



*Stanmore Baptist Church*

**Annual Report & Financial Statements**  
**for the year ended**  
**31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

**Registered Charity No. 1130964**

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## Annual Report 2023

### Reference and Administrative Details of the Board

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#### **Name**

Stanmore Baptist Church

#### **Registered Address**

Stanmore Baptist Church,  
Abercorn Road,  
Stanmore,  
HA7 2PH

#### **Trustees**

Derin Ogunsola  
William Ohene  
Nila Suriakumar  
Julie Bamwo  
Tony Barden  
Geoffrey Rose  
Roshnara Jobsz

#### **Property Trustees**

London Baptist Property Board Ltd.,  
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## **Charitable Objectives**

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Stanmore Baptist Church is governed by a Constitution which states that the principal purpose of the charity is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination, to include the advancement of education, community service and such other general charitable purposes, in such parts of the United Kingdom and the world as the Church shall determine.

The Church occupies premises which are held by the London Baptist Property Board Ltd., on Trusts which are entirely compatible with the above object.

## **Organisational Structure and Decision-Making Processes**

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Members of the Church are accepted in accordance with the Constitution. Baptism by immersion upon personal profession of faith or transfer from another Baptist Church is the normal mode of entry into the membership of the Church, though persons seeking membership who have not been baptised in this manner may, at the discretion of the Church members, be accepted for full membership based on their own public profession of faith.

The members Meeting normally takes place at least four times per year and has responsibility for the overall policy of the church. As we are in pastoral transition, we hold Church meetings every other month. In accordance with the Constitution, the members appoint Deacons, who together with the Minister, Church Secretary and Church Treasurer (who are also appointed by the Members) are the Trustees of the Church. We are currently in a period of Pastoral Transition and did not have a Minister in the period covered by this report. The Trustees (Diaconate) are responsible for the day-to-day running of the church's work and witness, and the financial and legal aspects of the charity. All members are encouraged to take an appropriate part in the spiritual and practical tasks involved in the furtherance of the charitable objective.

Relevant matters may be submitted to the Church meeting by the Trustees for guidance or may be raised by members in the Church meeting for further consideration by the Trustees. Although the Constitution permits decisions to be made at Church meetings by appropriate majorities, the Church seeks to work by consensus wherever possible.

## **Objectives and Activities**

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We continue to aim to show the love of Jesus Christ in both word and deed and to bring people into a closer relationship with Him as living Lord.

The Church meets for activities regular public worship taking place at 11 a.m. on Sundays. Our services are friendly and welcoming, and anybody is free to attend.

We are committed to the teaching, encouragement, welcome and inclusion of children and young people. Our dedicated volunteers coordinate our term-time activities: Kids Church, a parent and toddlers' group (Little Feet), a Preschool, Girls' Brigade, and other age-appropriate groups. We held an Easter Party and a Light Party in October, in conjunction with our local Anglican Church.

We run a Tuk-Tuk Coffee van based on our premises, for both social impact and evangelistic purposes. This enables us to continue our focus of moving towards our neighbours in one of the most religiously and ethnically diverse areas of the UK. As our Tuk-Tuk is based outside we have been able to trade whenever the local schools have been open. When the schools were closed, we did not trade.

We have other activities aimed at the nurture and growth of Christian disciples, including a Café Connect group, open to anyone who is available on a Tuesday afternoon; house groups, devoted to Bible study and sharing in fellowship. We ran various Bible Study courses, such as Alpha which was open to all. We continue our links with the Evangelical Alliance, the Baptist Union of Great Britain, London Baptists as well as with other churches, including support for the Baptist Union Home Mission fund.

## Achievements and Performance

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The Church does not measure the success of its programmes only in numbers, including financial numbers, but also in less-tangible areas like fellowship and encouragement. The Trustees remain committed to pursue its mission purposes in 2023.

Following review, Membership was at 60 at the end of 2023.

We continue to take Safeguarding training seriously. We continue to review and look at key policies including annual risk assessments.

## Financial Review

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The Church continues to raise the funds which it needs to carry on its activities from within its own membership and congregation. No wider public appeal was made for funds during the year. However, there has been a marked drop in our donations as people have not returned to meeting in the numbers there was before.

During this time of pastoral transition, we have only 2 members of staff, both of whom work part-time. Our most significant expenses were the costs of running our regular activities, administrative costs, and upkeep of property. In addition, we gave £20,091 to missionary and educational support during 2023 (£15,830 in 2022).

