

SOUTHBOROUGH LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1129360

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2009-04-30

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: 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.

Activities: The main activities undertaken by the Church were regular public meetings for worship, prayer, bible study, preaching and teaching the Christian gospel, communion of the Lord's Supper, involvement in overseas mission, evangelism and outreach to the community including the welcome, teaching and encouragement of children and young people, on Sundays and mid-week.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNITED KINGDOM AND/OR OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD
- Ghana
- Malawi
- Sri Lanka
- United States
- Zimbabwe
- Bromley

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-09-30	£144,903	£157,842	-	-
2024-09-30	£138,845	£156,048	-	-
2023-09-30	£140,675	£155,263	-	-
2022-09-30	£135,127	£144,581	-	-
2021-09-30	£141,880	£138,883	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Janice Ann Edwards	Chair	2012-07-27
Brian Timothy Hughes		2019-04-10
Frank Peter Hills		2019-04-10
Jillian Anne Hirst		2019-04-10
Peter Robert Willans		2017-03-29
Rev Adedayo Olasunkanmi		2025-03-09
Stephen John FOX		

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Accounts

SOUTHBOROUGH LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

UNAUDITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025**

Trustees	Miss J A Edwards, Chair of Trustees Mr F P Hills, Trustee Mr S Fox, Trustee Mr P R Willans, Treasurer Mrs J Hirst, Trustee Mr B T Hughes, Trustee Rev. A Olasunkanmi, Trustee (appointed 9 March 2025) Rev. B R A Marlowe, Trustee (resigned 30 September 2025) Mr P Wallach, Trustee (resigned 16 August 2025)
Charity registered number	1129360
Principal office	Southborough Lane Petts Wood Kent BR2 8BQ
Accountant	Paul Baker FFA FAIA 50A Clifford Way Maidstone ME16 8GD

SOUTHBOROUGH LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the Southborough Lane Baptist Church for the year 1 October 2024 to 30 September 2025.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

a. Policies and objectives

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

Our objective is to engage with all people of all ages in our community, on an emotional, spiritual and educational basis. In addition, to provide aid in our locality as well as overseas.

b. Conversion to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation

On 1 September 2025, the charity transferred its activities, assets and liabilities to a newly established Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) registered with the Charity Commission as Southborough Lane Baptist Church (charity number 1213349). From that date onward all operational activity is now carried out through the CIO.

All assets, liabilities and ongoing contractual obligations of the former unincorporated association were transferred to the CIO under a transfer agreement dated 1st September 2025. The trustees are satisfied that the transfer was completed in accordance with charity law and the governing documents.

c. Activities for achieving objectives and main activities undertaken to further the Charity's purposes for Public Benefit

The main activities undertaken by the church were regular public meetings for worship, prayer, bible study, preaching and teaching the Christian Gospel, communion of the Lord's Supper, involvement in overseas mission, evangelism and outreach to the community including the welcome, teaching and encouragement of children and young people, on Sundays and mid-week.

We continue to run all our existing activities across all the age groups as well as initiating some new ventures.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

a. Key financial performance indicators

The key financial performance indicators identified relate to the comparison of donations received to amounts expended in meeting the church's stated objectives as well as maintaining the integrity of the various funds that are maintained.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (continued)

b. Review of activities

Until the transfer of ministry activities we continued to endeavour to be a church for all people of all ages, providing spiritual, emotional, physical and educational support, to both those in the church as well as to those from our wider community.

Our regular children's groups which include Funday Morning, Paddlers and Reset (which started during the year) are very much appreciated by those who attend. In addition to these groups we encourage the children to participate in key Sunday services, such as Christmas and Remembrance Sunday and also Family services held once a month.

We have two important groups for parents or carers and their babies and toddlers namely Just Babies and Toddler Playaway respectively. They meet to give mutual support and encouragement held within the safety of the church premises.

The adults' range of activities which include Bowls Mornings, Badminton Evenings, Craft Groups and Coffee Mornings and the newly formed Board Games morning are open to anyone from the local community. The activities have continued to offer friendship and support. We also ran a number of pop-up cafes that raised funds for local and international charities including a children's hospital, humanitarian aid overseas as well as the local food bank. In addition the pop-up cafes fostered a sense of community to many new attendees both young and old.

We have a range of 'connect' groups who meet for study and discussion and pastoral support, which have helped people to develop their spiritual life in a variety of ways. These are interspersed with mid-week prayer meetings held in the church sanctuary on Wednesdays covering both general and specific areas of need.

There have been Baptisms held during the year which is very encouraging.

We continue to run the monthly "Family Fun at Four" event which gives families within the local community the chance to learn together, as well as, play games and do a craft before sitting down, as a family, to eat supper together.

The Petts Wood Mandarin-English Bi-lingual Nursery that operates out of our premises has gone from strength to strength. The relationship that we have with the nursery's proprietors has allowed us to engage in several joint ventures for children and families at key times of the year.

The Trustees have now completed level 2 safeguarding training (covering children and adults at risk) as well as those church members working in the relevant ministries. Some leaders have now completed Level 3 training.

The Trustees continue to compile or formalise a number of policies needed to run this charity in a caring and responsible matter. These policies will transfer to the newly formed Charitable Incorporated Organisation

c. Investment policy and performance

The Church has a long term policy for the investment of funds. Any surplus funds arising from time to time will be held on deposit with either a High-Street Bank Deposit or the London Baptist Property Board, both of which allow easy access to the funds if required.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

FINANCIAL REVIEW

a. Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that had the Charity continued its ministry activities it would have had adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, the ministry was transferred to the newly formed Charitable incorporated Organisation on a going concern basis which has also been used in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

b. Results for the year

Unrestricted

This year Southborough Lane Baptist Church generated a surplus, before transfers, of £15,361 which compared to the previous year's surplus, before transfers, of £3,829, shows an increase of £11,532.

Overall income has risen by £16,688 when comparing the current year to the previous year. This is due mainly to some one-off donations received early 2025 resulting in donations increasing by £17,067 over the previous year. Other Trading Activities comprising Ministry Support Activities and one-off events such as Pop-up cafes both of which include an element of outreach into the community have together shown a small increase of £744.

The increase in interest received from Investments reflects the increase in interest rates in operation during the year.

The overall increase in income more than compensates for the increase in expenditure of £1,794 when 2025 is compared to 2024.

Restricted

A new fund, called the Family Worker Fund was established during the year to support the employment of a student specialising in Children, Youth and Family work. He will be employed, on a part time basis, by the Charitable Incorporated Organisation and will complete a two year course provided by Bristol Baptist College. During the year £1,600 was collected through pledges to the newly constituted fund.

The Building development loan was repaid in full during the year ended 30 September 2024 and consequently the Restricted Fund was closed down during that year. Under the terms of the pledge supporting this loan, further funds received were to be received by the general fund. During 2024 a total of £12,230 had been received by the Building Fund.

Expenditure totaled £29,900 (2024 - £33,262) which comprised depreciation in respect of those buildings where it was considered appropriate to depreciate their value through usage.

The Website Development Fund which carried a balance of £1,777 was transferred to the General Fund on 1 September 2025 because its purpose had been fulfilled and the donor had given permission to transfer any residual funds to the General Fund.

The two remaining Restricted Funds, the Family Worker Fund and The Notice Board Fund were transferred intact to the Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

c. Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy has been revised to reflect more accurately the needs of the church. The new policy is based on an estimate of the financial needs of the church, should it have to restart activities, to cover running costs and obligations over a period of three months or on ceasing activities altogether.

The Trustees estimate that the level of reserves required would be £40,000 and £23,000 respectively.

Under the original policy approximately three months running costs would have been £31,425 excluding depreciation (2024 - £31,307).

The unrestricted funds, classified as General Funds, excluding the cost of property, both cost and revaluation reserve, at the end of the year amounted to £86,670 (2024 - £72,425) which exceeds the Trustees' target for reserves. The level of reserves will continue to be kept under close review.

This shows that the Charitable Incorporated Organisation which commenced activities on 1 September 2025 will have sufficient reserves to continue the ministry here at Southborough Lane Baptist Church..

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

a. Constitution

Southborough Lane Baptist Church is an unincorporated registered charity, number 1129360, and is constituted under a Trust deed dated 28 January 2009.

b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

The management of the Charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Trust deed.

c. Organisational structure and decision-making policies

The charity is governed by a committee of management comprising the Trustees and the Minister. They are assisted by the Elders and the Deacons who are elected by the membership of Southborough Lane Baptist Church. These leaders meet on a regular basis to discuss issues affecting the church and its work and witness and make appropriate authorised decisions themselves or recommendations to the Church membership for decisions in general meeting.

d. Financial risk management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Charity, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025**

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

Future Developments

Charitable Unincorporated Association

The transfer of the ministry results in the charity becoming a shell and it is proposed that it be struck from the register of charities early 2026.

Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Following the completion of the transfer to the new charity the church staff will be transferred from the CUA to the CIO under T.U.P.E.regulations.

The lease with the Nursery will continue in the CUA's name but will be renewed in the name of the CIO. Rental income for September has been treated as belonging to the CIO who now own the property with the London Baptist Property Board continuing as Property Trustees.

Restricted Funds will continue but the property based funds will be merged once approval has been received from the membership.

The ministry was transferred as a going concern with all activities continuing as before.

The next twelve months, we hope, will be a time when we are able to press on with our vision to make Southborough Lane Baptist Church a place of welcome and blessing for people of all ages in the Petts Wood community, as we strive to respond to people's specific needs and offer spiritual, emotional, physical and educational support, wherever it is needed.

There have been major some changes to our church staff:-

Rev. Ben Marlowe resigned on 30 September 2025 for family reasons and our prayers and thoughts go with him and his wife Sue.

Rev Tom Fisk and his family will be joining us early 2026 and we look forward to his ministry.

Matthew Higginbottom our newly appointed Children, Youth and Family Worker joined the CIO on 1 September 2025 and at present is formulating a strategy concerning the ministry work involved.

The emphasis going forward is for youth work including young families which we pray will prove to be exciting and fruitful in the ministry here at Southborough Lane Baptist Church.

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
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Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees on 22 December 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

Miss J A Edwards
(Chair of Trustees)

SOUTHBOROUGH LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Southborough Lane Baptist Church ('the Charity')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 30 September 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the Charity has prepared the accounts in accordance with 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) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

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 that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.

This report is made solely to the Charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity and the Charity's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Signed:

Dated: 22 December 2025

Paul Baker

FFA FAIA

Applied Accountancy Limited

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025**

	Note	Restricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	1,600	106,522	108,122	101,685
Other trading activities:	4				
Fundraising events		-	3,992	3,992	2,300
Ministry Support Activities		-	3,624	3,624	4,572
Investments	5	-	2,148	2,148	2,518
Other income	6	-	27,017	27,017	27,770
Total income		1,600	143,303	144,903	138,845
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities		29,900	127,942	157,842	156,048
Total expenditure		29,900	127,942	157,842	156,048
Net (expenditure)/income		(28,300)	15,361	(12,939)	(17,203)
Transfers between funds	16	(1,777)	1,777	-	-
Transfers to CIO		(1,240,452)	(666,243)	(1,906,695)	-
Total transfers		(1,242,229)	(664,466)	(1,906,695)	-
Net movement in funds		(1,270,529)	(649,105)	(1,919,634)	(17,203)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		1,270,529	649,105	1,919,634	1,936,837
Net movement in funds		(1,270,529)	(649,105)	(1,919,634)	(17,203)
Total funds carried forward		-	-	-	1,919,634

The Statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 11 to 24 form part of these financial statements.

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**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2025**

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	12	-	1,843,913
		-	1,843,913
Current assets			
Debtors	13	-	16,836
Cash at bank and in hand		-	68,440
		-	85,276
Current liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	-	(9,555)
Net current assets		-	75,721
Total assets less current liabilities		-	1,919,634
Net assets excluding pension asset		-	1,919,634
Total net assets		-	1,919,634
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	16	-	1,270,529
Unrestricted funds	16	-	649,105
Total funds		-	1,919,634

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 22 December 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

Miss J A Edwards
(Chair of Trustees)

Mr P R Willans
(Trustee)

The notes on pages 11 to 24 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

1. General information

Southborough Lane Baptist Church is an unincorporated organisation, registered as a charity with the Charity Commission charity number 1129360. On 1 September 2025 all ministry activities were transferred to a newly formed charitable incorporated organisation with the same name and with a charity registration number 1213349.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements 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), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair' view. This departure has involved following the Charities SORP (FRS 102) published in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

Southborough Lane Baptist Church meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

2.2 Income

All income is recognised once the Charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

The recognition of income from legacies is dependent on establishing entitlement, the probability of receipt and the ability to estimate with sufficient accuracy the amount receivable. Evidence of entitlement to a legacy exists when the Charity has sufficient evidence that a gift has been left to them (through knowledge of the existence of a valid will and the death of the benefactor) and the executor is satisfied that the property in question will not be required to satisfy claims in the estate. Receipt of a legacy must be recognised when it is probable that it will be received and the fair value of the amount receivable, which will generally be the expected cash amount to be distributed to the Charity, can be reliably measured.

Donations and Legacies received, other than the Sunday Offeratory or any recognised cash collection point, are only accepted if the church is able to establish who the donor is and the purpose for which the donation is made to the church .

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

Other income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.3 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, 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 classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is made except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.4 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

2.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing £NIL or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, .

