

SANDON ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

Report of the Trustees from January to December 2022

The Trustees present their report and independently examined financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022

Reference and Administrative Information

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| Charity Name: | Sandon Road Baptist Church |
| Charity registration number: | 1116868 |
| Address: | 317 Sandon Road, Stafford. ST16 3HW |
| Correspondence address: | 22 Gladstone Way, Stafford, ST16 3JT |

Trustees:

Chrissy Remsberg (Associate Minister)
Chris Knight (Volunteer Church Co-Leader)
Stuart Wray (Treasurer)
Sandra Bunn (until 31/10/22)
Ruth Concar
Sally Cox
Gill Farrell
Patricia Horsnall

Bankers: HSBC, Market Square, Stafford;

Santander Bank, Market Square, Stafford;

Unity Trust Bank, Nine Brindleyplace, Birmingham

Independent Examiner: Tim Herriott, 15 Briarsleigh, Stafford, ST17 4QP

Structure, Governance and Management

The organisation is an Unincorporated Association and was registered as a charity on 17th November 2006.

The charity's Governing Document is its constitution adopted on 4th February 2010. Members of the church are accepted on profession of faith following attendance at a Church Members' course. The members' meeting normally takes place at least 8 times a year and has responsibility for the overall policy of the church. In accordance with the Constitution, the trustees are appointed by the members, and are responsible for the day to day running of the church's work and witness and the financial and legal aspect of the charity. All members of the church are encouraged to take an appropriate part in the spiritual and practical tasks involved in the furtherance of the charitable objective. Relevant matters may be submitted to the church meeting by the Trustees for consideration or may be raised by members in Church meeting for further consideration by the Trustees. Though the Constitution permits decisions to be made at Church meetings by appropriate majorities, the Church seeks to work by consensus wherever possible.

Ministers are a vocational calling; all other Trustees are elected for three years and may serve a second term before standing down for 12 months. Their election is by the whole membership, usually at the AGM.

The trustees meet approximately ten times during the year.
The Secretary and Treasurer are appointed by the church meeting.

Objectives and Activities

The principal purpose of the charity is to proclaim, advance, practice and teach the Christian faith through engaging in a range of activities including:

- The provision of space for public worship and prayer;
- Evangelism and Mission, locally, regionally, nationally and internationally;
- Expressing God's love to the community through the provision of youth activities, toddler and older friends groups which are open to all sections of the community
- Nurture and growth of Christian disciples;
- Training and equipping the congregation for Christian service;
- Giving pastoral care;
- Supporting charitable social action at home and abroad;
- Relating in support and fellowship to Baptists and other Christians;
- The provision of meeting space for community activities such as children's parties and adult education activities
- Raising finance to further the purpose by receiving grants donations and loans.

The church seeks to be a friendly and welcoming community, and anybody is free to attend any of its worship services.

The Church operates systems to ensure that all people working with children and vulnerable adults are appropriately vetted with regard to the Disclosure and Barring Service.

The Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Achievements and Performance during the year

As a church, 2022 brought us increased focus and stability. We ended our lease at the Beacon International Centre and moved back to our church building on Sandon Rd. We have remained clear that we are called to be One Church, Many Beacons, Growing Disciples. Whilst we continue to support and seek to grow congregations/microchurches we were able to lean into being one church by sharing in quarterly worship and prayer nights where folk from every setting were able to join together. We also shared in joint trainings of our congregational leadership teams and gathered for church meetings always as one church body.

We have been privileged to see new leaders joining our leadership teams and taking opportunities to use their gifts to serve, teach, and offer hospitality to others. These evidences of growth in discipleship leave us stronger and thriving as a church community.

We have undertaken a number of outreach activities with a view to building relationships and sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with those who wouldn't normally attend church. These have included:

- A new men's group

- Warm Space, to continue as Community Space: inviting folk from the local community to come together in our building for company, food and games
- Messy Church: fun, faith-based activities and crafts for children and parents to engage in
- Pub Christmas pantomime, regular quizzes and beer and bible
- Events on the Marston Grange estate: Easter egg hunt, Jubilee celebration, Christmas carols
- Events at Burleyfields: Sunday brunches, Jubilee party, live nativity at Christmas
- A new monthly Christian service at Limewood (a dementia care home)
- Bitesize church: a monthly Christian service at the Beacon Friendship Group for older friends
- Monthly midweek service in Elmwood (accommodation for over 55s)
- A new monthly youth group

We also had the privilege of baptising four people in 2022.

2022 also saw the first full year for our newly formed leadership team (trustees) to step into a somewhat new role in leadership. This team has reaffirmed our vision and their passion to serve our scattered approach to church as Many Beacons. As a team, they brought forward a new constitution that was agreed by the church and is awaiting confirmation by the Charity Commission. They affirmed the continued co-leadership of Chrissy Remsberg and Chris Knight. The Leadership team have also been faithful in working with our finance team to steward our resources and have positioned us to come into 2023 with confidence that as a church we can continue to pursue the mission God has called us to.