The Church expressed its part in the life of the wider church by financially supporting national and international Christian organisations and societies with Christian aims and objectives compatible with the Church's own charitable purpose.

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

Our property portfolio is the Church Building, 4 freehold houses, 1 leasehold flat, and land on which 2 flats are built from which we receive nominal ground rent. We continue to have a robust maintenance and improvement program for all our properties. In 2023, we received rental income from all 4 of our freehold houses and our leasehold flat.

The financial results for the year are set out in the accompanying financial statements. The Church made a surplus on its operational costs of £24,511. During the year our pension liability ceased as there is no longer a pension shortfall debt.

The Trustees are satisfied that they have sufficient reserves at the Balance Sheet date, together with ongoing income anticipated, to enable the church to function effectively and meet future aspirations in the coming and future years. We held £211,003 (LBPB) in our Reserves at the end of 2023. The main church bank and cash account stood at £50,020 at the end of the year (£70,916 at the end of 2022).

The Trustees continue to assess the major risks facing the church and are satisfied that there are policies and mitigation strategies in place to minimize these risks. These include our Safeguarding (Child Protection) policies, Employers' and Third-Party liability insurance, plus adequate buildings insurance for all freehold properties and contents insurance for the Church and Landlord insurance for the rented flat. In addition, robust financial controls are in place and continue to be refined, as necessary. These include formal delegation (in writing) to specific individuals to authorise expenditure, together with regular scrutiny of income and expenditure (monthly by the Treasurer and Finance Officer) and adjustment of budgets (quarterly by the Trustees).

We continue to work on ensuring that we are fully compliant with GDPR and Safeguarding Record Keeping, which our records being stored on a secure Cloud-based system.

## Public Benefit

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The trustees of Stanmore Baptist Church are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit and have had regard to it in their administration.

The trustees believe that the work of Stanmore Baptist Church helps to promote the whole mission of the church (pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical) effectively, and that in doing so it provides a benefit to the public by:

- The provision of sacred spaces, church buildings and worship services.
- The provision of public rituals and ceremonies through weddings, funerals, and dedications for children.
- Contributing to the spiritual and moral education of children.
- Helping to create a better society by promoting social cohesion and neighbourliness.
- Practical expressions of our religious beliefs, including relieving poverty and advancing education.
- Ministering holistically by contributing to our members' good mental health and well-being.
- Providing comfort to the bereaved.

Written on behalf of the Trustees of Stanmore Baptist Church

signed

Date:

*D. Gunisela*  
*20<sup>th</sup> August 2024*

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Stanmore Baptist Church.

I report on the accounts of the church for the year ended 31st December 2023 which are set out on finance pages of the Annual Report.

#### Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The church's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act).

To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and

To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

#### Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view', and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

#### Independent examiner's statement

Since the gross income for the year exceeds the amount provided in section 145(3) of the Act, I confirm that I am qualified to act as Independent Examiner under the provisions of that section of the Act and that my qualification is as shown below.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and

to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met: or

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



Kevin Ogilvie

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30th January 2024

# Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
<b>Incoming resources</b>						
Incoming resources from generated funds						
Voluntary income	55,742	2,442	—	—	58,184	56,119
Activities for generating funds	74,831	7,954	—	—	82,785	78,101
Investment income	7,013	—	—	—	7,013	1,835
Incoming resources from charitable activities	323	517	—	—	840	602
Youth	470	—	—	—	470	—
Other incoming resources	—	—	—	—	—	3,131
Children	—	203	—	—	203	342
<b>Total income</b>	<b>138,378</b>	<b>11,116</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>149,494</b>	<b>140,130</b>
<b>Resources used</b>						
Costs of generating funds	—	6,967	—	—	6,967	3,279
Charitable activities	15,275	4,816	—	—	20,091	15,830
Youth	488	—	—	—	488	120
Children	223	86	—	—	309	352
Related Admin & Support	19,452	—	—	—	19,452	20,442
Ministerial Costs	15,285	—	—	—	15,285	13,443
Rental Properties Costs	12,214	—	—	—	12,214	10,831
Church Building Costs	21,606	—	—	—	21,606	21,606
Ministerial Property Costs	4,286	—	—	—	4,286	1,591
Church Building Costs	24,285	—	—	—	24,285	16,134
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>113,115</b>	<b>11,869</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>124,983</b>	<b>103,628</b>
<b>Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer</b>	<b>25,264</b>	<b>(753)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>24,511</b>	<b>36,503</b>
<b>Transfers</b>						
Gross transfers between funds - in	8,700	100,722	—	—	109,422	7,397
Gross transfers between funds - out	(56,275)	(53,148)	—	—	(109,422)	(7,397)
<b>Other recognised gains / losses</b>						
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—	9,936
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>(22,311)</b>	<b>46,822</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>24,511</b>	<b>46,439</b>
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	<b>4,518,893</b>	<b>74,575</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>4,593,468</b>	<b>4,547,030</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>4,496,582</b>	<b>121,397</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>4,617,979</b>	<b>4,593,468</b>
<b>Represented by</b>						
<b>Unrestricted</b>						
General fund	4,496,582	—	—	—	4,496,582	4,518,893
<b>Designated</b>						
Alpha etc courses	—	—	—	—	—	336
Building Reserve	—	97,708	—	—	97,708	3,508
Donations Designated	—	3,304	—	—	3,304	2,666
Fellowship Fund	—	325	—	—	325	581
Learning Community	—	—	—	—	—	248
Little Feet	—	777	—	—	777	660
Pension reserves	—	5,000	—	—	5,000	49,200
Projects General	—	5,272	—	—	5,272	2,862
Refuge Coffee	—	5,740	—	—	5,740	11,253
Square One Club	—	2,648	—	—	2,648	2,648
Tuesday Fellowship / Cafe Connect	—	530	—	—	530	521
Youth/Students	—	95	—	—	95	95