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Freehold property	-	Straight Line over the life of the Property
Plant and machinery	-	25% Reducing Balance
Fixtures and fittings	-	25% Reducing Balance

2.6 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.7 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

2.8 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

2.9 Financial instruments

The Charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.10 Pensions

The Charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the Charity to the fund in respect of the year.

2.11 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

3. Income from donations and legacies

	Restricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Donations	1,600	106,522	108,122

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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3. Income from donations and legacies (continued)

	<i>Restricted funds 2024 £</i>	<i>Unrestricted funds 2024 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Donations	12,230	89,455	101,685
	<u>12,230</u>	<u>89,455</u>	<u>101,685</u>

4. Income from other trading activities

Income from fundraising events

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Pop-Up Cafe and other events	3,992	3,992	2,300
	<u>3,992</u>	<u>3,992</u>	<u>2,300</u>

Income from other activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Ministry Support Activities	3,624	3,624	4,572
	<u>3,624</u>	<u>3,624</u>	<u>4,572</u>

5. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Investment income - Bank Interest received	2,068	2,068	1,981
Gift Aid Tax repayment supplement	80	80	537
	<u>2,148</u>	<u>2,148</u>	<u>2,518</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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6. Other incoming resources

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Rental income	27,017	27,017	27,770
	<u>27,017</u>	<u>27,017</u>	<u>27,770</u>

7. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2025 £	Support costs 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Ministry Support Costs	-	67,463	67,463
Staff and Ministry Costs	90,379	-	90,379
	<u>90,379</u>	<u>67,463</u>	<u>157,842</u>

	<i>Activities undertaken directly 2024 £</i>	<i>Support costs 2024 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Ministry Support Costs	-	68,369	68,369
Staff and Ministry Costs	87,679	-	87,679
	<u>87,679</u>	<u>68,369</u>	<u>156,048</u>

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7. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs

	Direct costs 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Staff costs	60,665	60,665	62,079
Ministry activities	29,714	29,714	25,600
	90,379	90,379	87,679
	90,379	90,379	87,679

Analysis of support costs

	Activities 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Depreciation	32,151	32,151	34,649
Office costs	3,573	3,573	2,421
Support costs	8,227	8,227	8,011
Maintenance repairs	167	167	1,126
Bank charges	133	133	31
Grantmaking	16,892	16,892	18,634
Governance costs	6,320	6,320	3,497
	67,463	67,463	68,369
	67,463	67,463	68,369

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8. Analysis of Grants

	Grants to Institutions 2025 £	Grants to Individuals 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Grants awarded comprise.			
Overseas Mission	-	3,100	3,100
LBA/Home Mission	3,420	-	3,420
The Michael Project	4,375	-	4,375
Samara's Aid	1,700	-	1,700
Charity Events	4,297	-	4,297
Total 2025	<u>13,792</u>	<u>3,100</u>	<u>16,892</u>
	<i>Grants to Institutions 2024 £</i>	<i>Grants to Individuals 2024 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Grants awarded comprise			
Overseas Mission	-	3,600	3,600
LBA/Home Mission	4,560	-	4,560
The Michael Project	4,750	-	4,750
Samara's Aid	1,925	-	1,925
Charity Events	3,799	-	3,799
<i>Total 2024</i>	<u>15,034</u>	<u>3,600</u>	<u>18,634</u>

In addition a number of smaller grants which totaled £747 (2024- £355) were awarded and because the recipient lives locally these grants are included in ministry activities.

9. Independent examiner's remuneration

	2025 £	2024 £
Fees payable to the Charity's independent examiner for the independent examination of the Charity's annual accounts	<u>1,620</u>	<u>1,500</u>

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10. Staff costs

	2025	<i>2024</i>
	£	£
Wages and salaries	54,876	56,257
Social security costs	112	117
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	5,677	5,705
	60,665	62,079
	60,665	62,079

The average number of persons employed by the Charity during the year was as follows:

	2025	<i>2024</i>
	No.	No.
Minister	1	1
Office Staff	2	2
	3	3
	3	3

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

11. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, one trustee, Rev. B R A Marlowe was paid remuneration and received benefits commensurate with his position as Minister in Office during the year covered by the accounts. In addition pension contributions were made into a scheme run on behalf of the Charity. These payments were in accordance with his contract of employment with the charity. The value of this Trustees' remuneration and other benefits was as follows:

		2025	<i>2024</i>
		£	£
Rev. B R A Marlowe	Remuneration	37,601	39,603
	Pension contributions paid	4,466	4,531
	Other benefits	814	870

During the year ended 30 September 2025, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (*2024 - £NIL*).

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12. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold property £	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Total £
At 1 October 2024	2,057,241	32,594	75,076	2,164,911
Additions	-	-	5,661	5,661
Disposals	(2,057,241)	(32,594)	(80,737)	(2,170,572)
At 30 September 2025	-	-	-	-
At 1 October 2024	225,224	24,859	70,915	320,998
Charge for the year	28,127	1,773	2,251	32,151
On disposals	(253,351)	(26,632)	(73,166)	(353,149)
At 30 September 2025	-	-	-	-
Net book value				
At 30 September 2025	-	-	-	-
At 30 September 2024	1,832,017	7,735	4,161	1,843,913

In accordance with FRS102 the church buildings have been revalued by the Trustees and where appropriate any surplus arising has been taken to a Revaluation Reserve, refer to note 16.

It has been decided that the costs and related depreciation of the Audio Visual system be disclosed separately even though they are an integral part of the building. This is to show clarity as well as the impact of the shorter life of these assets when compared to the freehold property.

On 1 September 2025 all Tangible Fixed Assets were disposed off to the newly formed charitable incorporated organisation at Net Book Value.

13. Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Due within one year		
Other debtors	-	14,103
Prepayments and accrued income	-	2,733
	-	16,836

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14. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other taxation and social security	-	823
Other creditors	-	8,732
	<u>-</u>	<u>9,555</u>

Included in Other Creditors at 30 September 2024 is an amount of £3,000 in respect of a Rent deposit given by a Mandarin- English Bi-Lingual Nursery prior to commencing activities in the church's newly refurbished rear hall. This deposit has been transferred to the newly formed charitable incorporated organisation who will repay the deposit on 31 December 2025 when the current lease expires.

15. Financial instruments

	2025	2024
	£	£
Financial assets		
Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure	<u>-</u>	<u>68,440</u>

Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure comprise a number of bank accounts held within High Street Banks and the London Baptist Property Board.

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16. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 October 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 30 September 2025 £
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds					
Manse at Cost	110,000	-	-	(110,000)	-
Manse Revaluation	462,500	-	-	(462,500)	-
Ministry Support Activities	4,180	3,854	(2,738)	(5,296)	-
	<u>576,680</u>	<u>3,854</u>	<u>(2,738)</u>	<u>(577,796)</u>	<u>-</u>
General funds					
General Fund	72,425	115,886	(125,204)	(63,107)	-
Special Purpose Fund	-	23,563	-	(23,563)	-
	<u>72,425</u>	<u>139,449</u>	<u>(125,204)</u>	<u>(86,670)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Unrestricted funds	<u>649,105</u>	<u>143,303</u>	<u>(127,942)</u>	<u>(664,466)</u>	<u>-</u>
Restricted funds					
Church Site	502,134	-	(6,900)	(495,234)	-
Church Site Revaluation	488,469	-	(6,758)	(481,711)	-
Church Site Redevelopment	276,649	-	(16,242)	(260,407)	-
Family Worker Fund	-	1,600	-	(1,600)	-
Website Development	1,777	-	-	(1,777)	-
Notice Board Fund	1,500	-	-	(1,500)	-
	<u>1,270,529</u>	<u>1,600</u>	<u>(29,900)</u>	<u>(1,242,229)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total of funds	<u>1,919,634</u>	<u>144,903</u>	<u>(157,842)</u>	<u>(1,906,695)</u>	<u>-</u>

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16. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 October 2023 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Transfers in/out £</i>	<i>Balance at 30 September 2024 £</i>
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds					
Manse at Cost	110,000	-	-	-	110,000
Manse Revaluation	462,500	-	-	-	462,500
Ministry Support Activities	4,330	4,834	(3,229)	(1,755)	4,180
	<u>576,830</u>	<u>4,834</u>	<u>(3,229)</u>	<u>(1,755)</u>	<u>576,680</u>
General funds					
General Fund	64,996	121,781	(119,557)	5,205	72,425
	<u>641,826</u>	<u>126,615</u>	<u>(122,786)</u>	<u>3,450</u>	<u>649,105</u>
Restricted funds					
Church Site	509,694	-	(7,560)	-	502,134
Church Site Revaluation	495,869	-	(7,400)	-	488,469
Church Site Redevelopment	257,451	-	(18,302)	37,500	276,649
Building Development	28,720	12,230	-	(40,950)	-
Website Development	1,777	-	-	-	1,777
Notice Board Fund	1,500	-	-	-	1,500
	<u>1,295,011</u>	<u>12,230</u>	<u>(33,262)</u>	<u>(3,450)</u>	<u>1,270,529</u>
Total of funds	<u><u>1,936,837</u></u>	<u><u>138,845</u></u>	<u><u>(156,048)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>1,919,634</u></u>

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17. Summary of funds

Summary of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 October 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 30 September 2025 £
Designated funds	576,680	3,854	(2,738)	(577,796)	-
General funds	72,425	139,449	(125,204)	(86,670)	-
Restricted funds	1,270,529	1,600	(29,900)	(1,242,229)	-
	<u>1,919,634</u>	<u>144,903</u>	<u>(157,842)</u>	<u>(1,906,695)</u>	<u>-</u>

Summary of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 October 2023 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Transfers in/out £</i>	<i>Balance at 30 September 2024 £</i>
Designated funds	576,830	4,834	(3,229)	(1,755)	576,680
General funds	64,996	121,781	(119,557)	5,205	72,425
Restricted funds	1,295,011	12,230	(33,262)	(3,450)	1,270,529
	<u>1,936,837</u>	<u>138,845</u>	<u>(156,048)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,919,634</u>

18. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Total funds 2025 £
Total	<u>-</u>

The charity's net assets were transferred to the newly formed charitable incorporated organisation on 1 September 2025 with no net assets remaining at the year end 30 September 2025.

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18. Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	<i>Restricted funds 2024 £</i>	<i>Unrestricted funds 2024 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Tangible fixed assets	1,267,252	576,661	1,843,913
Current assets	3,277	81,999	85,276
Creditors due within one year	-	(9,555)	(9,555)
Total	1,270,529	649,105	1,919,634

19. Pension commitments

The group operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the group in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the group to the fund and amounted to £5,677 (2024 - £5,706) including those for the Defined Benefit Plan. There were no arrears of contributions at the year end (2024 - £nil).

In addition to the present scheme contributions were made to an existing scheme referred to as The Defined Benefit Plan (The DB Plan) for employees in employment up to the plan's closure on 31 December 2011. Actuarial review indicates that the pension scheme is in deficit and deficiency payments are due from those churches who are in the scheme. The present level of payment is 12% of the employees' salary. During the year ended 30 September 2025 a total of £1 (2024 - £12) was paid into the closed scheme. Under arrangements entered into by the pension scheme trustees, the employers' deficit contributions will be cleared by 2028. Under present arrangements, operating from 1 August 2022, the annual deficiency payments payable ended 31 October 2024.

On 1 September 2025 the scheme was transferred to the newly formed charitable incorporated organisation

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024**

Trustees

Mr P Wallach, Chairman
Mr F P Hills, Trustee
Rev. B R A Marlowe, Trustee
Mr. S Fox, Trustee
Miss J Edwards, Trustee
Mr P R Willans, Treasurer
Mrs J Hirst, Trustee
Mr B Hughes, Trustee

Charity registered number 1129360

Principal office

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Independent Examiner

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of Southborough Lane Baptist Church for the year 1 October 2023 to 30 September 2024.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

a. Policies and objectives

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit and in particular to its supplementary public benefit guidance on places of worship.

Our objective is to engage with all people of all ages in our community, on an emotional, spiritual and educational basis.

b. Activities for achieving objectives and main activities undertaken to further the Charity's purposes for Public Benefit

We continue to run all our existing activities across all the age groups as well as initiating some new ventures.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

a. Key financial performance indicators

The key financial performance indicators identified relate to the comparison of donations received to amounts expended in meeting the church's stated objectives as well as maintaining the integrity of the various funds that are maintained.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (continued)

b. Review of activities

During the last twelve months, we have continued to endeavour to be a church for all people of all ages, providing spiritual, emotional, physical and educational support, to both those in the church as well as to those from our wider community.

Our regular children's groups are very much appreciated by those who attend and in addition to these we encourage the children to participate in key Sunday services, such as Christmas and Remembrance Sunday.

We have two important groups for parents or carers and their babies and toddlers. Likewise, the adults' range of activities which include Bowls Mornings, Badminton Evenings, Craft Groups and Coffee Mornings have continued to offer friendship and support. We have also run a number of pop-up cafes that have raised funds for local and international charities, as well as fostering a sense of community to many new attendees.

We have a range of 'connect' groups who meet for study and discussion, which have helped people to develop in a variety of ways. These are interspersed with mid-week prayers held in the church sanctuary on Wednesdays.

There have been several Baptisms held during the year including three young people and this is very encouraging. In addition, there have been several Alpha courses held all of which were well attended.

