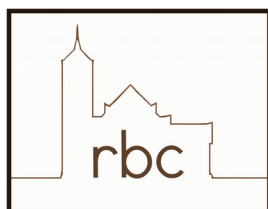




Rugby Baptist Church

2020–21 Annual Report and Accounts



Rugby Baptist Church

Regent Place
Rugby CV21 2PJ

Annual Report

The Trustees of Rugby Baptist Church are pleased to present their report together with the independently examined financial statements of the charity for the year from 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021.

In accordance with Charity Law for churches with an income of over £10,000, we now present this annual report of our recent activities. This report will be forwarded, in due course, to the Charity Commission along with the independently examined accounts of our Church.



Reference and Administrative Details

Charity Name	Rugby Baptist Church
Registered Charity	1126606
Address	Regent Place Rugby CV21 2PJ

Managing Trustees (Diaconate)

Senior Minister	Rev David Fleming	<i>from 1st August 2020</i>
Associate Minister	Revd Dr Peter den Haan	<i>until October 2020</i>
Deacons	Ian Coleman	<i>Until 10th November 2020</i>
	Carey Cowperthwaite	
	Michael Daulman	<i>From 10th November 2020</i>
	David Higham	
	Louise Morley	
	Brenda Pulham	
	Graham Ridgway	<i>appointed secretary, 10th November 2020</i>
	Chris Speake (Treasurer)	
	Emma Spraget	<i>from 10th November 2020</i>
	Emma Tiller (Secretary)	<i>until 10th November 2020</i>

Suzanne Upton
Milton Williams

Structure, Governance and Management

Rugby Baptist Church (RBC) is a charitable unincorporated association governed by constitution. The constitution was adopted by resolution of a special church meeting on 17th November 2009, modified by resolution of a special church meeting on 9th September 2014 and 10th November 2015. The Church is a member of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and the Heart of England Baptist Association (HEBA). HEBA is the Trustee for the charity, holding the titles to the charity's properties other than those for the Manse which are held by the BU Corporation.

The Church Members' Meeting

In common with most Baptist churches, the Church is governed by its own members through the Church Meeting which is normally held bimonthly. Ministers and diaconate meet monthly to exercise executive oversight and prepare business for the Church Meeting. The latter has reserved authority in the appointment and removal of a Minister, the appointment and removal of Trustees, decisions related to church property, the administration of the membership list, and the closure of the Church¹. During 2020-21 there were 5 ordinary church members' meetings as well as the Annual Church Meeting, all held over Zoom due to Lockdown restrictions.

The method of appointment of Trustees is set out in the constitution. The Trustees (the diaconate) are the ministers of the church and the deacons—including Secretary and Treasurer—who are elected by the members at a church members' meeting.

The Diaconate

The diaconate (Board of Trustees) had 10 regular meetings over the course of the year 2019–20. Reverend Roger Woodward, a retired Baptist Minister, chaired diaconate and church meetings, and acted as a point of reference during the pastoral vacancy until the commencement of the appointment of our new senior minister, Rev David Fleming, in August. Thereafter he chaired meetings.

¹ Rugby Baptist Church *Constitution* 9.2

At the November 2019 ACM Michael Daulman and Emma Spraget were appointed as new Deacon/Trustees; and Emma Tiller stepped down as both as a deacon/trustee and as Church Secretary. Over the course of the year the Diaconate has reported regularly to the Church Meeting, which usually meets bi-monthly, to discuss, share information and to make decisions together.

Objectives and Activities

The principal purpose of the church is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination. The church may also advance education and carry out other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and/or other parts of the world.²

Activities in relation to the purpose

Over the course of the year the Diaconate has sought to manage its priorities, workload, and response to changing circumstances through a basic Kanban-style system. Our principal activities as a church are:

1. Worship and prayer.
2. The teaching and sharing of the Christian faith within an all-age faith community.
3. The pastoral care of individuals, and
4. Service to the local community and the wider world.

Among the particular targets we set ourselves this year have been:

- To offer relevant and compelling themes for Sunday services and house groups.
- To develop and offer opportunities to use the gifts of the church membership in leading worship and ministry.
- To continue the renewal and development of our church's prayer life.
- To maintain and develop the ministry and mission of the church during Lockdown, and to help transition safely out of Lockdown.
- To welcome our new Senior minister and help him integrate into the life of the church.
- To make the diaconate more effective by establishing small groups to help and support the work of the diaconate.