## Statement of assets and liabilities

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
<b>Fixed assets - Intangible assets</b>						
Church Kitchen -	6,414	—	—	—	6,414	28,020
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6,414</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>6,414</b>	<b>28,020</b>
<b>Fixed assets - Tangible assets</b>						
Church premises -	2,751,105	—	—	—	2,751,105	2,751,105
77 Belmont Lane -	400,000	—	—	—	400,000	400,000
33 Belmont Lane -	265,000	—	—	—	265,000	265,000
23 Belmont Lane -	231,220	—	—	—	231,220	231,220
87 Abercorn Road -	378,217	—	—	—	378,217	378,217
18 Brunel Court -	325,000	—	—	—	325,000	325,000
<b>Totals</b>	<b>4,350,542</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>4,350,542</b>	<b>4,350,542</b>
<b>Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand</b>						
Cash in hand -	276	1,000	—	—	1,276	25
Santander -	34,358	14,328	—	—	48,686	70,825
Refuge Coffee Cash -	—	48	—	—	48	56
Little Feet float -	—	10	—	—	10	10
<b>Totals</b>	<b>34,635</b>	<b>15,386</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>50,020</b>	<b>70,916</b>
<b>Current assets - Investments</b>						
LBPB -	104,991	106,012	—	—	211,003	143,990
<b>Totals</b>	<b>104,991</b>	<b>106,012</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>211,003</b>	<b>143,990</b>
<b>Grand total</b>	<b>4,496,582</b>	<b>121,397</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>4,617,979</b>	<b>4,593,468</b>

## Analysis of income and expenditure

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total This year	Last year
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>						
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds - Voluntary income</b>						
Donations	49,889	—	—	—	49,889	44,568
Gift Aid Recovered	5,853	5	—	—	5,858	7,718
Projects (Gift Day)	—	2,410	—	—	2,410	2,862
Fellowship Fund Income	—	27	—	—	27	972
<b>Total</b>	<b>55,742</b>	<b>2,442</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>58,184</b>	<b>56,119</b>
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds - Activities for generating funds</b>						
Contributions for use of SBC assets	4,785	—	—	—	4,785	5,300
Refuge Coffee Income	—	7,954	—	—	7,954	4,595
Property Rental Income	70,046	—	—	—	70,046	68,206
<b>Total</b>	<b>74,831</b>	<b>7,954</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>82,785</b>	<b>78,101</b>
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds - Investment income</b>						
Bank & Deposit Interest	7,013	—	—	—	7,013	1,835
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,013</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>7,013</b>	<b>1,835</b>
<b>Incoming resources from charitable activities</b>						
Tuesday Fellowship / Cafe Connect	—	517	—	—	517	442
Outreach Income(Other)	323	—	—	—	323	150
Light Party Income	—	—	—	—	—	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>517</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>840</b>	<b>602</b>