We have welcomed many new visitors on Sundays and to our Quiz nights and Community Fun Days, all of which restarted after the pandemic. We continue to run the "Family Fun at Four" event which gives families the chance to learn together, as well as do a craft before sitting down, as a family, to eat supper together.

During the year the church paid off The London Baptist Property Board loan. We had expected to pay off the loan over its life of 10 years, but we were able to clear it in 5 ½ years. An example of how gracious God is.

The Petts Wood Mandarin-English Bi-lingual Pre-School that operates out of our premises has gone from strength to strength. The relationship that we have with the school's proprietors has allowed us to engage in several joint ventures for children and families at key times of the year.

The Trustees recently provided level 2 safeguarding training (covering children and vulnerable adults) for all church members working in the relevant ministries. Level 3 training is being arranged for early 2025.

The Trustees have also begun to compile or formalise a number of policies needed to run this charity in a caring and responsible matter.

c. Investment policy and performance

The Church has a long term policy for the investment of funds. Any surplus funds arising from time to time will be held on deposit with either a High-Street Bank Deposit or the London Baptist Property Board, both of which allow easy access to the funds if required.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

FINANCIAL REVIEW

a. Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

b. Results for the year

Unrestricted

This year Southborough Lane Baptist Church generated a surplus, before transfers, of £3,829 which compared to the previous year's surplus, before transfers, of £695, shows an increase of £3,134.

Income has risen by £4,779 when comparing the current year to the previous year. It is encouraging to find that donations have increased this year by £4,268 over the previous year and this increase almost compensates for the fall in Other Trading Activities of £4,814. Other Trading Activities comprises Ministry Support Activities and one-off events such as Pop-up cafes both of which include an element of outreach into the community. The increase in interest received from Investments reflects the increase in interest rates in operation during the year. The increase in Other Income is solely attributable to Rental Income and much of the increase of £4,307 is in respect of rental increases under the terms of a short term lease grant to a Bi-Lingual Pre-School.

The overall increase in income more than compensates for the increase in expenditure of £1,645 when 2024 is compared to 2023.

Restricted

Donations for 2024 totalled £12,230 (2023 - £18,839) in respect of pledges made for the Building Development Fund though in 2023 there was also a donation of £1,500 given to the newly created Notice Board Fund. The reduction in the level of donations occurs as individual pledges are completed.

Expenditure totalled £33,262 (2023 - £34,122) which comprised depreciation in respect of those buildings which are now complete and brought into usage. These buildings comprised the church offices, the rear hall now used by the Petts Wood Mandarin-English Bi-lingual Pre School and the refurbished front hall and entrance.

During the year the loan used to finance the Building development was repaid in full and the loan account was closed.

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c. Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy has been revised to reflect more accurately the needs of the church . The new policy is based on an estimate of the financial needs of the church, should it have to restart activities, to cover running costs and obligations over a period of three months or on ceasing activities altogether.

The Trustees estimate that the level of reserves required would be £39,000 and £23,000 respectively.

Under the original policy approximately three months running costs would have been £31,307 excluding depreciation (2023 - £29,823).

The unrestricted funds, classified as General Funds, excluding the cost of property, both cost and revaluation reserve, at the end of the year amounted to £72,425 (2023 - £64,996) which exceeds the Trustees' target for reserves. The level of reserves will continue to be kept under close review.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

a. Constitution

The charity is an unincorporated charity governed by a constitution adopted on 28 January 2009.

b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

The management of the Charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Trust deed.

c. Organisational structure and decision-making

The charity is governed by a committee of management comprising the Trustees, the Minister, the Elders and the Deacons who are elected by the membership of Southborough Lane Baptist Church. These leaders meet on a regular basis to discuss issues effecting the church and its work and witness and make appropriate authorised decisions themselves or recommendations to the Church membership for decisions in general meeting.

d. Risk management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the charity, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate our exposure to the major risks.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

Future Developments

The next twelve months, we hope, will be a time when we are able to press on with our vision to make Southborough Lane Baptist Church a place of welcome and blessing for people of all ages in the Petts Wood community, as we strive to respond to people's specific needs and offer spiritual, emotional, physical and educational support, wherever it is needed.

Now that the loan has been cleared, we are in a position to consider the next steps in the life of the Southborough Lane Baptist Church which includes the expansion of our ministry staff as well as the conversion of Southborough Lane Baptist Church into a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
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TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, The Trustees are required to:

- * select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- * observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- * make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- * prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Trust Deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees on 9 March 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

Mr P Wallach
(Chair of Trustees)

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024**

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Southborough Lane Baptist Church ('the Charity')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 30 September 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the Charity has prepared the accounts in accordance with 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) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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:

Dated: 9 March 2025

Paul Baker FFA FAIA

Applied Accountancy Limited.

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024**

	Note	Restricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	12,230	89,455	101,685	104,026
Other trading activities	4	-	6,872	6,872	11,686
Investments	5	-	2,518	2,518	1,500
Other income	6	-	27,770	27,770	23,463
Total income		12,230	126,615	138,845	140,675
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities		33,262	122,786	156,048	155,263
Total expenditure		33,262	122,786	156,048	155,263
Net (expenditure)/income		(21,032)	3,829	(17,203)	(14,588)
Transfers between funds	17	(3,450)	3,450	-	-
Net movement in funds		(24,482)	7,279	(17,203)	(14,588)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		1,295,011	641,826	1,936,837	1,951,425
Net movement in funds		(24,482)	7,279	(17,203)	(14,588)
Total funds carried forward		1,270,529	649,105	1,919,634	1,936,837

The Statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 11 to 23 form part of these financial statements.

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**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2024**

	Note	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £	2023 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	12		1,843,913		1,878,562
			<u>1,843,913</u>		<u>1,878,562</u>
Current assets					
Debtors	13	16,836		16,033	
Cash at bank and in hand		68,440		88,571	
		<u>85,276</u>		<u>104,604</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(9,555)		(18,829)	
Net current assets			75,721		85,775
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>1,919,634</u>		<u>1,964,337</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	15		-		(27,500)
Net assets excluding pension asset			<u>1,919,634</u>		<u>1,936,837</u>
Total net assets			<u>1,919,634</u>		<u>1,936,837</u>
Charity funds					
Restricted funds	17		1,270,529		1,295,011
Unrestricted funds	17		649,105		641,826
Total funds			<u>1,919,634</u>		<u>1,936,837</u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 09 March 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

Mr P Wallach - Chair of Trustees

Mr P R Willans - Treasurer

The notes on pages 11 to 23 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

1. General information

Southborough Lane Baptist Church is an unincorporated organisation, registered as a charity with The Charity Commission with the The Charity Commission number 1129360.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements 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), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair' view. This departure has involved following the Charities SORP (FRS 102) published in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

Southborough Lane Baptist Church meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

2.2 Income

All income is recognised once the Charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

The recognition of income from legacies is dependent on establishing entitlement, the probability of receipt and the ability to estimate with sufficient accuracy the amount receivable. Evidence of entitlement to a legacy exists when the Charity has sufficient evidence that a gift has been left to them (through knowledge of the existence of a valid will and the death of the benefactor) and the executor is satisfied that the property in question will not be required to satisfy claims in the estate. Receipt of a legacy must be recognised when it is probable that it will be received and the fair value of the amount receivable, which will generally be the expected cash amount to be distributed to the Charity, can be reliably measured.

Donations and Legacies received, other than the Sunday Offeratory or any recognised cash collection point, are only accepted if the church is able to establish who the donor is and the purpose for which the donation is made to the church .

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

Other income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.3 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, 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 classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is made except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.4 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

2.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing £750 or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives .

Depreciation is provided on the following bases:

Freehold property	- Straight Line over the life of the Property
Plant and machinery	- 25% Reducing Balance
Fixtures and fittings	- 25% Reducing Balance

2.6 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.7 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

2.8 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of financial activities as a finance cost.

2.9 Financial instruments

The Charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.10 Pensions

The Charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the Charity to the fund in respect of the year.

2.11 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

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3. Income from donations and legacies

	Restricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Donations	12,230	89,455	101,685
	<u>12,230</u>	<u>89,455</u>	<u>101,685</u>
	<i>Restricted funds 2023 £</i>	<i>Unrestricted funds 2023 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Donations	18,839	82,187	101,026
Legacies	-	3,000	3,000
	<u>18,839</u>	<u>85,187</u>	<u>104,026</u>

4. Income from other trading activities

Income from fundraising events

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Sale of Books	-	-	60
Pop-Up Cafe and other events	2,300	2,300	6,381
	<u>2,300</u>	<u>2,300</u>	<u>6,441</u>

Income from Ministry Support Activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Income generated	4,572	4,572	5,245
	<u>4,572</u>	<u>4,572</u>	<u>5,245</u>

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5. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Investment income - Bank Interest received	1,981	1,981	1,321
Gift Aid Tax repayment supplement	537	537	179
	2,518	2,518	1,500
	2,518	2,518	1,500

6. Other incoming resources

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Rental Income	27,770	27,770	23,463
	27,770	27,770	23,463
	27,770	27,770	23,463

7. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Direct costs 2024 £	Support costs 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Ministry Support Costs	-	68,369	68,369
Staff and Ministry Costs	87,679	-	87,679
	87,679	68,369	156,048
	87,679	68,369	156,048

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7. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

	<i>Direct costs</i> 2023 £	<i>Support costs</i> 2023 £	<i>Total funds</i> 2023 £
Ministry Support Costs	-	72,096	72,096
Staff and Ministry Costs	83,167	-	83,167
	83,167	72,096	155,263
	83,167	72,096	155,263

Analysis of direct costs

	Direct costs 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	<i>Total funds</i> 2023 £
Staff costs	62,079	62,079	57,516
Ministry activities	25,600	25,600	25,651
	87,679	87,679	83,167
	87,679	87,679	83,167

Analysis of support costs

	Total funds 2024 £	<i>Total funds</i> 2023 £
Depreciation	34,649	35,971
Office costs	2,421	2,554
Computer costs	-	264
Support costs	8,011	7,010
Maintenance repairs	1,126	593
Bank charges	31	-
Grantmaking	18,634	20,369
Governance costs	3,497	5,335
	68,369	72,096
	68,369	72,096

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8. Analysis of Grantmaking

Included within expenditure are the following transactions:

	Total £	2023 Amount £	Individual items Reason
Grantmaking	18,634	3,600	Overseas Mission
		4,560	Home Mission
		4,750	The Michael Project
		1,925	Samara's Aid
		3,799	Charity Events

Grants to individuals totaled £355, (2023 - £407) and because they live locally these grants are included in ministry activities.

9. Independent examiner's remuneration

The independent examiner's remuneration amounts to an independent examiner fee of £1,500 (2023 - £1,500).

10. Staff costs

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	56,257	52,591
Social security costs	117	91
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	5,705	4,834
	62,079	57,516

The average number of persons employed by the Charity during the year was as follows:

	2024 No.	2023 No.
Minister	1	1
Office Staff	2	2
	3	3

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

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11. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, the Rev. B.R.A. Marlowe, one of the Trustees, received remuneration and other benefits from his employment with the Charity. His salary was £39,603 (2023 - £38,400.) and the value of the other benefits received was as follows: Taxable Benefits in kind £870 (2023 - £643) and Pension contributions of £4,531 (2023 - £3,841).

During the year ended 30 September 2024, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2023 - £NIL).

12. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold property £	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Total £
Cost or valuation				
At 1 October 2023	2,057,241	32,594	75,076	2,164,911
At 30 September 2024	<u>2,057,241</u>	<u>32,594</u>	<u>75,076</u>	<u>2,164,911</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 October 2023	194,540	22,281	69,528	286,349
Charge for the year	30,684	2,578	1,387	34,649
At 30 September 2024	<u>225,224</u>	<u>24,859</u>	<u>70,915</u>	<u>320,998</u>
Net book value				
At 30 September 2024	<u><u>1,832,017</u></u>	<u><u>7,735</u></u>	<u><u>4,161</u></u>	<u><u>1,843,913</u></u>
At 30 September 2023	<u><u>1,862,701</u></u>	<u><u>10,313</u></u>	<u><u>5,548</u></u>	<u><u>1,878,562</u></u>

In accordance with FRS102 the church buildings have been revalued by the Trustees and where appropriate any surplus arising has been taken to a Revaluation Reserve, refer to note 17.

It has been decided that the costs and related depreciation of the Audio Visual system be disclosed separately even though they are an integral part of the building. This is to show clarity as well as the impact of the shorter life of these assets when compared to the freehold property.

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13. Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Due within one year		
Other debtors	14,103	14,250
Prepayments and accrued income	2,733	1,783
	16,836	16,033

14. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other loans	-	10,000
Other taxation and social security	823	890
Other creditors	8,732	7,939
	9,555	18,829

The loan was repaid in full during the year ended 30 September 2024.

Included in Other Creditors is an amount of £3,000 in respect of a Rent deposit given by a Mandarin-English Bi-Lingual Pre-school prior to commencing activities in the church's newly refurbished rear hall.

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15. Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other loans	-	27,500
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Included within the above are amounts falling due as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Between one and two years		
Other loans	-	10,000
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Between two and five years		
Other loans	-	17,500
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

During the year ended 30 September 2020 the church was awarded a ten year loan facility of £100,000 from the London Baptist Property Board to provide funds to complete the property refurbishment and development works which were currently under way at that time. The Loan is to be repaid in equal quarterly instalments of £2,500. Interest is charged quarterly at a variable rate, the current level being 6.25% and the loan is secured on the property.

