

STATION HILL BAPTIST CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1132165

Details

Other names	HOTTCHURCH
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2009-10-16
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

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

Activities: We meet every Sunday to worship God & preach the Gospel, and actively seek to serve the community. We employ a youth worker to serve the young people of the town. We provide toddler & mums groups twice a week, lunches for elderly folk once a month. We have a special service for elderly folk each month. We allow our premises to be used as a Child Contact Centre & by other charities regularly.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL.
- Wiltshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-01-31	£191,711	£167,816	-	-
2024-01-31	£220,259	£154,245	-	-
2023-01-31	£210,112	£195,675	-	-
2022-01-31	£217,701	£211,496	-	-
2021-01-31	£218,641	£190,322	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
David Henry Wright		2023-06-01
PETER WHITBY		
Rev Michael Todd Nightingale		2019-03-20
Victoria Hempstead		2022-08-01

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Accounts

**Station Hill
Baptist Church
Annual Report
and Accounts
2025**

Registered Charity number 1132165
2-4 Station Hill, Chippenham SN15 1EG

Annual Report for the year to 31 January 2025

This report has been collated with input from various members of the church and approved by the Trustees. It should be read in conjunction with the accompanying independently examined financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 January 2025.

A) The Charity and its Governance

Station Hill Baptist Church was formed in 1854 and has occupied the site ever since. As part of the process of becoming a charity in 2009, the Church updated its governing document to conform to a standard approved governing document for Baptist Union of Great Britain churches. The Charity is governed with due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. Following a vote by Members at a Special Church Meeting on 26 November 2023, The Church became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation with all assets and liabilities of the charity being legally transferred from 1 February 2025. A separate report has been prepared for the Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

Objectives of the Church

The principal purpose of the Church is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination. Station Hill Baptist Church has a vision to be the visible presence of Christ in Chippenham and North Wiltshire, and together with other churches to be active in society to minister to the whole community. Our task is that we will bring people into contact with Christ and His good news, to enable them to develop a personal relationship and friendship with God, to be filled with the Holy Spirit and active in sharing their faith with other people.

Trustees

The Church Meeting appoints Charity Trustees from among the church members. The Church Meeting will appoint other Trustees in accordance with CIO regulations. The Charity Trustees who served during the year are:

David Brown (until 18th December 2024) (Elder)

Vicky Hempstead (Treasurer)

Todd Nightingale (Minister)

Peter Whitby (Elder)

David Wright (Elder and Secretary)

The current Chair is Peter Whitby

Church Meetings and Church Council

The Church is governed and regulated by its own members who meet every two months in formal Church Meetings; this is the ultimate authority for decisions under God. The Church Council consists of a representation of members, appointed by the Church Meeting, who also meet bi-monthly (usually two weeks prior to church meetings) to plan and carry out tasks relating to various aspects of the life and work of the church and taking decisions more involves with the day to day running of the church.

The church members who served on Church Council during the year were:

- David Brown (Elder and representing Premises)
- Charmaine Elkerton (representing Evangelism and Outreach)
- Steve Hardy (Administrator until his retirement in July 2024)
- Vicky Hempstead (Treasurer)
- Caroline Hiorns (representing House Groups)
- Rachel Lambert (Elder and representing Worship and Word)
- Todd Nightingale (Minister)
- Paul Phillips (representing Pastoral Care)
- David Thompson (representing Seniors)
- Peter Whitby (Elder)
- David Wright (Elder)

Jenny Budgell (ACMA) has been re-appointed as Independent Examiner of the Financial Statements.

Safeguarding

Station Hill Baptist Church is committed to the nurturing, protection and safeguarding of all, especially children, young people and adults at risk. Everyone has a part to play in the prevention of physical, sexual and emotional abuse of children and young people, and a responsibility to report any abuse discovered or suspected. SHBC follows the 'Safe to Grow' guidance which is published by the Baptist Union for implementing and adopting safeguarding policies and procedures when working with children and young people.