All of these moments in the spiritual journey of our Beacon family should fill us with joy to know that we are a part of a thriving, growing church family that is eager to serve the Lord. In addition, we were pleased to welcome a new Administrator and Associate Pastor to our staff team. They each have brought skill and passion to their respective roles and have greatly supported the work of the church.

Financial Review

The Church has continued to raise the funds which it needs to carry on its activities from within its own membership and congregation. No wider public appeal was made for funds during the year. The church terminated the lease on the Beacon International Centre, as planned, in May 2022, and made an agreed payment to the landlord for dilapidations. This has relieved the church of an ongoing financial burden which before Covid was previously supported by income from a Bistro and Conference Centre.

The Church is dependent on its membership working as volunteers in all aspects of the church's activities, many of which run with little or no impact on the church's expenditure, but nevertheless contribute substantially to the achievement of the church's objectives.

The financial results for the year, together with a summary of the accounting policies adopted, are set out in the accompanying financial statements.

The church is a participating employer within the Defined Benefit section of the Baptist Pension scheme and has been making ongoing deficit payments to cover the costs of past service of its

employees within the scheme under a recovery plan. The church has no plan to leave the scheme and expects to continue to make payments to the scheme in line with the recovery plan.

Statement of policy on reserves:

The Trustees have established a Reserves Policy to enable the church to function effectively and meet its obligations in the event of a decline in our income or a major cost. Having considered the relevant risks of changes in income and expenditure, the Trustees have determined that the appropriate level of reserves is £30,000 to enable it to retain sufficient funds to pay 6 months' salary to cover notice to any minister in post and 1 month's pay for any other employees of the church.

As at 31st December 2022 the church held reserves of £30000 which meets our commitment.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Charity Reporting and Accounting: the essentials – March 2015 (CC15c)

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees:

Signature



Name

CHRIS KNIGHT

Date

11/5/23



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Sandon Road Baptist Church

On accounts for the year
ended

31 December 2022

Charity no (if any)

1116868

Set out on pages

3,4,5,6 and 7

Respective responsibilities of
trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent
examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's
statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *)

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 Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Acthave 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: T. Herriott

Date: 3 March 2023

Name: Mr Tim Herriott

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body (if
any):

ACA

Address:

15 Briarsleigh

Wildwood

Stafford ST17 4QP

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

THE BEACON - INCORPORATING SANDON RD BAPTIST CHURCH AND THE BEACON INTERNATIONAL CENTRE

INCOME & EXPENDITURE 2022

| INCOME RELATING TO CHURCH | | EXPENDITURE RELATING TO CHURCH | |
|--|------------------|--|------------------|
| BEACON INTERNATIONAL CENTRE: | 0.00 | BEACON INTERNATIONAL CENTRE: | 39,581.75 |
| GIVING: | 77,942.70 | MINISTERIAL: | 48,939.38 |
| Unity Trust Cash Offering | 275.95 | Salary/Tax/NI/Pension/Housing Expenses | 44,983.14 |
| HSBC Regular Monthly Tithing | 71,638.00 | Employers Pension | 1,763.88 |
| Pledges | 4,995.00 | Baptist Ministers Pension Deficit | 2,192.36 |
| Gift Aid On Pledges [Received to Dec 2022] | 1,033.75 | | |
| GENERAL CHURCH: | 17,012.42 | GENERAL CHURCH: | 18,883.71 |
| Gift Aid General [Received to Dec 2022] | 16,000.25 | Pastoral | 46.94 |
| Misc. Income | 1,012.17 | Admin | 3,723.09 |
| | | Support Staff | 13,775.18 |
| | | Bank Charges | 203.80 |
| | | Membership & Subscriptions | 1,134.70 |
| SANDON ROAD SITE: | 12,620.79 | SANDON ROAD SITE: | 9,204.28 |
| Room Hire | 12,620.79 | Heat & Light | 1,922.36 |
| | | Insurance | 1,522.27 |
| | | Maintenance | 5,759.65 |
| BCH - MARSTON GRANGE | 2,100.00 | BCH - MARSTON GRANGE | 5,231.76 |
| Rent | 2,100.00 | Utilities | 4,538.95 |
| | | Maintenance | 250.28 |
| | | Insurance | 394.67 |
| | | Mission | 47.86 |
| | | BCH - BURLEYFIELDS | 3,895.74 |
| | | Utilities | 2,652.04 |
| | | Maintenance | 593.17 |
| | | Insurance | 650.53 |
| TRAINING: | 0.00 | TRAINING: | 518.00 |
| | | Materials | 0.00 |
| | | Travel | 300.00 |
| | | Courses | 218.00 |
| MISSION & MINISTRY: | 198.47 | MISSION & MINISTRY: | 1,264.33 |
| General Mission | 198.47 | General Mission | 1,264.33 |