During the year ended 30 September 2023 a Capital Repayment of £30,000 was made and a further Capital Repayment of £22,500 was made during March 2024. The loan was fully repaid in September 2024 by a final Capital Repayment of £7,500.

16. Financial instruments

	2024	2023
	£	£
Financial assets		
Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure	68,440	88,571
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure comprise a number of bank accounts held within High Street Banks and the London Baptist Property Board.

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17. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 October 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 30 September 2024 £
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds					
Manse at Cost	110,000	-	-	-	110,000
Manse Revaluation	462,500	-	-	-	462,500
Ministry Support Activities	4,330	4,834	(3,229)	(1,755)	4,180
	<u>576,830</u>	<u>4,834</u>	<u>(3,229)</u>	<u>(1,755)</u>	<u>576,680</u>
General funds					
General Funds - all funds	64,996	121,781	(119,557)	5,205	72,425
	<u>64,996</u>	<u>121,781</u>	<u>(119,557)</u>	<u>5,205</u>	<u>72,425</u>
Total Unrestricted funds	<u>641,826</u>	<u>126,615</u>	<u>(122,786)</u>	<u>3,450</u>	<u>649,105</u>
Restricted funds					
Church Site	509,694	-	(7,560)	-	502,134
Church Site Revaluation	495,869	-	(7,400)	-	488,469
Church Site Redevelopment	257,451	-	(18,302)	37,500	276,649
Building Development	28,720	12,230	-	(40,950)	-
Website Development	1,777	-	-	-	1,777
Notice Board	1,500	-	-	-	1,500
	<u>1,295,011</u>	<u>12,230</u>	<u>(33,262)</u>	<u>(3,450)</u>	<u>1,270,529</u>
Total of funds	<u>1,936,837</u>	<u>138,845</u>	<u>(156,048)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,919,634</u>

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18. Summary of funds

Summary of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 October 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 30 September 2024 £
Designated funds	576,830	4,834	(3,229)	(1,755)	576,680
General funds	64,996	121,781	(119,557)	5,205	72,425
Restricted funds	1,295,011	12,230	(33,262)	(3,450)	1,270,529
	<u>1,936,837</u>	<u>138,845</u>	<u>(156,048)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,919,634</u>

19. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current period

	Restricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	1,267,252	576,661	1,843,913
Current assets	3,277	81,999	85,276
Creditors due within one year	-	(9,555)	(9,555)
Total	<u>1,270,529</u>	<u>649,105</u>	<u>1,919,634</u>

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior period

	<i>Restricted funds 2023 £</i>	<i>Unrestricted funds 2023 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Tangible fixed assets	1,300,514	578,048	1,878,562
Current assets	31,997	72,607	104,604
Creditors due within one year	(10,000)	(8,829)	(18,829)
Creditors due in more than one year	(27,500)	-	(27,500)
Total	<u>1,295,011</u>	<u>641,826</u>	<u>1,936,837</u>

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20. Pension commitments

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund operated by the Baptist Union. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the charity to the fund and amounted to £5,706 (2023 - £4,823), including those for the Defined Benefit Plan. There were no arrears of contributions at the year end (2023 - £nil).

In addition to the present scheme contributions were made to an existing scheme referred to as The Defined Benefit Plan (The DB Plan) for employees in employment up to the plan's closure on 31 December 2011. Actuarial review indicates that the pension scheme is in deficit and deficiency payments are due from those churches who are in the scheme. The present level of payment is 12% of the employees' salary. During the year ended 30 September 2024 a total of £12 (2023 - £12) was paid into the closed scheme. Under arrangements entered into by the pension scheme trustees, the employers' deficit contributions will be cleared by 2028. Under present arrangements, operating from 1 August 2022, the annual deficiency payments payable ended 31 October 2024.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023**

Trustees

Rev. B R A Marlowe, Chairman
Mr. S Fox, Trustee
Miss J Edwards, Trustee
Mr P R Willans, Treasurer
Mr P Wallach, Trustee
Mrs J Hirst, Trustee
Mr F P Hills, Trustee
Mr B Hughes, Trustee

Charity registered number 1129360

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of Southborough Lane Baptist Church for the year 1 October 2022 to 30 September 2023.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

a. Policies and objectives

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit and in particular to its supplementary public benefit guidance on places of worship.

Our objective is to engage with all people of all ages in our community, on an emotional, spiritual and educational basis.

b. Activities for achieving objectives and main activities undertaken to further the Charity's purposes for Public Benefit

We continue to run all our existing activities across all the age groups as well as initiating some new ventures.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

a. Key financial performance indicators

The key financial performance indicators identified relate to the comparison of donations received to amounts expended in meeting the church's stated objectives as well as maintaining the integrity of the various funds that are maintained.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (continued)

b. Review of activities

During the last twelve months, we have continued to endeavour to be a church for all people of all ages, providing spiritual, emotional, physical and educational support, to both those in the church as well as to those from our wider community.

Our regular children's groups are very much appreciated by those who attend and in addition to these we encourage the children to participate in key Sunday services, such as Christmas and Remembrance Sunday.

We have two important groups for mums or dads and their babies and toddlers. Likewise, the adults range of activities which include Bowls Mornings, Badminton Evenings, Craft Groups and Coffee Mornings have continued to offer friendship and support. We have also run a number of pop up cafes that have raised funds for local and international charities, as well as fostering a sense of community to many new attendees.

We have a range of 'connect' groups who meet for study and discussion, which have helped people to develop in a variety of ways.

We have welcomed many new visitors on Sundays and to our Quiz nights and Community Fun Days, all of which restarted after the pandemic. We have also added a monthly "Family Fun at Four" event which gives families the chance to learn together, as well as do a craft before sitting down, as a family, to eat supper together.

The Petts Wood Mandarin-English Bi-lingual Pre-School that operates out of our premises has gone from strength to strength. The relationship that we have with the school's proprietors has allowed us to engage in several joint ventures for children and families at key times of the year.

c. Investment policy and performance

The Church has a long term policy for the investment of funds. Any surplus funds arising from time to time will be held on deposit with either a High-Street Bank Deposit or the London Baptist Property Board, both of which allow easy access to the funds if required.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

a. Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

b. Results for the year

Unrestricted

This year Southborough Lane Baptist Church generated a surplus, before transfers, of £695 which compared to the previous year's surplus, before transfers, of £5,880, shows a reduction of £5,185.

However, income has risen by £6,643 when comparing the current year to the previous year. The fall in donations of £5,104 is more than compensated for by increases in; Other Trading Activities of £7,047 and Rental Income of £3,288. Other Trading Activities being ministry support activities and 'pop-up' cafes both of which include elements of outreach to the local community.

The overall increase in income does not compensate for the increase in expenditure of £11,828 when 2023 is compared to 2022.

Restricted

Donations for 2023 totalled £18,839 (2022 - £19,934) in respect of pledges made for the Building Development Fund as well as £1,500 given to the newly created Notice Board Fund.

Expenditure totalled £34,122 (2022 - £35,268) which comprised depreciation in respect of those buildings which are now complete and brought into usage. These buildings comprised the church offices, the rear hall now used by the Petts Wood Mandarin-English Bi-lingual Pre School and the refurbished front hall and entrance.

During the year £30,000 was paid off the loan used to finance the Building development. The funds were provided from the General Fund on behalf of the Building Development Fund .

c. Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy has been revised to reflect more accurately the needs of the church . The new policy is based on an estimate of the financial needs of the church, should it have to restart activities, to cover running costs and obligations over a period of three months or on ceasing activities altogether.

The Trustees estimate that the level of reserves required would be £38,000 and £20,000 respectively.

Under the original policy approximately three months running costs would have been £29,823 excluding depreciation (2022 - £27,159).

The unrestricted funds, classified as General Funds, excluding the cost of property, both cost and revaluation reserve, at the end of the year amounted to £64,996 (2022 - £95,218) which exceeds the trustees' target for reserves. The level of reserves will continue to be kept under close review.

SOUTHBOROUGH LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

a. Constitution

.The charity is an unincorporated charity governed by a constitution adopted on 28 January 2009.

b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

The management of the Charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Trust deed.

c. Organisational structure and decision-making

The charity is governed by a committee of management comprising the Trustees, the Minister, the Elders and the Deacons who are elected by the membership of Southborough Lane Baptist Church. These leaders meet on a regular basis to discuss issues effecting the church and its work and witness and make appropriate authorised decisions themselves or recommendations to the Church membership for decisions in general meeting.

d. Risk management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the charity, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate our exposure to the major risks.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

Future Developments

The next twelve months, we hope, will be a time when we are able to press on with our vision to make Southborough Lane Baptist Church a place of welcome and blessing for people of all ages in the Petts Wood community, as we strive to respond to people's specific needs and offer spiritual, emotional, physical and educational support, wherever it is needed.

SOUTHBOROUGH LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

**TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023**

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, The Trustees are required to:

- * select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- * observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- * make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- * prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Trust Deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees on 18 July 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

Rev. B R A Marlowe, Chairman

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SOUTHBOROUGH LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Southborough Lane Baptist Church ('the Charity')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 30 September 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the Charity has prepared the accounts in accordance with 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) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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:

Dated: 18 July 2024

Paul Baker FFA FAIA

Applied Accountancy Limited.

SOUTHBOROUGH LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023**

	Note	Restricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	18,839	85,187	104,026	110,225
Other trading activities	4	-	11,686	11,686	4,639
Investments	5	-	1,500	1,500	88
Other income	6	-	23,463	23,463	20,175
Total income		<u>18,839</u>	<u>121,836</u>	<u>140,675</u>	<u>135,127</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities		34,122	121,141	155,263	144,581
Total expenditure		<u>34,122</u>	<u>121,141</u>	<u>155,263</u>	<u>144,581</u>
Net (expenditure)/income		<u>(15,283)</u>	<u>695</u>	<u>(14,588)</u>	<u>(9,454)</u>
Transfers between funds	17	31,802	(31,802)	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u><u>16,519</u></u>	<u><u>(31,107)</u></u>	<u><u>(14,588)</u></u>	<u><u>(9,454)</u></u>
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		1,278,492	672,933	1,951,425	1,960,879
Net movement in funds		16,519	(31,107)	(14,588)	(9,454)
Total funds carried forward		<u><u>1,295,011</u></u>	<u><u>641,826</u></u>	<u><u>1,936,837</u></u>	<u><u>1,951,425</u></u>

The Statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 10 to 23 form part of these financial statements.

SOUTHBOROUGH LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2023**

	Note	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £	2022 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	12		1,878,562		1,909,167
			<u>1,878,562</u>		<u>1,909,167</u>
Current assets					
Debtors	13	16,033		19,209	
Cash at bank and in hand		88,571		110,154	
		<u>104,604</u>		<u>129,363</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(18,829)		(19,605)	
Net current assets			<u>85,775</u>		<u>109,758</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>1,964,337</u>		<u>2,018,925</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	15	(27,500)		(67,500)	
Net assets excluding pension asset			<u>1,936,837</u>		<u>1,951,425</u>
Total net assets			<u><u>1,936,837</u></u>		<u><u>1,951,425</u></u>
Charity funds					
Restricted funds	17	1,295,011		1,278,492	
Unrestricted funds	17	641,826		672,933	
Total funds			<u><u>1,936,837</u></u>		<u><u>1,951,425</u></u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 18 July 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

Rev. B R A Marlowe - Chairman

Mr P R Willans - Treasurer

The notes on pages 10 to 23 form part of these financial statements.

SOUTHBOROUGH LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

1. General information

Southborough Lane Baptist Church is an unincorporated organisation, registered as a charity with The Charity Commission with the The Charity Commission number 1129360.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements 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), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair' view. This departure has involved following the Charities SORP (FRS 102) published in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

Southborough Lane Baptist Church meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

2.2 Income

All income is recognised once the Charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

The recognition of income from legacies is dependent on establishing entitlement, the probability of receipt and the ability to estimate with sufficient accuracy the amount receivable. Evidence of entitlement to a legacy exists when the Charity has sufficient evidence that a gift has been left to them (through knowledge of the existence of a valid will and the death of the benefactor) and the executor is satisfied that the property in question will not be required to satisfy claims in the estate. Receipt of a legacy must be recognised when it is probable that it will be received and the fair value of the amount receivable, which will generally be the expected cash amount to be distributed to the Charity, can be reliably measured.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

Other income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.3 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, 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 classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is made except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.4 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

2.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing £750 or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives .

Depreciation is provided on the following bases:

Freehold property	- Straight Line over the life of the Property
Plant and machinery	- 25% Reducing Balance
Fixtures and fittings	- 25% Reducing Balance

2.6 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.7 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

2.8 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of financial activities as a finance cost.

2.9 Financial instruments

The Charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.10 Pensions

The Charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the Charity to the fund in respect of the year.