Activities for public benefit

The Trustees have given due regard to Charity Commission guidance on the public benefit of the Charity. 2020-2021 was an unusual year for us due to Covid Lockdown, meaning that many of our normal activities had to be suspended and many of our planned activities for public benefit could not take place. However, our revised plans included the following

- To support people during Lockdown through regular contact, zoom and other online gathering, distributing flowers weekly and offering other such support, including meals and cards, as was safe and permitted by government guidelines.

- To give volunteer, financial, and prayer support to charitable organizations which benefit the whole local community, including Hope4 (Rugby) Ltd (working with homeless and badly housed people), Food Bank, Christians against Poverty (debt counselling), Gift of Years (care home chaplaincy) and Street Pastors.



- Continued to champion the Redeeming Our Communities conversation, which we hope will result in a consultation in 2021.

- Over Easter 2020 a number of people in the congregation created Easter Gardens and placed Lent Crosses in their front gardens for passers by to see during early Lockdown. These were shared on facebook and many from the public commented positively on the initiative.

- Over Christmas the church windows were decorated with "stained glass" panels made of tissue and card to form a single large image. Over 60 people of all ages took part as a witness and a sign that the church was still active. Many people enjoyed the display as they went down Regent Street.
- During Lockdown we also held online events, including a quiz night and a bake-along on Maundy Thursday.



Achievements and Performance

" With God's power working in us God can do much, much more than anything we can ask or imagine"...(Ephesians 3:20)



Our church text from the Bible for 2021, illustrated with a pulpit fall created by one of our church members, reminds us of our dependence on God for all we seek to achieve. It was chosen for us by our deacons and has proved very appropriate for this year.

This has been a year of unparalleled challenges, and we have fought hard to maintain our church life under the restrictions of Lockdown. Our regular meetings were either suspended or moved online for most of the year, and many of the key activities supported by the church, such as the Winter Night Shelter for the homeless, did not take place this year.

Our new Senior Minister took up post in August 2020, and has adjusted well to ministry at Rugby Baptist Church, despite personal challenges following his wife's death in 2000 from Covid19.

We have adjusted and improved our Audio Visual provision to allow services to be live streamed and saved as recordings online.

We have improved the functioning of the Diaconate by setting up several small groups in areas such as Local Mission, Fellowship and Pastoral life. These small groups have drawn membership from the wider church as well as the diaconate. Some of the groups have started well and strongly, others have struggled to get going, which is to be expected considering the restrictions of Lockdown.

We have made far greater use of Churchsuite to improve communications and efficiency of church. Churchsuite also improved our track and trace recording when regulations allowed face-to-face meeting.

Coronavirus response

The coronavirus pandemic has significantly curtailed our usual church activities, and of particular frustration was the period at the turn of the year when moving in and out of Lockdown made planning difficult. Our response to continue "the advancement of the Christian faith" has been as follows:

- Maintained an active group of Pastoral carers and kept in touch with most of the members on our pastoral list.

- Used the Meal Ministry team to support practically those with particular by providing hot cooked meals.
- Facilitated prayer, encouragement, and interaction using a private Facebook group, a whatsapp group and daily and weekly prayer meetings.
- Created pre-recorded services when in lockdown and met in person as allowed with involvement of a wide range of the church family. Recorded and livestreamed services were made available every Sunday through the website, Facebook, and Youtube, and some of our children's groups have also met online weekly
- Sent the weekly newsletter, electronically or by post, to the entire church family.
- Got as many church activities online as possible using Zoom, including office and deacons' meetings, a Sunday meeting, the prayer meeting, and house groups.
- Encouraged the different ministries to reach out to the fringe either electronically or by phone or post.
- Compliance with Lockdown restrictions and the safe easing of those restrictions have absorbed a lot of time and energy this year. Trustees have been careful to begin face to face meetings only as advised by the Government and the Baptist Union of Great Britain, and as considered prudent by our own Health and Safety advisors. We are confident that we have moved as safely as possible, and taken every step to prevent the spread of the virus in our buildings and through our activities.