Safeguarding Team:

- Designated Person for Safeguarding: *Charmaine Elkerton*
- Deputy Designated Person for Safeguarding: *Vacant (as at 31st January 2025)*
- Safeguarding Trustee: *Peter Whitby*
- Administrator: *Julian House*
- DBS Administrator: *Simona Baker*

We undertake to exercise proper care in the selection and appointment of those working with children and young people, whether in a paid role or as volunteers.

Adults who work or volunteer with children at SHBC are required to undertake Level 2 Safeguarding training which is refreshed every 4 years. The Leadership Team (Minister, Elders, Designated and Deputy Person for Safeguarding) undertake Level 3 training which is also refreshed every 4 years.

In addition to the above, all adults who work or volunteer with children at SHBC are required annually to read the church's agreed procedures (including the Safeguarding Policy and good practice guidelines) and sign to confirm they have read and understood the information.

Baptist Affiliation

The Church is part of the wider national body, the Baptist Union of Great Britain, and is also a member of the West of England Baptist Network (Webnet). The Church pays an annual subscription to the Baptist Union of Great Britain based upon its membership numbers. The Church also made donations to the Webnet's Partnership in Mission fund and Baptist Missionary Society during the year.

Church Building Trustees

The Church Building Trustees are the West of England Baptist Network (Webnet).

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B) Church Review 2024-2025

Ministry and Leadership

Todd Nightingale was welcomed as Minister in 2019 and has continued in his role as Team Leader through the past year. His main work alongside the normal activities of a church leader is making disciples who make disciples. This is the top priority of every follower of Christ: to put the words of the Lord into action in our personal lives and to encourage others to do the same. A particular intention of Todd's ministry has been the empowering and releasing of members of the church to use their gifts in active, faith-filled obedience of the Lord. Another particular aim has been to see the church filled with the presence of power of the Holy Spirit so that it may become thriving and fruitful, just as the Lord desires.

Danelle Nightingale works two days per week as 'Growth Coach'. As a trained spiritual director with many years' experience working in church ministry, she says; "I get to journey with others in the deep and authentic places of their faith and life with God". Danelle is a gifted speaker who regularly teaches and leads our Sunday morning gatherings. She also heads up the Women's Ministry Team.

During the year, Danelle was accredited as a Locally Recognised Minister by Webnet (the West of England network of Baptist churches) and was fully supported by the SHBC family.

We were privileged to hold one wedding during the year, and to admit and welcome several people into membership.

Worship

Our Sunday gatherings are a rich time of teaching and worship, where a multi-voiced style of service is encouraged (by this we mean times of open prayer and praise, space for prophetic words and pictures, and member participation in various ways).

We have developed a monthly pattern of gatherings with a variety of expressions of worship and fellowship:

- Weekly worship on Sunday morning (including Eden kids for primary-aged children)
- Big Family Church (BFC): 1st Sunday afternoon
- Bring and Share Lunch: 2nd Sunday (often including Communion)
- Sunday Afternoon Fellowship (SAF): 3rd Sunday afternoon
- Evening Worship: 4th Sunday evening (Spirit-led, open worship)

We are grateful to all members (and occasional visitors) who have contributed to the worship, preaching and teaching ministry of the Church.

Throughout this year, we continued the pattern of '5th Sunday Fellowship' whereby the church is open for fellowship, but no formal gathering takes place. This enables team members to rest and allows people an opportunity to fellowship with other local churches at their services.

Prayer

SHBC is committed to the importance and power of prayer so, in addition to prayer during our regular gatherings, we endeavour to create regular opportunities for the church to meet for corporate themed prayer.

Weekly opportunities include early prayers on Saturday mornings and twice-weekly prayer meetings on Zoom. The monthly Sunday afternoon/evening prayer meeting usually takes a topical focus on subjects such as the persecuted church, areas of conflict etc. During the year we have held two prayer weekends with prayer stations being set up to offer guided prayer for those who wish to participate. These have been well attended.