2.11 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

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3. Income from donations and legacies

	Restricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Donations	18,839	82,187	101,026
Legacies	-	3,000	3,000
	<u>18,839</u>	<u>85,187</u>	<u>104,026</u>
	<u><i>Restricted funds 2022 £</i></u>	<u><i>Unrestricted funds 2022 £</i></u>	<u><i>Total funds 2022 £</i></u>
Donations	<u>19,934</u>	<u>90,291</u>	<u>110,225</u>

4. Income from other trading activities

Income from fundraising events

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Sale of Books	60	60	-
Pop-Up Cafe and other events	6,381	6,381	-
	<u>6,441</u>	<u>6,441</u>	<u>-</u>

Income from Ministry Support Activities

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Income generated	<u>5,245</u>	<u>5,245</u>	<u>4,639</u>

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5. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Investment income - Bank Interest received	1,321	1,321	53
Gift Aid Tax repayment supplement	179	179	35
	1,500	1,500	88
	1,500	1,500	88

6. Other incoming resources

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Rental Income	23,463	23,463	20,175
	23,463	23,463	20,175

7. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Direct costs 2023 £	Support costs 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Ministry Support Costs	-	72,096	72,096
Staff and Ministry Costs	83,167	-	83,167
	83,167	72,096	155,263
	83,167	72,096	155,263

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7. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

	<i>Direct costs</i> 2022 £	<i>Support costs</i> 2022 £	<i>Total funds</i> 2022 £
Ministry Support Costs	-	67,041	67,041
Staff and Ministry Costs	77,540	-	77,540
	<u>77,540</u>	<u>67,041</u>	<u>144,581</u>

Analysis of direct costs

	Direct costs 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	<i>Total funds</i> 2022 £
Staff costs	57,516	57,516	56,645
Ministry activities	25,651	25,651	20,895
	<u>83,167</u>	<u>83,167</u>	<u>77,540</u>

Analysis of support costs

	Total funds 2023 £	<i>Total funds</i> 2022 £
Depreciation	35,971	35,945
Office costs	2,554	2,027
Computer costs	264	45
Support costs	7,010	4,144
Maintenance repairs	593	3,632
Grantmaking	20,369	16,654
Governance costs	5,335	4,594
Total 2023	<u>72,096</u>	<u>67,041</u>

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8. Analysis of Grantmaking

Included within expenditure are the following transactions:

	Total £	2023 Amount £	Individual items Reason
Grantmaking	20,369	3,600	Overseas Mission
		4,674	Home Mission
		4,750	The Michael Project
		282	Spurgeon's College
		4,491	Samara's Aid
		2,572	Charity Events

Grants to individuals totaled £407, (2022 - £760) and because they live locally these grants are included in ministry activities.

9. Independent examiner's remuneration

The independent examiner's remuneration amounts to an independent examiner fee of £1,500 (2022 - £1,440).

10. Staff costs

	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	52,591	48,946
Social security costs	91	165
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	4,834	7,534
	57,516	56,645

The average number of persons employed by the Charity during the year was as follows:

	2023 No.	2022 No.
Minister	1	1
Office Staff	2	2
	3	3

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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11. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, the Rev. B.R.A. Marlowe, one of the Trustees received remuneration and other benefits from his employment with the Charity. His salary was £38,400 (2022 - £37,967.) and the value of the other benefits received was as follows: Taxable Benefits in kind £643 (2022 - £1,245) and Pension contributions of £3,841 (2022 - £3,830).

During the year ended 30 September 2023, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2022 - £NIL).

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12. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold property £	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Total £
Cost or valuation				
At 1 October 2022	2,057,241	32,594	69,710	2,159,545
Additions	-	-	5,366	5,366
At 30 September 2023	<u>2,057,241</u>	<u>32,594</u>	<u>75,076</u>	<u>2,164,911</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 October 2022	163,856	18,843	67,679	250,378
Charge for the year	30,684	3,438	1,849	35,971
At 30 September 2023	<u>194,540</u>	<u>22,281</u>	<u>69,528</u>	<u>286,349</u>
Net book value				
At 30 September 2023	<u><u>1,862,701</u></u>	<u><u>10,313</u></u>	<u><u>5,548</u></u>	<u><u>1,878,562</u></u>
At 30 September 2022	<u><u>1,893,385</u></u>	<u><u>13,751</u></u>	<u><u>2,031</u></u>	<u><u>1,909,167</u></u>

In accordance with FRS102 the church buildings have been revalued by the Trustees and where appropriate any surplus arising has been taken to a Revaluation Reserve, refer to note 17.

Building works as part of the Refurbishment and Development of the Church Site relating to the new church offices, the refurbishment of the front and rear hall and the Audio Visual system are now being depreciated as work on them has now been completed and they have been brought into use.

It has been decided that the costs and related depreciation of the Audio Visual system be disclosed separately even though they are an integral part of the building. This is to show clarity as well as the impact of the shorter life of these assets when compared to the freehold property.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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13. Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Due within one year		
Other debtors	14,250	18,138
Prepayments and accrued income	1,783	1,071
	16,033	19,209

14. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Other loans	10,000	10,000
Other taxation and social security	890	923
Other creditors	7,939	8,682
	18,829	19,605

The current portion of the loan described in note 15 is £10,000 comprising four quarterly instalments of £2,500 which will be repaid during the year ended 30 September 2024.

Included in Other Creditors is an amount of £3,000 in respect of a Rent deposit given by a Mandarin-English Bi-Lingual Pre-school prior to commencing activities in the church's newly refurbished rear hall.

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15. Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year

	2023	<i>2022</i>
	£	£
Other loans	27,500	<i>67,500</i>
	<u>27,500</u>	<u>67,500</u>

Included within the above are amounts falling due as follows:

	2023	<i>2022</i>
	£	£
Between one and two years		
Other loans	10,000	<i>10,000</i>
	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>
Between two and five years		
Other loans	17,500	<i>30,000</i>
	<u>17,500</u>	<u>30,000</u>
Over five years		
Other loans	-	<i>27,500</i>
	<u>-</u>	<u>27,500</u>

During the year ended 30 September 2020 the church was awarded a ten year loan facility of £100,000 from the London Baptist Property Board to provide funds to complete the property refurbishment and development works which were currently under way at that time. The Loan is to be repaid in equal quarterly instalments of £2,500. Interest is charged quarterly at a variable rate, the current level being 6.50% and the loan is secured on the property.

During the year ended 30 September 2023 a Capital Repayment of £30,000 was made and a further Capital Repayment of £22,500 was made during March 2024. This will shorten the life of the loan significantly as none of the underlying terms have been adjusted for the voluntary repayment with no obligation to repay early being placed on Sothborough Lane Baptist Church.

16. Financial instruments

	2023	<i>2022</i>
	£	£
Financial assets		
Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure	88,571	<i>110,154</i>
	<u>88,571</u>	<u>110,154</u>

Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure comprise a number of bank accounts held within High Street Banks and the London Baptist Property Board.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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17. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 October 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 30 September 2023 £
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds					
Manse at Cost	110,000	-	-	-	110,000
Manse Revaluation	462,500	-	-	-	462,500
Ministry Support Activities	5,215	5,513	(4,217)	(2,181)	4,330
	<u>577,715</u>	<u>5,513</u>	<u>(4,217)</u>	<u>(2,181)</u>	<u>576,830</u>
General funds					
General Funds - all funds	95,218	116,323	(116,924)	(29,621)	64,996
	<u>95,218</u>	<u>116,323</u>	<u>(116,924)</u>	<u>(29,621)</u>	<u>64,996</u>
Total Unrestricted funds	<u>672,933</u>	<u>121,836</u>	<u>(121,141)</u>	<u>(31,802)</u>	<u>641,826</u>
Restricted funds					
Church Site	516,971	-	(7,560)	283	509,694
Church Site Revaluation	503,489	-	(7,400)	(220)	495,869
Church Site Redevelopment	243,059	-	(19,162)	33,554	257,451
Building Development	13,196	17,339	-	(1,815)	28,720
Website Development	1,777	-	-	-	1,777
Notice Board	-	1,500	-	-	1,500
	<u>1,278,492</u>	<u>18,839</u>	<u>(34,122)</u>	<u>31,802</u>	<u>1,295,011</u>
Total of funds	<u>1,951,425</u>	<u>140,675</u>	<u>(155,263)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,936,837</u>

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18. Summary of funds

Summary of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 October 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 30 September 2023 £
Designated funds	577,715	5,513	(4,217)	(2,181)	576,830
General funds	95,218	116,323	(116,924)	(29,621)	64,996
Restricted funds	1,278,492	18,839	(34,122)	31,802	1,295,011
	<u>1,951,425</u>	<u>140,675</u>	<u>(155,263)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,936,837</u>

19. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Restricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	1,300,514	578,048	1,878,562
Current assets	31,997	72,607	104,604
Creditors due within one year	(10,000)	(8,829)	(18,829)
Creditors due in more than one year	(27,500)	-	(27,500)
Total	<u>1,295,011</u>	<u>641,826</u>	<u>1,936,837</u>

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	Restricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	1,334,636	574,531	1,909,167
Current assets	21,356	108,007	129,363
Creditors due within one year	(10,000)	(9,605)	(19,605)
Creditors due in more than one year	(67,500)	-	(67,500)
Total	<u>1,278,492</u>	<u>672,933</u>	<u>1,951,425</u>

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20. Pension commitments

The charity operates a defined contributions pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund operated by the Baptist Union. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the charity to the fund and amounted to £4,823 (2022 - £4,733). There were no arrears of contributions at the year end (2022 - £nil).

In addition to the present scheme contributions were made to an existing scheme referred to as The Defined Benefit Plan (The DB Plan) for employees in employment up to the plan's closure on 31 December 2011. Actuarial review indicates that the pension scheme is in deficit and deficiency payments are due from those churches who are in the scheme. The present level of payment is 12% of the employees' salary. During the year ended 30 September 2023 a total of £12 (2022 - £2,801) was paid into the closed scheme. Under arrangements entered into by the pension scheme trustees, the employers deficit contributions will be cleared by 2028. Under present arrangements, operating from 1 August 2022, the annual deficiency payments payable during the year ended 30 September 2024 will be £12.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022**

Trustees Rev. B R A Marlowe, Chairman
 Mr. S Fox, Trustee
 Miss J Edwards, Trustee
 Mr P R Willans, Treasurer
 Mr P Wallach, Trustee
 Mrs J Hirst, Trustee
 Mr F P Hills, Trustee
 Mr B Hughes, Trustee

**Charity registered
number** 1129360

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the Southborough Lane Baptist Church for the year 1 October 2021 to 30 September 2022.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

a. Policies and objectives

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, and in particular to its supplementary public benefit guidance on places of worship.

Our objective is to engage with all people of all ages, in our community, on an emotional, spiritual and educational basis.

b. Activities for achieving objectives and main activities undertaken to further the Charity's purposes for Public Benefit

We have sought, despite the continued disruption that COVID-19 has brought, to achieve our objectives through maintaining a connection with our various groups and members socially, educationally, pastorally and spiritually through Sunday Services and various scheduled activities held throughout the week.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

a. Key financial performance indicators

The key financial performance indicators identified relate to the comparison of donations received to amounts expended in meeting the church's stated objectives as well as maintaining the integrity of the various funds that are maintained.

b. Review of activities

During the last twelve months we have continued to endeavour to be a church for all people of all ages, providing spiritual, emotional, physical and educational support. This support is for both those in the church as well as to those from our wider community.

Following the COVID pandemic we finally reopened properly in February 2022.

It was good to see that the hiatus had not set our groups back. Our two important groups for mums or dads and their toddlers are flourishing again. Likewise, the adult's range of activities which include Bowls Mornings, Badminton Evenings, Craft Groups and Coffee Mornings are running well.

We also have a range of small groups who meet for study and discussion, which have helped people to develop in a variety of ways. Some continued to meet via Zoom up until the summer break, but all of them now meet in person again.

The Building Redevelopment Project that was completed last year is providing us with additional space to run our activities and has provided a very welcoming environment for a number of new people who have joined us this year.

The Petts Wood Mandarin-English Bi-lingual Pre School that operates out of our premises continues to thrive. For the first time this year we have been able to engage in two joint ventures for children and families.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (continued)

c. Investment policy and performance

The Church has a long term policy for the investment of funds. Any surplus funds arising from time to time will be held on deposit with either a High-Street Bank Deposit or the London Baptist Property Board, both of which allow easy access to the funds if required.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

a. Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

The Trustees continue to monitor the impact of Coronavirus on the charity as a whole.

b. Results for the year

Unrestricted

This year Southborough Lane Baptist Church generated a surplus, before transfers, of £5,880 which compared to the previous year's surplus, before transfers, of £9,977, shows a reduction of £4,097. Essentially income has risen by £2,790 comprising a fall in donations received which is more than compensated for by an increase in rental income. In addition, Other Trading Activities which comprise Ministry Support Activities are now fully operational. This increase in Rental Income arises from the ongoing terms of the lease agreed with the Pre-School who occupy the rear of the buildings.

However, this overall increase in income does not compensate for the increase in expenditure of £6,888 when 2022 is compared to 2021.

Restricted

Donations for 2022 totaled £19,934 (2021 - £29,478) were principally in respect of pledges made for the Building Development Fund. There were no fundraising activities undertaken in 2022 (2021 - £nil) in respect of the building works which had commenced during the year ended 30 September 2019 and completed during the year ended 30 September 2022 upon settlement of the Retention owed to the builders.