Membership

As of October 2020 our church community had 163 members and a further 113 adherents (who are under our pastoral care but not in membership). Our programme and activities for Toddlers did not continue during lockdown, but many of our activities for children and young people moved online, and contact was maintained with around a third to a half of our children and teenagers. Although most of our midweek meetings and our Sunday services were either suspended during Lockdown or moved online, we have tried to keep in touch as much as possible with members. We had the pleasure of welcoming one person into membership through affirmation of faith and two more through transfer from another Baptist church. Despite lockdown, new members and adherents have continued to join us, and our online services have had a "reach" far beyond what was achieved when we were only meeting physically. Up to 200 people have viewed our services either as recordings or livestreams. This helps us to continue to look to the future positively and with hope, despite the challenges that the coronavirus no doubt will continue to pose over the coming year.

Teams

Part of the Trustees' responsibilities is ensuring that teams are in place to run and deliver our Church's wide-ranging programme of events and activities. This year we have arranged two Level 2 safeguarding training evenings for 38 of our volunteers, four volunteers have attended children's worker training at Moorlands College. A property matters training day that a number of members of our property team were to attend has been postponed due to the coronavirus, as has a mental health first aid course.

Pastoral Care is overseen by a dedicated team of around 11 people who work alongside the Ministers in offering pastoral care to an extended church community of around 300. A team of around 16 leaders delivers a well-supported and varied small groups programme and meet together several times a year to plan this. Other examples of such teams who help to make our service to both church and community possible, include an encouraging range of musicians, those who attend our Children's and Youth Forum every two months with oversight over a wide and varied children's and youth programme here; those who operate our church's various coffee and food rotas, a meal ministry, and a dedicated property, gardening and cleaning team. In common with Christian Churches the world over so much good work and service is only possible because of the time, dedication and energy of many such teams of committed people each year.

Cluster

During Lockdown, through regular Zoom meetings, we have also maintained a good working relationship within the local Baptist cluster consisting of the Dunchurch, Wolston, Daventry and Rugby churches. This group has not only supported one another but also collectively supported out BMS link missionaries.

Community

In many ways our community involvement was most affected by the Lockdown. Our Girls' and Boys' Brigade Companies kept meeting online throughout Lockdown, and kept contact with most of their members.

Our partnership with other churches in the town through the REVIVE network has continued.

Due to Lockdown our usual support for the Winter Shelter for rough sleepers here in town was not offered, as the project did not take place. We have also continued to provide prayerful support for a range of interchurch charitable activities as mentioned above—Hope4, Food Bank, Christians Against Poverty, Gift of Years, Street Pastors, and more.

Finances

A copy of our independently examined accounts accompanies this report.

On the 2021 Gift Day the congregation responded generously to an appeal for funds to raise funds for repairs to our church fabric.

During 2021 concerns were raised about the condition of the slate roof of our church, with a number of tiles slipping. Investigations into the condition of the roof were authorised with a view to repairing or re-tiling the roof.

Despite Lockdown, the Church continued to give generously to needy causes nationally, internationally and locally as the accompanying accounts reveal, and we are looking to increase our level of giving in the next financial year. The Church has a reserves policy which ensures that between three and six months' core expenditure is ring-fenced. £50,000 in reserved are lodged with the Baptist Union Corporation.

Coronavirus response

In response to the continued coronavirus pandemic, on behalf of the Trustees, the Treasurer has kept a careful eye on the church finances. Giving for the year will be reduced and rental income significantly so, but reserves are more than sufficient to absorb the impact in the short to medium term.

Our cleaner, Cathy Barker, was been put on furlough for part of the year using the Government's scheme to cover 80% of her contracted salary, with the Church making up the rest. All other staff are worked from home for part of the year. As we began to emerge from Lockdown we made adjustments to the cleaning of the church premises to allow for increased Coronavirus protection.

Future

2021-2022 will bring the challenge of emerging from Lockdown, reviving some of our activities after a long period of relative inactivity, and changing and renewing others. We look forward to the appointment of a new Associate Minister to replace Peter den Haan,

As 2021–22 unfolds, we are looking forward to a new season in our church life as our nation continues to emerge from Lockdown. We face the "New Normal" realising that some of our activities will have been negatively impacted by almost two years of Lockdown and

will need rebuilding, but also that needs in our community have been brought into sharp focus over the past months, and we will have new challenges to rise to. As one example of that, in September we are planning two special services to help the grieving of those whose friends and loved ones died during the Lockdown and who were, perhaps, not able to attend the Funeral services at the time. We are also committed to supporting the and participating in the *Redeeming our Communities* (ROC) conversation.