**Incoming resources from charitable activities - Youth**

Youth donations		470	—	—	—	470	—
Total		470	—	—	—	470	—

**Other incoming resources**

Legacies		—	—	—	—	—	3,131
Total		—	—	—	—	—	3,131

**Children**

Little Feet Income		—	203	—	—	203	342
Total		—	203	—	—	203	342
<b>INCOME TOTAL</b>		<b>138,378</b>	<b>11,116</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>149,494</b>	<b>140,130</b>

**EXPENDITURE****Costs of generating funds**

Refuge Coffee expenditure		—	2,596	—	—	2,596	1,665
Refuge Tuk Tuk Running Costs		—	4,371	—	—	4,371	1,614
Total		—	6,967	—	—	6,967	3,279

**Charitable activities**

BU Home Mission	2,962	3,025	—	—	5,987	4,963
LatinLink	2,493	—	—	—	2,493	2,582
At a Loss - Pete & Mandy English	2,086	—	—	—	2,086	2,709
Regular Ministry	5,604	—	—	—	5,604	3,638
Worship Team	349	—	—	—	349	312
Alpha/Marriage/Parenting Courses	—	745	—	—	745	—
Minor Gifts	—	—	—	—	—	50
Hospitality	223	—	—	—	223	—
Fellowship Fund Gifts	—	538	—	—	538	405
Tuesday Fellowship / Cafe Connect	—	508	—	—	508	413
Outreach activities	1,483	—	—	—	1,483	586
Pancake Party	12	—	—	—	12	—
Light Party	63	—	—	—	63	172
Total	15,275	4,816	—	—	20,091	15,830

**Charitable activities - Youth**

Youth Regular Ministry	488	—	—	—	488	120
Total	488	—	—	—	488	120

**Charitable activities - Children**

Children's regular Ministry	223	—	—	—	223	280
Little Feet	—	86	—	—	86	72
Total	223	86	—	—	309	352

**Related Admin & Support**

Finance Officer Pay	9,356	—	—	—	9,356	8,541
Office Administrator Pay	4,362	—	—	—	4,362	4,680
Other PersDev/Training	785	—	—	—	785	1,216
Office Supplies	258	—	—	—	258	92
Subscriptions	2,561	—	—	—	2,561	4,093
IT	363	—	—	—	363	408
Photocopying/Printing(Internal)	908	—	—	—	908	801
Mobile & Landline phones	859	—	—	—	859	611
Total	19,452	—	—	—	19,452	20,442

### Ministerial Costs

Sen Minister pension costs	12	—	—	—	12	2,926
Refuge Worker Salary	14,992	—	—	—	14,992	10,319
Refuge Worker Employer Pension cost	265	—	—	—	265	169
Ministerial Mentoring	17	—	—	—	17	29
Total	15,285	—	—	—	15,285	13,443

### Rental Properties Costs

23 BL Refurb/Main	1,086	—	—	—	1,086	361
87 Abercorn Rd Maintenance	1,644	—	—	—	1,644	2,769
18 Brunel Ct - Maintenance	2,743	—	—	—	2,743	2,588
23 BL tax,water,ins	427	—	—	—	427	364
87 AR tax,water,ins	3,652	—	—	—	3,652	3,200
18 Brunel Ct - Tax, Water, Ins	404	—	—	—	404	328
23 Belmont Lane - L&H	—	—	—	—	—	50
87 AR L&H	2,258	—	—	—	2,258	1,171
Total	12,214	—	—	—	12,214	10,831

### Rental Properties Costs - Church Building Costs

Depreciation	21,606	—	—	—	21,606	21,606
Total	21,606	—	—	—	21,606	21,606

### Ministerial Property Costs

77BL Maintenance	2,428	—	—	—	2,428	263
33 Belmont Lane Maintenance	641	—	—	—	641	455
77 BL-tax,water,ins.	588	—	—	—	588	314
33BL-tax,water,ins	629	—	—	—	629	692
77 Belmont Lane - L&H	—	—	—	—	—	50
33 Belmont Lane - L&H	—	—	—	—	—	(183)
Total	4,286	—	—	—	4,286	1,591

### Church Building Costs

Church Main/Refurb	12,534	—	—	—	12,534	7,333
Church Refuse & Ins & water	5,626	—	—	—	5,626	4,760
Church Lighting&Heating	6,125	—	—	—	6,125	4,042
Total	24,285	—	—	—	24,285	16,134
<b>EXPENDITURE TOTAL</b>	<b>113,115</b>	<b>11,869</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>124,983</b>	<b>103,628</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>25,264</b>	<b>(753)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>24,511</b>	<b>36,503</b>