on Zoom, along with PA in Taunton & Wellington (including meeting our data protection requirements) and increased his working and salaried hours to two days per week.

Financial Overview of 2020

The church's income is primarily received from the majority members giving 10% (a tithe) of their income and offerings. This biblical principle is taught in the church and works in practice as a voluntary contribution from those people with enough faith in these principles to put them into practice. In addition to this, from time to time, special voluntary offerings are made by members. Ideally the tithe is used to provide for people and offerings for projects – this is reflected in the accounts.

Significantly, 2020 saw the continued development of the church site with less emphasis upon facilitating the operations of My Day Day Care (a centre to support people with disabilities and to help them integrate into the community). During the pandemic, My Day scaled down their operations at the church building and created 'bubbles' at other locations in the area. The teaching of music in the rehearsal rooms was limited by government rules along with all other activities that operated from the building. There was sufficient finance and help to support the maintenance and improvement of the site and during the year and the beginning of a plan to give the building a makeover were discussed. In the future, it is expected that the church building will be used for teaching media and facilitating discipleship programmes and this will hopefully happen in 2021, pandemic and government rules permitting.

At the end of the 17th financial year, the church's finances remained in a very strong position and the Trustees are confident in being able to meet the financial commitments and to be able to continue to be generous in giving to the needs of others inside and outside the church and across the church in Taunton and to pay the salaries of the staff.

Church Office

The church office continued to provide support on all levels to the various ministries in the church and provided a place for people to meet to talk over issues, etc. Office systems were maintained, The church website & Facebook page were used throughout the year as part of developing communications (and continued in alignment with admin processes based in the Kenosha church)

Vision & Commitment Course

The Vision and Commitment Course (V&C) is the 'way in' to church membership and consists of a 20-session series and ran during 2020 in the two churches, along with Alpha courses, effectively using Zoom. Some good contacts were made with people during these courses, despite Covid19. The V&C course covers the basic foundations of church life and practice. Everyone who wants to become a committed member of the church goes through this course to ensure that we all understand the principles upon which the life of the church is founded.

Children

The church is blessed with many children of a variety of age groups, who are a credit to their families and who are learning about Jesus and endeavouring to live out their faith. There are varied activities such as:

- Teaching during the Sunday meeting
- Involvement in many areas of church life

The children's work continued to use the outside classrooms at the church building, prior to the March lockdown, but, for most of 2020 much of their activities were transferred to Court Fields (as government guidelines allowed). From March, the two congregations started to meet together as the pandemic unfolded.

Youth

Throughout 2020 the work with the Youth (teenagers) was significantly affected by Covid 19 restrictions, but the leaders kept in touch with them and arranged meetings as and when it was possible.

Preaching and Teaching program

Preaching and teaching continued on Sunday mornings, led by Ben and supported by various speakers including Ben, Bruce, Trefor, Kevin & Chris (in their role as Elders), Matthew Wright, Paul Mew, Peter Fox, Pete Gibson, Alex Akhigbemen, Kevin Parker, etc. Good preaching and teaching is foundational to the growth of the church and has proved provoking and challenging. The teaching that is brought each week continues to be discussed regularly through the home groups, with the emphasis being on practical implementation of what is shared. Podcasts of all Sunday teaching in all the related churches are available to be listened to on the church app along with 'special' directional teachings from John Lalgee and Scott Goodwill.

Prayer

Monthly prayer meetings (as Covid permitted, either face to face, or on Zoom) have been taking place since the church started and these have been very powerful and significant times where God has moved among us and spoken to us of his intentions. There is a clear call from God to remain humble among the Taunton churches and to serve them and to maintain an intimate fellowship with Him, both individually and corporately. There was also clear direction on how the church building should be used in the local community and individuals were inspired to out-work their vision to this end.

Worship Teams

A foundational element of the church continues to be a firm focus on the importance of worshipping God. The worship teams continued to develop under the direction of Martin Ledger with a considerable number of musicians working on a rotation basis. In Wellington, Chris Izzett and John & Lisa Freeborn lead and develop the worship team in this church.

Pre-Marriage Training/wedding

This was a difficult area for some couples, because of the Covid 19 restrictions.

Town Wide Events

The emphasis on town wide events and developing the church's relationship with other churches in the area were limited to just the church leaders meeting together, because of Covid 19 – all live, face to face meetings were cancelled for the whole year.

Evangelism

The church continued to look for ways to fulfil the call of God to 'Evangelise the World' and this issue remained a significant challenge throughout the year, especially because of the pandemic. However, 'Not So Silent Night' was recorded and produced by the Taunton team and broadcast online, at Christmas and as previously mentioned, an Alpha Course was run online.

Hospitality & Covid 19 Support

The church continues to demonstrate hospitality, with many in the church gifted in this area. A 'family' environment is established for visitors to be welcomed and cared for. In general, frequent informal 'get-togethers' in homes outside of the regular meetings and visitors to the Sunday meetings were significantly curtailed due to the pandemic, but people worked out how to stay in touch in line with government guidelines. When someone is in need (e.g. at the birth of a baby, or if there is sickness), then meals are provided as organised by the home groups.

A Covid 'Needy Fund' was set up early in the pandemic to help families in the church whose lives had been affected by Covid 19 and this was set to continue into 2021. However, church membership and funds were barely affected by the crisis and, if anything, the numbers of people associated with the two congregations increased over 2020 and into 2021.

Prophetic Words

We have continued to receive a regular flow of prophetic words in the church, which express God's intention to increase our effectiveness and fruitfulness in reaching the community with the gospel. The significant ones are transcribed each week and distributed to the whole church via email. In Wellington, there were regular meetings led by Paula Appleby to draw prophetic people together and to pray.

The churches continued to pray and work through prophetic words to determine how the two congregations should move forward in the will of God.

Church weekend away

The planned church weekend away for 2020 was cancelled because of Covid 19.

General church events and activities in 2020

Most events and activities outside the Sunday and weeknight meetings (LiveStream & Zoom) were cancelled during 2020, due to Covid. However, people did meet in small groups in gardens and parks, as government rules permitted.

Other ministries in Taunton

Members of the church have been involved in the following ministries in the town 9as Cocvid has permitted):

- B1 and town-wide activities
- Christians Against Poverty (led by Richard Appleby)
- The Besom Trust (furniture delivery to needy families; food for the food bank; monthly contribution to the storage warehouse; projects to help people in their homes)
- Monthly contribution to the Taunton Food Bank
- ROC (churches and local community group and authorities working together to affect the local area)
- Street Pastors
- Supporting the Saturday morning breakfast for homeless people at the Albemarle Centre.
- Some support for families who are foster carers in the church.

Conclusion

The church has been built on clear biblical principles. The growth of the church will continue as strong foundations are constantly built into the lives of those God adds to the church. We will continue to respond actively to all that God says to us through prophecy, teaching of the Word and the structure of Godly leadership that operates in the church. Through faith and patience, we will see His promises to us fulfilled and God's name glorified in the earth.