2020-2021 was an unprecedented and difficult year, and nothing in the experience of Rugby Baptist Church prepared us for the challenges we faced. We believe, then, that we have demonstrated again our commitment as Trustees to advance the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination and to advance education and carry out other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and other parts of the world.³

Signed

_____ Date _____

Graham Ridgway
(church Secretary)

David Fleming
(Minister)

for and on behalf of the Church's Trustees' Board (the Diaconate) for
presentation to the Annual Church Meeting on 12th January 2021.

Template for Receipt and Payment Accounts

This document provides a template for churches who are preparing accruals accounts. It should be read in conjunction with the guidance in [Leaflet F02: Guidelines on Church Accounts with Income under £250,000](#)

Rugby Baptist Church

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 March 2021

GENERAL RECEIPTS & PAYMENT ACCOUNT

	Not e	2019/20	2020/21
Receipts			
Weekly offerings		100392.03	87599.22
Donations and other income	2	13820.58	14442.28
Income tax recovered on gifts		19683.25	16372.25
Investment income	3	57.74	472.07
Rents and contributions for use of premises		29575.5	13847.96
Raised for other causes	4	2373.12	10782.31
Home Mission grant		0	0
Total Receipts		165902.22	143516.09
Payments			
Ministry & Staff	5	55128.5	69246.26
Mission & Grants	6	16972.26	25245.08
Upkeep of church premises	7	46929.8	35656.15
Administration & Events	8	8872.1	9401.52
Amounts passed on to other causes		4700.11	4922.05
Total Payments		132602.77	144471.06
Net receipts / (payments) for the year		33299.45	-954.97
Transfers (to) / from general fund		0	0
Cash balance at previous year end		96509.87	79809.32
Cash balance at current year end		79809.32	78848.53

Disabled Access Fund account

	Not e	2019/20	2020/21
Receipts			
Donations and other income		0	0
Income tax recovered on gifts		0	0
Bank Interest		0	0
Total Receipts			
Payments			
Payments		1998	0
Total Payments		1998	0
Net receipts / (payments) for the year		-1998	0
Transfers (to) / from fabric fund		0	0
Cash balance at previous year end		8138.3	6140.3
Cash balance at current year end		6140.3	6140.3

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31st March 2020

		2019/20	2020/21
	Not e		
Assets			
Bank and other cash balances			
Petty Cash		Not material	Not Material
Lloyds Bank Account		79809.32	78848.53
BUC deposit account		50000	50005.82
Other monetary assets:			
Debtors		0	
Loans made		0	
Gift aid claimed but not received		6331.25	7021.00
Investment Assets	9	0	
Assets Held for Church's own use	10	0	
Total Assets		136140.57	135875.35
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities	11	0	0
Long Term Loans	12	0	0
Pension Scheme liability	13	35492.00	30473.82
Other liabilities	14	0	0
Total Liabilities		35492.00	30473.82

The accounts and statement of assets and liabilities set out on pages [1 & 2] relating to the year ending 31 March 2020 are as approved by the deacons.

Signed: (Treasurer or other Deacon authorised to sign on behalf of all the deacons)

[Date]

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. Basis of accounts

These accounts have been prepared on a 'receipts and payments' basis and in accordance with Section 133 Charities Act 2011.

2. Donations and other income

	2019/20	2020/21
Donations	2000.00	0
Legacies	300.00	9000.00
Memorial gifts	0	3656.60
Events	2623.91	1362.50
Other income	8896.67	423.18
Total Donations and Other Income	13820.58	14442.28

3. Investment income

	2019/20	2020/21
Bank interest	57.74	20.34
Trust income	0	451.73
Other investment income	0	0
Total Investment Income	57.74	472.07

4. Raised for Other causes

	2019/20	2020/21
BMS Harvest	766.36	0
BMS World Mission	712.71	0
Homeless Shelter	894.05	0
Total Raised for Other causes	2373.12	0

5. Ministry & Staff

	2019/20	2020/21
Minister's stipend	18419.6	22272.06
Pension contribution	5504.61	9918.32
National insurance	6211.2	6207.14
Expenses	2003.12	1775.81
Other staff costs	14455.91	25108.24
Visiting Preachers	2390.06	320.00
Other ministry	6144	3644.69
Total Ministry	55128.5	69246.26