PrayerNet is an internal ministry that enables and encourages individual prayer for the specific needs of our fellowship and those known to them.

Prayer Café runs every Saturday morning and has continued to grow through the year with up to 60 people in attendance. We have been really blessed by seeing more of our regulars attending Church

on Sundays and some going through the waters of Baptism. Prayer Cafe is a welcoming and safe place for all. A variety of activities are available including a themed craft table for children, board games and live music. We also provide space for those that want to chat, unwind or relax. This year we had a Christmas party with festive food, Christmas crafts, live music and Carol singing

House Groups and Pastoral Care

House Groups are a first line for pastoral care and exploring and sharing faith together. Our seven groups meet at a variety of times and have different styles suited to the needs of the members. Some groups discuss notes based on the Sunday teaching programme whilst others study Bible books or themes of their choosing. We are currently undergoing a 1:1 pastoral survey with all members learning about their personal growth as a Christian, their gifts, how they currently use them and how they may like to in the future.

The Pastoral Care Team is a small group of people who endeavour to keep in touch with and pray for those who are experiencing health issues, especially (although not exclusively) those who are not in a House Group. The team meets monthly to keep up to date with individual's circumstances and to pray for them. They ensure that those who have difficulty getting out receive a phone call at least once a week. Cards are also sent out to those who are experiencing various forms of trauma

Teaching and Discipleship

The Church recognises the importance of solid Bible-based teaching. Over the course of the year, we continued and concluded an extended series on Mark's gospel, a mini-series on 'Unsung Heroes of the Old Testament', an Advent series on the theme of 'Gifts' and a short series on the book of Ruth.

Discipleship at all stages of people's faith journey is a priority and this is often best done in small groups or one to one.

The Women's Ministry is led by a team of 5 women who, primarily, plan and run various gatherings, some of which are focused on spiritual growth and encouragement with worship, teaching and prayer, and some of which are primarily social in nature. Over the year we organised and ran a weekend residential retreat for 30 women, an afternoon gathering for teaching and fellowship at the church premises, an afternoon tea, and a Christmas Party. The women who join us for these events are from the SHBC family as well as their friends.

The Men's Gathering ministry continues with milestone events every two to three months such as Clay-Pigeon Shoots and Quiz & Curry nights designed to bring non-Christian friends and family, plus the huge annual CVM Gatherings at a field near Swindon and our own Barnstorm events to help guys draw nearer to God in a fun environment. Between each of these we meet regularly for breakfast, ensuring there is something on every month. We tend to gather 20-50 guys for each of these events; and even have a 'Top-Blake' trophy that we pass around, awarding it to someone who has either achieved something significant or triumphed in some adversity. Many guys are now

feeling better able to invite their mates to come along too.

Mission and Outreach

Missio Dei is Latin for the Mission of God. We are commissioned to love God first and love our neighbours; to do this, we need to speak a language that people understand and can relate to. The 'Talking Jesus' report (2022) suggests that communities like individual Christians but are sceptical of institutions. To reach our context practically, this can look like serving people in a store or buying someone's shopping; buying coffee for a homeless person or purchasing a 'Big Issue' magazine; an invitation to a church service or to our homes for a meal; or providing and being a safe space for a vulnerable individual.

During this year, SHBC has initiated and/or participated in several outreach ministries to connect with our local community. Joint ventures with other churches included: praying around the town; supporting an Alpha course (SHBC runs Alpha biennially); a Good Friday service in the town centre; facilitating 'The Extreme Tour' (music outreach concluding with a concert). SHBC has started our own 'Hug Ministry' and delivered The Bible Course (Bible Society).

Children and Young People

God has blessed us with a small but growing number of children attending our Sunday gatherings, most of whom are primary age. In the absence of a Children and Families Leader, Vicky Hempstead and Rachel Bowers lead the Eden Kids work, with the help of several assistants.