Expenditure totaled £35,268 (2021 - £36,458) which comprised depreciation in respect of those buildings which are now complete and brought into usage. These buildings comprised the church offices, the rear hall now used by the Petts Wood Mandarin English Bi-lingual Pre School and the refurbished front hall and entrance.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

c. Reserves Policy

The trustees endeavour to retain sufficient unrestricted funds to cover approximately three month's running costs. This latter sum amounts to £27,159 excluding depreciation (2021 - £25,441). The unrestricted funds, classified as General Funds, excluding the cost of property, both cost and revaluation reserve, at the end of the year amounted to £98,402 (2021 - £89,742) which exceeds the trustees' target for reserves. The level of reserves will continue to be kept under close review.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

a. Constitution

.The charity is an unincorporated charity governed by a constitution adopted on 28 January 2009.

b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

The management of the Charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Trust deed.

c. Organisational structure and decision-making

The charity is governed by a committee of management comprising the Trustees, the Minister, the Elders and the Deacons who are elected by the membership of Southborough Lane Baptist Church. These leaders meet on a regular basis to discuss issues effecting the church and it's work and witness and make appropriate authorised decisions themselves or recommendations to the Church membership for decisions in general meeting.

d. Risk management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the charity, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate our exposure to the major risks.

Coronavirus

The trustees have assessed the various risks arising on the easing of Lockdown leading to recommencement of church services. The area's of concern included; Singing during services, social distancing, working surfaces such as door handles, cleaning between services, the dispersal of the congregation after church services as well as other matters.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

Future Developments

The next twelve months, we hope, will be a time when we are able to press on with our vision to make Southborough Lane Baptist Church a place of welcome and blessing for people of all ages in the Petts Wood community.

We are keen to identify new ways through which we might respond to people's specific needs and offer spiritual, emotional, physical and educational support, as required.

In March, we commenced a new activity, Family Fun @ 4 which will include families not connected to the church who can join us for an afternoon of family activities within a church setting.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- * select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- * observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- * make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- * prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees on 19 July 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

Rev. B R A Marlowe, Chairman

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SOUTHBOROUGH LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Southborough Lane Baptist Church ('the Charity')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 30 September 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the Charity has prepared the accounts in accordance with 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) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

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 that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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:

Dated: 19 July 2023

Paul Baker FFA FAIA

SOUTHBOROUGH LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022**

	Note	Restricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	19,934	90,291	110,225	129,051
Other trading activities	4	-	4,639	4,639	277
Investments	5	-	88	88	109
Other income	6	-	20,175	20,175	12,443
Total income		19,934	115,193	135,127	141,880
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities		35,268	109,313	144,581	138,883
Total expenditure		35,268	109,313	144,581	138,883
Net movement in funds		(15,334)	5,880	(9,454)	2,997
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		1,293,826	667,053	1,960,879	1,957,882
Net movement in funds		(15,334)	5,880	(9,454)	2,997
Total funds carried forward		1,278,492	672,933	1,951,425	1,960,879

The Statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 9 to 21 form part of these financial statements.

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**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2022**

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	12	1,909,167	1,937,654
		<u>1,909,167</u>	<u>1,937,654</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	13	19,209	24,151
Cash at bank and in hand		110,154	95,771
		<u>129,363</u>	<u>119,922</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(19,605)	(19,197)
Net current assets		<u>109,758</u>	<u>100,725</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>2,018,925</u>	<u>2,038,379</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	15	(67,500)	(77,500)
Net assets excluding pension asset		<u>1,951,425</u>	<u>1,960,879</u>
Total net assets		<u><u>1,951,425</u></u>	<u><u>1,960,879</u></u>
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	17	1,278,492	1,293,826
Unrestricted funds	17	672,933	667,053
Total funds		<u><u>1,951,425</u></u>	<u><u>1,960,879</u></u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 19 July 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

Rev. B R A Marlowe - Chairman

Mr P R Willans - Treasurer

The notes on pages 9 to 21 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

1. General information

Southborough Lane Baptist Church is an unincorporated organisation, registered as a charity with The Charity Commission with the The Charity Commission number 1129360.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements 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), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair' view. This departure has involved following the Charities SORP (FRS 102) published in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

Southborough Lane Baptist Church meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

2.2 Income

All income is recognised once the Charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

The recognition of income from legacies is dependent on establishing entitlement, the probability of receipt and the ability to estimate with sufficient accuracy the amount receivable. Evidence of entitlement to a legacy exists when the Charity has sufficient evidence that a gift has been left to them (through knowledge of the existence of a valid will and the death of the benefactor) and the executor is satisfied that the property in question will not be required to satisfy claims in the estate. Receipt of a legacy must be recognised when it is probable that it will be received and the fair value of the amount receivable, which will generally be the expected cash amount to be distributed to the Charity, can be reliably measured.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

Other income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.3 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, 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 classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is made except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.4 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

2.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing £750 or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, .

Depreciation is provided on the following bases:

Freehold property	- Straight Line over the life of the Property
Plant and machinery	- 25% Reducing Balance
Fixtures and fittings	- 25% Reducing Balance

2.6 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.7 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

2.8 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of financial activities as a finance cost.

2.9 Financial instruments

The Charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.10 Pensions

The Charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the Charity to the fund in respect of the year.

2.11 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

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3. Income from donations and legacies

	Restricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Donations	19,934	90,291	110,225
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	<i>Restricted funds 2021 £</i>	<i>Unrestricted funds 2021 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2021 £</i>
Donations	29,478	99,573	129,051
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4. Income from other trading activities

Income from Ministry Support Activities

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	<i>Total funds 2021 £</i>
Income generated	4,639	4,639	277
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5. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	<i>Total funds 2021 £</i>
Investment income - Bank Interest received	53	53	14
Gift Aid Tax repayment supplement	35	35	95
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	88	88	109
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6. Other incoming resources

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	<i>Total funds 2021 £</i>
Rental Income	20,175	20,175	12,443
	<u>20,175</u>	<u>20,175</u>	<u>12,443</u>

7. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Direct costs 2022 £	Support costs 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Ministry Support Costs	-	67,041	67,041
Staff and Ministry Costs	77,540	-	77,540
	<u>77,540</u>	<u>67,041</u>	<u>144,581</u>

	<i>Direct costs 2021 £</i>	<i>Support costs 2021 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2021 £</i>
Ministry Support Costs	-	66,634	66,634
Staff and Ministry Costs	72,249	-	72,249
	<u>72,249</u>	<u>66,634</u>	<u>138,883</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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7. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs

	Direct costs 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Staff costs	56,645	56,645	53,751
Ministry activities	20,895	20,895	18,498
	77,540	77,540	72,249
	77,540	77,540	72,249

Analysis of support costs

	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Depreciation	35,945	37,120
Office costs	2,027	2,462
Computer costs	45	442
Support costs	4,144	4,397
Maintenance repairs	3,632	3,345
Grantmaking	16,654	14,461
Governance costs	4,594	4,407
Total 2022	67,041	66,634
	67,041	66,634

8. Analysis of Grantmaking

Included within expenditure are the following transactions:

	Total £	2022 Amount £	Individual items Reason
Grantmaking	16,654	4,169	Overseas Mission
		4,947	Home Mission
		4,505	The Michael Project
		250	Spurgeon's College
		2,783	Samara's Aid

Grants to individuals totaled £760, (2021 - £997) and because they live locally these grants are included in ministry activities.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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9. Independent examiner's remuneration

The independent examiner's remuneration amounts to an independent examiner fee of £1,440 (2021 - £1,380).

10. Staff costs

	2022	<i>2021</i>
	£	£
Wages and salaries	48,946	46,213
Social security costs	165	130
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	7,534	7,408
	<hr/> 56,645 <hr/>	<hr/> 53,751 <hr/>

The average number of persons employed by the Charity during the year was as follows:

	2022	<i>2021</i>
	No.	No.
Minister	1	1
Office Staff	2	2
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No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

11. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, the Rev. B.R.A. Marlowe, one of the Trustees received remuneration and other benefits from his employment with the Charity. His salary was £37,967 (2021 - £36,960.) and the value of the other benefits received was as follows: Taxable Benefits in kind £1,245 (2021 - £1,391) and Pension contributions of £3,831 (2021 - £3,696).

During the year ended 30 September 2022, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2021 - £NIL).

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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12. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold property £	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Total £
Cost or valuation				
At 1 October 2021	2,050,503	32,594	68,990	2,152,087
Additions	6,738	-	720	7,458
At 30 September 2022	<u>2,057,241</u>	<u>32,594</u>	<u>69,710</u>	<u>2,159,545</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 October 2021	133,172	14,259	67,002	214,433
Charge for the year	30,684	4,584	677	35,945
At 30 September 2022	<u>163,856</u>	<u>18,843</u>	<u>67,679</u>	<u>250,378</u>
Net book value				
At 30 September 2022	<u><u>1,893,385</u></u>	<u><u>13,751</u></u>	<u><u>2,031</u></u>	<u><u>1,909,167</u></u>
<i>At 30 September 2021</i>	<u><u>1,917,331</u></u>	<u><u>18,335</u></u>	<u><u>1,988</u></u>	<u><u>1,937,654</u></u>

In accordance with FRS102 the church buildings have been revalued by the trustees and where appropriate any surplus arising has been taken to a Revaluation Reserve, refer to note 17.

Building works as part of the Refurbishment and Development of the Church Site relating to the new church offices, the refurbishment of the front and rear hall and the Audio Visual system are now being depreciated as work on them has now been completed and they have been brought into use.

It has been decided that the costs and related depreciation of the Audio Visual system be disclosed separately even though they are an integral part of the building. This is to show clarity as well as the impact of the shorter life of these assets when compared to the building.

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13. Debtors

	2022	<i>2021</i>
	£	£
Due within one year		
Other debtors	18,138	22,699
Prepayments and accrued income	1,071	1,452
	19,209	24,151

14. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2022	<i>2021</i>
	£	£
Other loans	10,000	10,000
Other taxation and social security	923	-
Other creditors	8,682	9,197
	19,605	19,197

The current portion of the loan described in note 14 is £10,000 comprising four quarterly installments of £2,500 which will be repaid during the year ended 30 September 2023.

Included in Other Creditors is an amount of £3,000 in respect of a Rent deposit given by a Mandarin-English Bi-Lingual Pre-school prior to commencing activities in the church's newly refurbished rear hall

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15. Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year

	2022	<i>2021</i>
	£	£
Other loans	67,500	<i>77,500</i>
	<u>67,500</u>	<u><i>77,500</i></u>

Included within the above are amounts falling due as follows:

	2022	<i>2021</i>
	£	£
Between one and two years		
Other loans	10,000	<i>10,000</i>
	<u>10,000</u>	<u><i>10,000</i></u>
Between two and five years		
Other loans	30,000	<i>30,000</i>
	<u>30,000</u>	<u><i>30,000</i></u>
Over five years		
Other loans	27,500	<i>37,500</i>
	<u>27,500</u>	<u><i>37,500</i></u>

During the year ended 30 September 2020 the church was awarded a ten year loan facility of £100,000 from the London Baptist Property Board to provide funds to complete the property refurbishment and development works which were currently under way. The Loan is to be repaid in equal quarterly installments of £2,500. Interest is charged quarterly at a variable rate the current level being 5.00% and the loan is secured on the property.

Since the year end a Capital Repayment of £30,000 has been made. This will shorten the life of the loan as none of the underlying terms have been adjusted for the voluntary repayment with no obligation to repay early being placed on Southborough Lane Baptist Church.

16. Financial instruments

	2022	<i>2021</i>
	£	£
Financial assets		
Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure	110,154	<i>95,771</i>
	<u>110,154</u>	<u><i>95,771</i></u>

Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure comprise a number of bank accounts held within High Street Banks and the London Baptist Property Board.

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17. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 October 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 30 September 2022 £
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds					
Manse at Cost	110,000	-	-	-	110,000
Manse Revaluation	462,500	-	-	-	462,500
Ministry Support Activities	4,811	4,640	(4,236)	-	5,215
	<u>577,311</u>	<u>4,640</u>	<u>(4,236)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>577,715</u>
General funds					
General Funds - all funds	89,742	110,553	(105,077)	-	95,218
	<u>89,742</u>	<u>110,553</u>	<u>(105,077)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>95,218</u>
Total Unrestricted funds	<u>667,053</u>	<u>115,193</u>	<u>(109,313)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>672,933</u>
Restricted funds					
Church Site	524,531	-	(7,560)	-	516,971
Church Site Revaluation	510,829	-	(7,340)	-	503,489
Church Site Redevelopment	256,689	-	(20,368)	6,738	243,059
Building Development	-	19,934	-	(6,738)	13,196
Website Development	1,777	-	-	-	1,777
	<u>1,293,826</u>	<u>19,934</u>	<u>(35,268)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,278,492</u>
Total of funds	<u>1,960,879</u>	<u>135,127</u>	<u>(144,581)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,951,425</u>

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18. Summary of funds

Summary of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 October 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 30 September 2022 £
Designated funds	577,311	4,640	(4,236)	-	577,715
General funds	89,742	110,553	(105,077)	-	95,218
Restricted funds	1,293,826	19,934	(35,268)	-	1,278,492
	<u>1,960,879</u>	<u>135,127</u>	<u>(144,581)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,951,425</u>

19. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Restricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	1,334,636	574,531	1,909,167
Current assets	21,356	108,007	129,363
Creditors due within one year	(10,000)	(9,605)	(19,605)
Creditors due in more than one year	(67,500)	-	(67,500)
Total	<u>1,278,492</u>	<u>672,933</u>	<u>1,951,425</u>

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	<i>Restricted funds 2021 £</i>	<i>Unrestricted funds 2021 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2021 £</i>
Tangible fixed assets	1,363,166	574,488	1,937,654
Current assets	18,160	101,762	119,922
Creditors due within one year	(10,000)	(9,197)	(19,197)
Creditors due in more than one year	(77,500)	-	(77,500)
Total	<u>1,293,826</u>	<u>667,053</u>	<u>1,960,879</u>

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20. Pension commitments

The charity operates a defined contributions pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund operated by the Baptist Union. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the charity to the fund and amounted to £4,733 (2021 - £4,183). There were no arrears of contributions at the year end (2021 - £120).