The Minister acts as one of the church's trustees and receives remuneration and other benefits in respect of his/her services as Minister, including the provision of manse accommodation [owned by the church/rented by the church/rented by the church from the Minister (and his/her spouse)/part owned by the church and rented in part from the Minister (and his/her spouse)] [delete as applicable. The wording will need to be adapted if there is more than one minister trustee]

6. Mission & Grants

	2019/20	2020/21
Home Mission	4500	10332.34
BMS World Mission	4500	8710.74
RYFC	2107.82	1992.00
Other mission	5834.44	4210.00
Total Mission	16972.26	25245.08

7. Upkeep of church premises

	2019/20	2020/21
Lighting and heating	8973.45	6886.16
Cleaning	951.9	381.50
Insurance	5427.62	5296.47
Repairs and maintenance	29624.91	19058.53
Other premises	1951.92	4033.49
Total Upkeep of church premises	46929.8	35656.15

8. Administration & Events

	2019/20	2020/21
Printing and stationery	1354.34	1921.4
Events	1228	3450.31
Equipment	0	0
Subscriptions	2533.06	2583.10
Other administration	3756.29	1446.71
Total Administration	8872.1	9401.52

9. Investment Assets

	2019/20	2020/21
Stocks and Shares	0	0
Corporate bonds	0	0
Gilts	0	0
Investment property	0	0
Other investment assets [detail if material]	0	0
Total Investment Assets	0	0

[Note: Any such assets should be detailed as necessary, be stated at approximate values (cost, market or insured) and an indication given as to the fund to which they relate]

10. Assets Held for the Church's own use

The church is the beneficial owner (subject to the relevant trusts) of the following assets, the legal title to which is held by the church's custodian trustee [the Baptist Union Corporation Ltd]:

- ☐ Church premises at Regent Place valued in the accounts at £6662002 based on insured value.
- ☐ Church manse at Eastlands Road valued in the accounts at £216065 based on insured value.
- ☐ A Nursery premises at Overslade valued in the accounts at £204416 based on insured value
- ☐ Marriot Field. No meaningful value is available so it has not been included In the Statement Of Assets And Liabilities
- ☐ The church also owns fixtures, furniture, organ and equipment with an insured value of £738897

[It is acceptable to not include a value for an asset where no meaningful value is available (e.g. a burial ground), however such assets should be described in the text of this note where material]

11. Current Liabilities

	2019/20	2020/21
Electricity billed but not yet paid		
Cheques written but not cashed		
Other current liabilities [detail if material]		
Total Current Liabilities	Non Material	Non Material

[Sundry creditors should be detailed where material, together with an indication of the fund to which they relate]

12. Long-Term Liabilities

	2019/20	2020/21
Baptist Building Fund Loan	0	0
Baptist Union Loan Fund Loan	0	0
Loans from Church Members'	0	0
Other [detail if material]	0	0
Total Long-Term Liabilities	0	0

13. Pension Scheme Liabilities

The Church is a participating employer the Baptist Pension Scheme ("the Scheme"), which is a separate legal entity administered by the Pension Trustee (Baptist Pension Trust Limited). The assets of the Scheme are held separately from those of the Employer and the other participating employers.

The Scheme, previously known as the Baptist Ministers' Pension Fund, started in 1925, but was closed to future accrual of defined benefits on 31 December 2011. Prior to this date the main benefit provided through the Defined Benefit (DB) Plan was a pension of one eightieth of final minimum pensionable income for each year of pensionable service together with additional pension in respect of premiums paid on Pensionable Income in excess of Minimum Pensionable Income. Since 1 January 2012, benefits have been provided through a Defined Contribution (DC) Plan.

A formal valuation of the DB Plan as at 31 December 2016 by a professionally qualified Actuary using the Projected Unit Method. At the valuation date the market value of the DB Plan assets was £219 million, whilst the level of assets needed to pay benefits was £312m, giving a deficit of £93m (equivalent to a past service funding level of 70%). The Church and the other participating employers in the DB Plan are collectively responsible for funding this deficit. The next actuarial valuation of the DB Plan within the Scheme is due to take place not later than as at 31 December 2019.

Under the Schedule of Contributions, the church makes a monthly payment in respect of the DB scheme deficit, currently £376.22, which will increase in line with increases in Minimum Pensionable Income. The Schedule of Contributions foresees these contributions continuing until December 2028. The pension scheme liability shown in the Statement of Assets and liabilities is calculated as the current rate per month multiplied by the number of months remaining in the current Schedule of Contributions, which amounted to £30473.82 as at 31st March 2021.