SIGNED 

DATED 31/3/23

CHILDREN&YOUTH WORK:

0.00

CHILDREN&YOUTH WORK:

297.53

Childrens Church

260.00

Messy Church

37.53

CHARITABLE GIVING:

12,540.00

Youth Net

1,200.00

BMS

5,670.00

HMF

5,670.00

TOTAL CHURCH INCOME:

109,874.38

TOTAL CHURCH EXPENDITURE:

140,356.48**EXCESS EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME****-30,482.10****[Non Restricted Income only]****RESTRICTED INCOME/EXPENDITURE NOT FOR CHURCH BUT ACTIONED THROUGH UNITY/HSBC**

CHARITABLE GIVING:

240.00

CHARITABLE GIVING:

240.00

Birthday Monies to Dec 2022

240.00

Birthday Monies 2022

240.00

SRBC REDEVELOPMENT:

7,154.50

SRBC REDEVELOPMENT:

0.00

SRBC Redevelopment-Storage Facility

7,092.00

SRBC Redevelopment-Storage Facility

0.00

SRBC Redevelopment Gift Aid [to May 2022]

62.50

MISSION & MINISTRY:

2,566.00

MISSION & MINISTRY:

2,357.99

Nepal Gift Aid [to Dec 2022]

2,566.00

Firestarter

2,357.99

TRANSFERS:

9,720.50

Santander - SRBC Redevelopment

7,154.50

Santander - Nepal Fund

2,566.00

TOTAL RESTRICTED INCOME:

9,960.50

TOTAL RESTRICTED EXPENDITURE:

12,318.49

INCOME UNITY & HSBC CASH BOOK:

119,834.88

EXPENDITURE UNITY & HSBC CASH BOOK:

152,674.97

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DATED 3/3/23

THE BEACON - INCORPORATING THE BEACON INTERNATIONAL CENTRE & SANDON RD BAPTIST CHURCH
CASH FLOW & BALANCES 2022

OPENING BALANCE HSBC BANK 1st JANUARY 2022:

| | |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| Regular Monthly Tithing: | 11,696.21 |
| Pledges: | 71,638.00 |
| Bank Charges: | 4,995.00 |
| Transfer to Unity Trust: | 60.00 |
| | 82,000.00 |

RESTRICTED ACCOUNTS

UNUSED FUND OPENING BALANCE 1st JANUARY 2022:

| | |
|-----------|--------|
| Deposit : | 36.38 |
| | 130.00 |

CLOSING BALANCE AS PER CASH BOOK 31st DECEMBER 2022:

CLOSING BALANCE AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2022:

HSBC CLOSING BALANCE AS PER STATEMENT:

SRBC REDEVELOPMENT FUND OPENING BALANCE 1st JANUARY 2022:

| | |
|--------------------|----------|
| Income not cleared | 6,269.21 |
| | 6,269.21 |
| | 0.00 |

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|---|-----------|
| Regular Credit | 20,181.72 |
| Transfer Gift Aid from Unity | 200.00 |
| Transfer From Unity-Gift from Sandon Rd Playschool-Storage Facility | 62.50 |
| Interest | 7,092.00 |
| | 3.42 |

OPENING BALANCE UNITY TRUST BANK 1st JANUARY 2022:

CLOSING BALANCE AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2022:

| | |
|---|------------|
| General Income: | 27,539.64 |
| Transfer in from HSBC Current: | |
| Transfer to Nepal Fund-Gift Aid | 43,201.88 |
| Transfer to SRBC Redevelopment-Gift Aid | 82,000.00 |
| Transfer to SRBC Redevelopment-Other | 2,566.00 |
| General Expenditure: | 62.50 |
| Transfer of Firestarter Residue: | 7,092.00 |
| Transfer of Birthday monies to BMS: | 140,296.48 |
| | 2,357.99 |
| | 240.00 |

CLOSING BALANCE AS PER CASH BOOK 31st DECEMBER 2022:

NEPAL FUND OPENING BALANCE 1st JANUARY 2022:

UNITY CLOSING BALANCE AS PER STATEMENT:

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| Smile Child Sponsors | 27,800.72 |
| Gimdi Child Sponsors | 7,285.00 |
| Transfer from Unity-Gift Aid | 8,124.00 |
| Other Income | 2,566.00 |
| Transfer to Nepal - Smile | 0.00 |
| Transfer to Nepal - Gimdi Sponsors | 11,540.00 |
| Transfer Charges - Allocated to Gimdi Sponsors | 9,360.00 |
| | 175.00 |