In addition to the present scheme contributions were made to an existing scheme referred to as The Defined Benefit Plan (The DB Plan) for employees in employment up to the plan's closure on 31 December 2011. Actuarial review indicates that the pension scheme is in deficit and deficiency payments are due from those churches who are in the scheme. The present level of payment is 12% of the employees' salary. During the year ended 30 September 2022 a total of £2,801 (2021 - £3,225) was paid into the closed scheme. Under arrangements entered into by the pension scheme trustees the employers deficit contributions will be cleared by 2028. Under present arrangements, operating from 1 August 2022, the annual deficiency payments payable during the year ended 30 September 2022 will be £12.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS



FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021**

Trustees

Rev. B R A Marlowe, Chairman
Mr. S Fox, Trustee
Miss J Edwards, Trustee
Mr P R Willans, Treasurer
Mr P Wallach, Trustee
Mrs J Hirst, Trustee
Mr F P Hills, Trustee
Mr B Hughes, Trustee

Charity registered number

1129360

Principal office

Southborough Lane, Petts Wood

Independent Examiner

Paul Baker FFA. FAIA, Applied Accountancy Limited, 50A Clifford Way, Maidstone, ME16 8GD

SOUTHBOROUGH LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charity Southborough Lane Baptist Church for the year 1 October 2020 to 30 September 2021.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

a. Policies and Objectives

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the charity commission relating to public benefit and in particular to its supplementary public benefit guidance on places of worship.

Our objective is to engage with all people of all ages, in our community, on an emotional, spiritual and educational basis.

b. Activities for achieving objectives and main activities undertaken to further the Charity's purposes for Public Benefit

We have sought, despite the continued disruption that COVID-19 has brought, to achieve our objectives through maintaining a connection with our various groups and members socially, educationally, pastorally and spiritually.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

a. Key financial performance indicators

The key financial performance indicators identified relate to the comparison of donations received to amounts expended in meeting the church's stated objectives as well as maintaining the integrity of the various funds that are maintained.

b. Review of Activities

During the last twelve months we have continued to endeavour to be a church for all people of all ages, providing spiritual, emotional, physical and educational support, to both those in the church as well as to those from our wider community.

Because of the COVID pandemic we finally reopened properly during January and February 2022.

We have two important groups for mums or dads and their toddlers both of which are flourishing again. Likewise, the range of activities for adults which include Bowls Mornings, Badminton Evenings, Craft Groups and Coffee Mornings have successfully reopened.

We also have a range of small groups who meet for study and discussion, which have helped people to develop in a variety of ways. Some continue to meet via Zoom while others now meet in person again. We have not been able to welcome visitors on Sundays or to our Quiz nights and Community Fun Days, all of which have been curtailed.

In the summer of 2019 we began a sizeable Building Redevelopment Project. This, despite undergoing numerous delays, as a result of COVID, is now complete though the completion certificate was issued on 15 March 2022. It is providing us with additional space to run existing activities and also to instigate some exciting new ventures.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

The Petts Wood Mandarin-English Bi-lingual Pre-School that operates out of our premises has recommenced activities and continues to go from strength to strength. The relationship that we have with the school's proprietors suggests that we will be able to engage in a number of joint ventures for children and families as we move forward.

c. Investment policy and performance

The Church has a long term policy for the investment of funds. Any surplus funds arising from time to time will be held on deposit with either a High-Street Bank Deposit or the London Baptist Property Fund, both of which allow easy access to the funds if required.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

a. Going Concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Accounting Policies.

The Trustees continue to monitor the impact of Coronavirus on the charity as a whole. Since the cessation of church services in March 2020 the accounts show that there has not been a material reduction in church income. This is because the majority of income arises from regular giving through bank transfers and not through service collections. Cost saving through the closure of church premises or the restriction of activities more than covers any loss of income.

b. Results for the year

Unrestricted

This year Southborough Lane Baptist Church generated a surplus, before transfers, of £9,977 which compared to the previous year's surplus of £11,073, showing a reduction of £1,096. Essentially income has fallen by £5,324 attributable to a fall in donations received which is partially compensated for by an increase in rental income. This overall reduction in income is almost matched by a fall in expenditure of £4,228 when 2021 is compared to 2020. Legal fees incurred in 2020 in respect of leases granted account for almost the entire reduction in expenditure.

Transfers made between funds were primarily in respect of the financing of the Building Refurbishment and Development held in the Building Development Fund. A smaller transfer to Designated Fund was made to enable separate disclosure of funds held within Ministry Support activities.

Restricted

Donations for 2021 totaled £29,478 (2020 - £24,294) of which £29,478 (2020 - £23,889) was in respect of pledges made for the Building Development Fund. There was no fundraising in 2021 (2020 - £405) in respect of the building works which had commenced during the year ended 30 September 2019.

During December 2019 and January 2020 we made full use of a loan facility made available to us for £100,000 from the London Baptist Property Board. This facility was awarded to us August 2019 prior to commencing building work in the main church buildings.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

Expenditure totaled £36,458 which comprised mainly depreciation in respect of those buildings which are now complete and brought into usage and comprised the church offices, the rear hall now used by the Petts Wood Mandarin English Bi-lingual Pre School and the refurbished front hall and entrance.

c. RESERVES POLICY

The trustees endeavour to retain sufficient unrestricted funds to cover approximately three month's running costs. This latter sum amounts to £25,441 excluding depreciation (2020 - £26,629). The unrestricted funds, classified as General Funds, excluding the cost of property, both cost and revaluation reserve, at the end of the year amounted to £89,742 (2020 - £75,797) which exceeds the trustees' target for reserves. The level of reserves will continue to be kept under close review.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

a. Constitution

The charity is an unincorporated charity governed by a constitution adopted on 28 January 2009.

b. Method of appointment or election of Trustees

The management of the charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Trust deed.

c. Organisational structure and decision making

The charity is governed by a committee of management comprising the Trustees, the Minister, the Elders and the Deacons who are elected by the membership of Southborough Lane Baptist Church. These leaders meet on a regular basis to discuss issues effecting the church and it's work and witness and make appropriate authorised decisions themselves or recommendations to the Church membership for decisions in general meeting.

d. Risk Management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the charity, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate our exposure to the major risks.

Coronavirus

The trustees have assessed the various risks arising on the easing of Lockdown leading to recommencement of church services. The area's of concern included; Singing during services, social distancing, working surfaces such as door handles, cleaning between services, the dispersal of the congregation after church services as well as other matters.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

a. Future Developments

The next twelve months, we hope, will be a time when we are able to press on with our vision to make Southborough Lane Baptist Church a place of welcome and blessing for people of all ages in the Petts Wood community.

We now have a building that is a wonderful resource for staging a variety of events, teaching and support program, thereby allowing us to engage with our community in new and meaningful ways.

This will also make it easier for us to respond to people's specific needs and offer spiritual, emotional, physical and educational support, as required.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the Trustees, on 11 July 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

Rev. B R A Marlowe, Chairman

SOUTHBOROUGH LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021**

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SOUTHBOROUGH LANE BAPTIST CHURCH (the 'charity')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2021.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT

As the Trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity'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 2011 Act.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared the accounts in accordance with 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) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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:

Dated: 11 July 2022

Paul Baker FFA FAIA

SOUTHBOROUGH LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021**

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
INCOME FROM:					
Donations and legacies	2	99,573	29,478	129,051	130,011
Church activities:					
Fundraising	3	-	-	-	405
Church activities		277	-	277	3,328
Investments	4	109	-	109	577
Other income - Rents		12,443	-	12,443	7,699
TOTAL INCOME		112,402	29,478	141,880	142,020
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Raising funds	5	-	-	-	155
Charitable activities	8	102,425	36,458	138,883	131,309
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	9	102,425	36,458	138,883	131,464
NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE) BEFORE TRANSFERS					
Transfers between Funds	19	9,977	(6,980)	2,997	10,556
		8,779	(8,779)	-	-
NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE) BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES					
		18,756	(15,759)	2,997	10,556
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS					
		18,756	(15,759)	2,997	10,556
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:					
Total funds brought forward		648,297	1,309,585	1,957,882	1,947,326
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		667,053	1,293,826	1,960,879	1,957,882

The notes on pages 9 to 23 form part of these financial statements.

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**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2021**

	Note	£	2021 £	£	2020 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	14		1,937,654		1,969,802
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	15	24,151		27,442	
Cash at bank and in hand		95,771		69,257	
			<u>119,922</u>	<u>96,699</u>	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	16	(19,197)		(21,119)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>100,725</u>		<u>75,580</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			<u>2,038,379</u>		<u>2,045,382</u>
CREDITORS: amounts falling due after more than one year	17		(77,500)		(87,500)
NET ASSETS			<u>1,960,879</u>		<u>1,957,882</u>
CHARITY FUNDS					
Restricted funds	19		1,293,826		1,309,585
Unrestricted funds	19		667,053		648,297
TOTAL FUNDS			<u>1,960,879</u>		<u>1,957,882</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 11 July 2022 and signed on their behalf, by:

Mr P R Willans, Treasurer

Rev. B R A Marlowe, Chairman

The notes on pages 9 to 23 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

Southborough Lane Baptist Church is an unincorporated organisation, registered as a charity with The Charity Commission with the The Charity Commission number 1129360.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair' view. This departure has involved following the Charities SORP (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) published on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and Charities Act 2011.

Southborough Lane Baptist Church meets the definition of a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

1.2 Income

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

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the Trust that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the charity, or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

Donated services or facilities are recognised when the charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use of the charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the general volunteer time of the friends of the church is not recognised.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.3 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, 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 classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management carried out at Headquarters. Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Costs of generating funds are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities and Governance costs are costs incurred on the charity's educational operations, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is made except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

1.4 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

All assets costing more than £750 are capitalised.

A review for impairment of a fixed asset is carried out if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of any fixed asset may not be recoverable. Shortfalls between the carrying value of fixed assets and their recoverable amounts are recognised as impairments. Impairment losses are recognised in the Statement of financial activities.

Building refurbishment and redevelopment costs are not depreciated until the work on the building is complete and the building has been brought into use.

Assets in the course of construction are included at cost. Depreciation on these assets is not charged until they are brought into use.

Tangible fixed assets are carried at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold property	-	Straight Line over the life of the Property
Plant and machinery	-	25% Reducing Balance
Fixtures and fittings	-	25% Reducing Balance

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

The Manse is a semi-detached property where the land and the buildings are inseparable. In addition, there is a ready market for the sale of the property. Consequently, no depreciation has been charged on this property as it is considered that the increase in the value of land will more than outweigh any decrease in value of the building through usage.

1.5 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

1.6 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

1.7 Cash at Bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

1.8 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide. Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised within interest payable and similar charges.

1.9 Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

1.10 Pensions

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the charity to the fund in respect of the year.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.11 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

2. INCOME FROM DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	<i>Total funds 2020 £</i>
Donations	99,573	29,478	129,051	128,011
Legacies	-	-	-	2,000
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Total donations and legacies	99,573	29,478	129,051	130,011
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<i>Total 2020</i>	<i>106,122</i>	<i>23,889</i>	<i>130,011</i>	
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3. FUNDRAISING INCOME

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	<i>Total funds 2020 £</i>
Fundraising	-	-	-	405
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<i>Total 2020</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>405</i>	<i>405</i>	
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4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	<i>Total funds 2020 £</i>
Investment income - Deposit Accounts	14	-	14	472
HMRC Repayment Supplement	95	-	95	105
	<u>109</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>109</u>	<u>577</u>
<i>Total 2020</i>	<u>577</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>577</u>	

5. COSTS OF RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	<i>Total funds 2020 £</i>
Building Development Fund	-	-	-	155
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	
<i>Total 2020</i>	<u>-</u>	<u>155</u>	<u>155</u>	

6. DIRECT COSTS

	Church activities £	Total 2021 £	<i>Total 2020 £</i>
Ministry activities	18,498	18,498	17,255
Wages and salaries	46,213	46,213	47,334
National insurance	130	130	527
Pension cost	7,408	7,408	7,279
	<u>72,249</u>	<u>72,249</u>	<u>72,395</u>
<i>Total 2020</i>	<u>72,395</u>	<u>72,395</u>	

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7. SUPPORT COSTS

	Church support £	Church property £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Office costs	2,462	-	2,462	2,708
Computer costs	442	-	442	398
Support costs	4,397	-	4,397	4,362
Maintenance repairs	3,345	-	3,345	3,498
Legal & Professional	-	-	-	4,656
Grantmaking	14,461	-	14,461	15,310
Depreciation	662	36,458	37,120	24,794
	<u>25,769</u>	<u>36,458</u>	<u>62,227</u>	<u>55,726</u>
<i>Total 2020</i>	<u>33,766</u>	<u>21,960</u>	<u>55,726</u>	

Included in the 2020 Church property comparative is £4,656 in respect of Pre-School legal cost on the granting of a lease to the Church property.