The Church has been advised that the estimated cost for the church to buyout their Pension Scheme liabilities at £41500 as 20th March 2020.

14. Other Liabilities [if applicable]

[Any other material liabilities should be disclosed with an explanation of their circumstances and the fund to which they relate]

None to declare

EXPLANATORY NOTES RELATING TO THE SPECIMEN FORM OF ACCOUNTS:

- a It is emphasised that the format is simply a suggestion (based on best charity accounting practice) and it may be adapted to meet the church's circumstances. If some of the accounts, headings or notes are inapplicable they should be deleted and the numbers of notes amended accordingly. Equally if the church has other significant categories of expenditure, they should be added into the appropriate section to aid the readers understanding of the accounts
- b It should also be understood that the Statement of Assets and Liabilities is not meant to balance. It is merely meant to be a summary of the church's material assets and liabilities.
- c Amounts may be shown in pounds and pence or in 'rounded' pounds.
- d The amounts shown in note 5 in respect of the minister's stipend etc may, if desired, be aggregated under the sub-headings 'Minister's stipend and expenses' and 'Manse upkeep'.
- e The 'Fabric Fund' is an example of a 'designated' account and is used by many churches as a means of equalising repairs and maintenance costs over the years. Mission or Outreach accounts are further examples of 'designated' accounts.
- f The 'New Church Building Fund' is an example of a 'capital' (restricted) fund which is available only for a defined capital purpose.
- g It is good practice to indicate the value of the various assets held by the church. In the absence of recent valuations any property assets could be shown at their insured value. If the insured value is significantly different to the likely market value, (either above it because of planning restrictions reducing the value, or below it because of development opportunities increasing the value) some indication of this should be given. The value of church fittings, furniture and equipment could also be included (en bloc) at their insured value. Stocks and shares should be shown at market value, whilst a church-owned vehicle might be included at cost or its estimated market value. Values, however, are not essential.
- h If any amounts are due to the church at the year-end (e.g. loans made by the church or any tax recovery claim made but not yet received) these should be included under the heading of 'Debtors' in note 8.
- Payments made in advance (e.g. telephone rental, council tax, water charges etc) should not be apportioned.
- i To ensure that all expenditure relating to a year is included in the accounts for that year, some church treasurers treat certain payments (e.g. PAYE and national insurance etc) made early in the next financial period as though the cheques had been drawn on the last day of the old financial period.
- This would avoid having to treat them as outstanding creditors, but if this practice is not followed any such creditors will need to be disclosed under the heading of 'Current Liabilities' (note 10(a)). Liabilities which are accruing but have not yet been invoiced (e.g. gas, electricity telephone, etc.) should not be included.
- Where a church has any outstanding loan obligations these will need to be disclosed under the heading 'Long-term loans' (Note 10(b)). The loans should be detailed in the note together with an indication of the date (s) when due (or the period over which repayable) and, if applicable, the property upon which they are charged.

Where the church has been a member of the Baptist Ministers' Pension Fund and it has agreed payments to be made under a repayment plan, it should include the total of the outstanding repayments at the balance sheet date (monthly contributions multiplied by the remaining months in the contribution plan). Where the Church has been provided with the cost of buying out the pension scheme's liabilities, it is recommended that this is also disclosed in the notes to the accounts or the trustee report. This figure, described as "Estimated Employer Debt" is available for most ongoing employers in the Baptist Pension Scheme on the Employer Hub (hub.lcp.uk.com) under the Employer Documents section.

This is one of a series of Guidelines that are offered as a resource for Baptist ministers and churches. They have been prepared by the Baptist Union of Great Britain and are, of necessity, intended only to give very general advice in relation to the topics covered. These guidelines should not be relied upon as a substitute for obtaining specific and more detailed advice in relation to a particular matter.

The staff at the Baptist Union of Great Britain at Baptist House will be very pleased to answer your queries and help in any way possible.

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Date of Issue: 15 January 2020



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Rugby Baptist Church

On accounts for the year
ended

March 2021

Charity no
(if any)

1126606

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2021

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with 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 all 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 in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.

Signed:

Malcolm Harding

Date:

5th September 2021

Name:

Malcolm Harding

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

Not Applicable

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