CLOSING BALANCE AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022:

UNITY STATEMENT BALANCE TO CASH BOOK:

CLOSING BALANCE AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022:

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DATED 31/12/23

ASSETS

Insured value of a church building owned on the Sandon Road site to the value of :

£785,029.00

Insured value of a manse 50% owned by the church to the value of :

£163,779.00

£948,808.00

LIABILITIES

The church has outstanding loans to the value of :

£13,000.00

There are debtors outstanding as at 31st December 2022 :

£0.00

There are creditors outstanding as at 31st December 2022 :

£0.00

The Baptist Pension Scheme amount outstanding as at the 20th June 2022 :

£8,500.00

[This is the latest information available as at 31st December 2022]

£21,500.00



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| Sandon Road Baptist Church | | | Charity No (if any) | 1116868 | |
| Annual accounts for the period | | | | | |
| Period start date | 01/01/2022 | To | Period end date | 31/12/2022 | |

Section A Statement of financial activities

| Recommended categories by activity | Guidance Note | Unrestricted funds £ F01 | Restricted income funds £ F02 | Endowment funds £ F03 | Total funds £ F04 | Prior year funds £ F05 |
|---|---------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| Incoming resources | | | | | | |
| Income and endowments from: | | | | | | |
| Donations and legacies | S01 | 95,288 | 25,370 | - | 120,658 | 192,245 |
| Charitable activities | S02 | 198 | - | - | 198 | 188 |
| Other trading activities | S03 | 14,721 | - | - | 14,721 | 17,250 |
| Investments | S04 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Separate material item of income | S05 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Other | S06 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total | S07 | 110,207 | 25,370 | - | 135,577 | 209,683 |
| Resources expended | | | | | | |
| Expenditure on: | | | | | | |
| Raising funds | S08 | 54,536 | - | - | 54,536 | 99,583 |
| Charitable activities | S09 | 85,820 | 23,673 | - | 109,493 | 199,820 |
| Separate material item of expense | S10 | | | | | |
| Other | S11 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total | S12 | 140,356 | 23,673 | - | 164,029 | 299,403 |
| Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses) | | | | | | |
| Net gains/(losses) on investments | S13 | (30,149) | 1,697 | 0 | (28,452) | (89,720) |
| | S14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Net income/(expenditure) Extraordinary items | S15 | (30,149) | 1,697 | 0 | (28,452) | (89,720) |
| Transfers between funds | S16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Other recognised gains/(losses): | S17 | 4,054 | (4,054) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use | S18 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other gains/(losses) | S19 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Net movement in funds | S20 | (26,095) | (2,357) | 0 | (28,452) | (89,720) |
| Reconciliation of funds: | | | | | | |
| Total funds brought forward | S21 | 917,629 | 95,989 | 0 | 1,013,618 | 1,103,338 |
| Total funds carried forward | S22 | 891,534 | 93,632 | 0 | 985,166 | 1,013,618 |

Section B

Balance sheet

| | Guidance Notes | Unrestricted funds £ F01 | Restricted income funds £ F02 | Endowment funds £ F03 | Total this year £ F04 | Total last year £ F05 |
|---|----------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Fixed assets | | | | | | |
| Intangible assets | B01 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Tangible assets | B02 | 915,000 | - | - | 915,000 | 915,000 |
| Heritage assets | B03 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Investments | B04 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total fixed assets | B05 | 915,000 | - | - | 915,000 | 915,000 |
| Current assets | | | | | | |
| Stocks | B06 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Debtors | B07 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Investments | B08 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Cash at bank and in hand | B09 | - 10,466 | 93,632 | - | 83,166 | 111,618 |
| Total current assets | B10 | - 10,466 | 93,632 | - | 83,166 | 111,618 |
| Creditors: amounts falling due within one year | B11 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Net current assets/(liabilities) | B12 | - 10,466 | 93,632 | - | 83,166 | 111,618 |
| Total assets less current liabilities | B13 | 904,534 | 93,632 | - | 998,166 | 1,026,618 |
| Creditors: amounts falling due after one year | B14 | 13,000 | - | - | 13,000 | 13,000 |
| Provisions for liabilities | B15 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total net assets or liabilities | B16 | 891,534 | 93,632 | - | 985,166 | 1,013,618 |
| Funds of the Charity | | | | | | |
| Endowment funds | B17 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Restricted income funds | B18 | - | 93,632 | - | 93,632 | 95,989 |
| Unrestricted funds | B19 | 891,534 | - | - | 891,534 | 917,629 |
| Revaluation reserve | B20 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total funds | B21 | 891,534 | 93,632 | - | 985,166 | 1,013,618 |

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

| Signature | Print Name | Date of approval dd/mm/yyyy |
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