GRANTMAKING

	2021 £	2020 £
Overseas Mission	3,350	4,000
The Michael Project	4,500	4,500
Samara's Aid	1,875	2,000
LBA/Home Mission	4,560	4,560
Food Bank	176	-
Spurgeon's College	-	250
Total	<u>14,461</u>	<u>15,310</u>

Grants to individuals totaled £997, (2020 - £684) and because they live locally these grants are included in ministry activities.

8. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Independent examiners fees	1,380	-	1,380	1,320
Payroll Bureau Services	312	-	312	-
Loan interest (LBPB)	2,715	-	2,715	1,868
	<u>4,407</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,407</u>	<u>3,188</u>

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9. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE BY EXPENDITURE TYPE

	Staff costs 2021 £	Depreciation 2021 £	Other costs 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Expenditure on raising voluntary income	-	-	-	-	155
Costs of raising funds	-	-	-	-	155
Ministry activities and support	53,751	662	43,605	98,018	110,817
Building Maintenance	-	36,458	-	36,458	17,304
Charitable activities	53,751	37,120	43,605	134,476	128,121
Expenditure on governance	-	-	4,407	4,407	3,188
	53,751	37,120	48,012	138,883	131,464
<i>Total 2020</i>	55,140	24,794	51,530	131,464	

10. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

This is stated after charging:

	2021 £	2020 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets:		
- owned by the charity	37,120	24,795
Payroll Bureau Services	312	-

During the year, one Trustee received remuneration totalling £36,960 (2020- £36,775).

During the year, one Trustee received benefits in kind of £5,091 (2020 - £4,901).

During the year, no Trustees received any reimbursement of personal expenses (2020 - £NIL).

The trustee concerned is the Rev. Ben Marlowe who has served as minister since his appointment in May 2016. The benefits-in-kind include the running expenses of the manse which is provided for his work as well as £3,841 (2020 - £3,787) in respect of pension contributions paid on his behalf.

11. INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S FEES

The Independent Examiner's fees amounts to an Independent Examination fee of £1,380 (2020 - £1,320), and other services of £ - (2020 - £ -).

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12. STAFF COSTS

Staff costs were as follows:

	2021	<i>2020</i>
	£	£
Wages and salaries	46,213	47,334
Social security costs	130	527
Other pension costs	7,408	7,279
	<hr/> 53,751 <hr/>	<hr/> 55,140 <hr/>

The average number of persons employed by the charity during the year was as follows:

	2021	<i>2020</i>
	No.	No.
Minister	1	1
Office and Ministry Support Staff	2	2
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No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

13. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION

During the year retirement benefits were accruing to 1 Trustee (2020 - 1) in respect of defined contribution pension schemes.

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14. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Audio Visual Equipment £	Fixtures and fittings £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 October 2020	2,047,769	32,594	66,752	2,147,115
Additions	2,734	-	2,238	4,972
At 30 September 2021	<u>2,050,503</u>	<u>32,594</u>	<u>68,990</u>	<u>2,152,087</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 October 2020	102,825	8,148	66,340	177,313
Charge for the year	30,347	6,111	662	37,120
At 30 September 2021	<u>133,172</u>	<u>14,259</u>	<u>67,002</u>	<u>214,433</u>
Net book value				
At 30 September 2021	<u>1,917,331</u>	<u>18,335</u>	<u>1,988</u>	<u>1,937,654</u>
<i>At 30 September 2020</i>	<u>1,944,944</u>	<u>24,446</u>	<u>412</u>	<u>1,969,802</u>

In accordance with FRS102 the church buildings have been revalued by the trustees and where appropriate the surplus arising has been taken to a Revaluation Reserve, refer to note 18.

Building works as part of the Refurbishment and Development of the Church Site relating to the new church offices, the refurbishment of the front and rear hall and the Audio Visual system have now been depreciated as work on them has now been completed and they have been brought into use.

It has been decided that the costs and related depreciation of the Audio Visual system be disclosed separately even though they are an integral part of the building. This is to show clarity as well as the impact of the shorter life of these assets when compared to the building.

15. DEBTORS

	2021 £	2020 £
Income Tax recoverable	21,719	22,324
Other debtors	980	42
Prepayments and accrued income	1,452	5,076
	<u>24,151</u>	<u>27,442</u>

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16. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2021	<i>2020</i>
	£	<i>£</i>
Other loans (see note 17)	10,000	<i>12,500</i>
Other taxation and social security	-	<i>802</i>
Other creditors	9,197	<i>7,817</i>
	19,197	<i>21,119</i>

The current portion of the loan described in note 17 is £10,000 comprising four quarterly installments of £2,500 which will be repaid during the year ended 30 September 2022.

Included in Other Creditors is an amount of £3,000 in respect of a Rent deposit given by a Mandarin-English Bi-Lingual Pre-school prior to commencing activities in the church's newly refurbished rear hall

17. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year

	2021	<i>2020</i>
	£	<i>£</i>
Other loans	77,500	<i>87,500</i>

Included within the above are amounts falling due as follows:

	2021	<i>2020</i>
	£	<i>£</i>
Between two and five years		
Other loans	40,000	<i>40,000</i>
Over five years		
Other loans	37,500	<i>47,500</i>

Creditors include amounts not wholly repayable within 5 years as follows:

	2021	<i>2020</i>
	£	<i>£</i>
Repayable by instalments	37,500	<i>47,500</i>

During the year ended 30 September 2020 the church was awarded a ten year loan facility of £100,000 from the London Baptist Property Board to provide funds to complete the property refurbishment and development works which were currently under way. The Loan is to be repaid in equal quarterly installments of £2,500. Interest is charged quarterly at a variable rate the current level being 2.75% and the loan is secured on the property.

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18. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

	2021 £	2020 £
Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure	<u>95,771</u>	<u>69,257</u>

Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure comprise a number of bank accounts held within High Street Banks and the London Baptist Property Board.

19. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

STATEMENT OF FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Balance at 1 October 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 30 Sept 2020 £
Designated funds					
Designated Funds - Manse (cost)	110,000	-	-	-	110,000
Designated Fund Manse - Revaluation Reserve	462,500	-	-	-	462,500
Ministry Support Activities	-	2,855	(2,853)	4,809	4,811
	<u>572,500</u>	<u>2,855</u>	<u>(2,853)</u>	<u>4,809</u>	<u>577,311</u>
General funds					
General Funds - all funds	75,797	109,547	(99,572)	3,970	89,742
Total Unrestricted funds	<u>648,297</u>	<u>112,402</u>	<u>(102,425)</u>	<u>8,779</u>	<u>667,053</u>
Restricted funds					
Church Site	532,091	-	(7,560)	-	524,531
Church Site Revaluation	518,169	-	(7,340)	-	510,829
Church Site Redevelopment	62,596	-	(21,558)	215,651	256,689
Church Car Park	3	-	-	(3)	-
Building Development Fund	194,949	29,478	-	(224,427)	-
Website Development Fund	1,777	-	-	-	1,777
	<u>1,309,585</u>	<u>29,478</u>	<u>(36,458)</u>	<u>(8,779)</u>	<u>1,293,826</u>
Total of funds	<u>1,957,882</u>	<u>141,880</u>	<u>(138,883)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,960,879</u>

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19. STATEMENT OF FUNDS (continued)

Church Properties

The properties, which had already been revalued a number of years ago, were subjected to a detailed review by the trustees when preparing the accounts for the year ended 30 September 2017. Any adjustments made to produce a Fair Value were included in the Accounts and a revaluation reserve was created to disclose the extent of this revaluation in the accounts.

The land that the buildings stand on is owned by the London Baptist Property Board and which Southborough Lane Baptist Church holds on trust. The Main Church Site by a Trust Deed dated 5 June 1974 and the Manse by a Trust Deed dated 14 February 1977.

Under the terms of the Trust Deeds, the Main Church Site can only be used for a place of worship so that all buildings erected will be classed as Restricted Fund Assets and for the Manse the eventual proceeds can be used for any charitable purpose consistent with the Baptist Denomination, consequently it is disclosed as a Designated Fund Asset.

Church Property Redevelopment

The Building Redevelopment Fund is a restricted fund that receives funds to finance the redevelopment of several buildings on the Church Site. Once work is completed and the building brought into use the costs are transferred to the Church Site Redevelopment Fund, which is also a restricted fund. Depreciation of the redevelopment costs of the building is charged to this fund. £224,427 of building costs were transferred during the year ended 30 September 2021 on completion of the project.

Website Development Fund

This fund comprises a single gift received to cover the cost of redeveloping the Church's website following completion of the building works. Initially these funds were included in the General Fund in error but have now been transferred to a restricted fund created for the gift's intended purpose.

General Fund

During the year ended 30 September 2021 a transfer of £8,779. was made to the General Fund from the Building Development Fund and the Church Site Redevelopment Fund in respect of the overall costs of the redevelopment of the Church Site.

Designated Fund

This year the church's Ministry Support Activities have been shown separately within Designated Funds, previously they had been shown as included in the General Fund. This change of presentation is for greater clarity and to recognise the work of these support activities.

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19. STATEMENT OF FUNDS (continued)

STATEMENT OF FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	<i>Balance at 1 October 2019 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Transfers in/out £</i>	<i>Balance at 30 Sept 2020 £</i>
Designated funds					
Designated Funds - Manse (cost)	110,000	-	-	-	110,000
Designated Fund Manse - Revaluation Reserve	462,500	-	-	-	462,500
General funds					
General Funds - all funds	176,501	117,726	(106,653)	(111,777)	75,797
Total Unrestricted funds	749,001	117,726	(106,653)	(111,777)	648,297
Restricted funds					
Church Site	539,651	-	(7,560)	-	532,091
Church Site Revaluation	525,509	-	(7,340)	-	518,169
Church Site Redevelopment	-	-	(9,757)	72,353	62,596
Church Car Park	3	-	-	-	3
Building Development Fund	133,162	24,294	(154)	37,647	194,949
Website Development Fund	-	-	-	1,777	1,777
	1,198,325	24,294	(24,811)	111,777	1,309,585
Total of funds	1,947,326	142,020	(131,464)	-	1,957,882

SUMMARY OF FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	<i>Balance at 1 October 2020 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Transfers in/out £</i>	<i>Balance at 30 Sept 2020 £</i>
Designated funds	572,500	2,855	(2,853)	4,809	577,311
General funds	75,797	109,547	(99,572)	3,970	89,742
	648,297	112,402	(102,425)	8,779	667,053
Restricted funds	1,309,585	29,478	(36,458)	(8,779)	1,293,826
	1,957,882	141,880	(138,883)	-	1,960,879

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19. STATEMENT OF FUNDS (continued)

SUMMARY OF FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	<i>Balance at 1 October 2019 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Transfers in/out £</i>	<i>Balance at 30 Sept 2019 £</i>
Designated funds	572,500	-	-	-	572,500
General funds	176,501	117,726	(106,653)	(111,777)	75,797
	<u>749,001</u>	<u>117,726</u>	<u>(106,653)</u>	<u>(111,777)</u>	<u>648,297</u>
Restricted funds	1,198,325	24,294	(24,811)	111,777	1,309,585
	<u>1,947,326</u>	<u>142,020</u>	<u>(131,464)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,957,882</u>

20. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Tangible fixed assets	574,488	1,363,166	1,937,654
Current assets	101,762	18,160	119,922
Creditors due within one year	(9,197)	(10,000)	(19,197)
Creditors due in more than one year	-	(77,500)	(77,500)
	<u>667,053</u>	<u>1,293,826</u>	<u>1,960,879</u>

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2020 £</i>	<i>Restricted funds 2020 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2020 £</i>
Tangible fixed assets	572,912	1,396,890	1,969,802
Current assets	84,004	12,695	96,699
Creditors due within one year	(8,619)	(12,500)	(21,119)
Creditors due in more than one year	-	(87,500)	(87,500)
	<u>648,297</u>	<u>1,309,585</u>	<u>1,957,882</u>

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21. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

During the year ended 30 September 2021 Southborough Lane Baptist Church completed the re-development of its buildings. This project which started in June 2019 consisted of the refurbishment of the rear hall and the development and refurbishment of the front hall. In addition, a new Audio-visual system was installed as well as a new church frontage which included the landscaping of the front of the church site.

The objective of the building works is to develop and enhance our children's work as well as the work of our general ministry by making the buildings more accessible and community friendly.

At the date of signing the accounts outstanding commitments under the contract to re-develop the buildings totaled £6,468. Building works were signed off on 15 March 2022 when this final invoice was issued.

22. PENSION COMMITMENTS

The charity operates a defined contributions pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund operated by the Baptist Union. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the charity to the fund and amounted to £4,183. (2020 - £4,122). There were arrears of contributions at the year end of £120 (2020 - £120) which has now been cleared.

In addition to the present scheme contributions were made to an existing scheme referred to as The Defined Benefit Plan (The DB Plan) for employees in employment up to the plan's closure on 31 December 2011. Actuarial review indicates that the pension scheme is in deficit and deficiency payments are due from those churches who are in the scheme. The present level of payment is 12% of the employees' salary. During the year ended 30 September 2021 a total of £3,225 (2020 - £3,158) was paid into the closed scheme. Under arrangements entered into by the pension scheme trustees the employers' deficit contributions will be cleared by 2028. Under present arrangements the annual deficiency payments payable during the year ended 30 September 2022 will be £3,695..