Teaching, while giving them lifestyle examples of how to grow and to live in faith, is a dynamic work. The children join the early part of our Sunday gatherings and then go out to 'Eden Kids' for their age-appropriate teaching and activities.

It has been good to maintain our **Toddler** group for a further year although we have had to reduce from two weekly sessions to one. The parents enjoy coming and the space and toys are ideal for young children. We consider it to be an effective way to share the love and goodness of God to those who can be struggling with the awesome task of bringing up children. We have 30 families registered and, when children get older and leave, they are always soon replaced. We aim to link in with Big Family Church, always recommending it to the families. The morning includes free play, snack time where we give all the children a small plate of fruit and biscuits, with coffee and biscuits for the adults. After some more free play and 'tidy up time' there is a story followed by some singing.

The Toddler team has reduced in number and the future of the group is uncertain without more leaders and helpers. It is a good presence, and we look forward to seeing how God leads us in the future.

There are several people from SHBC who participate in 'Open the Book' assemblies in local primary schools. 'Prayer Spaces in Schools', is another initiative which some members have participated in – providing opportunities for children to encounter God through prayer in their school.

We continue to advertise and pray for a Children and Families Leader and trust the Lord will provide the right person in his perfect timing.

Seniors

The 'senior' members of our church family continue to be actively engaged in the life and work of SHBC, for which we are grateful to them and to the Lord. Several of the church's activities are supported or led by senior members, and many expressions of outreach is heavily dependent on them (e.g. Prayer Café, Toddlers, BFC and Saturday Morning Prayers). The care and support of our Seniors is led and staffed by them; SAF, the Pastoral Care Team and Daytime House Groups (DHG). One House Group now meets in a local Christian Care Home and has been joined by some of the residents.

The numbers attending SAF and DHG meetings has fallen: some have been promoted to Glory, others are now dependent on personal care. The upside to this fall in numbers is that many who now qualify as 'seniors' attend our Sunday morning worship and the evening House Groups.

At Saturday Morning Prayer time we have been reading through Galatians for our devotions, I was particularly touched by Paul's summing up in chapter 6, verses 9 and 10:

'..let us not grow weary (lose heart) of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.'

I believe my fellow Seniors would agree with me that we are not 'losing heart' or 'giving up' doing good. Senior Citizenship does not come alone, we increasingly get tired (weary), now having to 'manage our resources more carefully. Please come and share the work of 'doing good' with us.

Community Organisations

In addition to our own activities, our facilities continue to be used by wider community organisations including a counselling support group for young people, a weekly Christians Against Poverty café and keep fit classes which is run by one of our former members.

Thanks

We particularly wish to note the hard work of many people, the many hours of service freely and willingly given, all the offerings brought to God for the work of his Kingdom, and the time people have given to prayer and working with others. Thank you. We are grateful to God.

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C) Church Financial Report

Financial Summary

Our accounts for 2024/2025 show that the Church remains in an overall good financial position. We are grateful to many members who give generously to the work of the Church during the period which has allowed us to carry-on the activities noted above.

Core giving has remained stable in the year, with reductions in donations experienced because of a gift day that was held in 2023, which was not repeated in 2024. Overall, before loan repayments, we received net income in the year of c. £41,000. Given the cash balances held in excess of our general reserves, additional loan payments were made leading to an overall reduction in the outstanding loan balances from £99,000 to £42,000 in the period, strengthening the long-term financial outlook of the Church.

During 2024 the Church has been reincorporated as a charitable incorporated organisation, and all assets and liabilities of this charity will be transferred across to the new organisation from the 1 February 2025. In anticipation of that £20,000 was transferred to the new organisation prior to the 31 January 2025 to enable payments to be made from that date.

Principal Funding Sources

The main source of funding for the Church Revenue Account is offerings given by members of the congregation.

Reserves Policy

The Church has adopted a formal reserving policy in line with Charity Commission guidance.

General Reserve

Liquid funds will be held to ensure that the committed running costs of the church (salary and manse costs plus essential church utility and insurance payments and loan repayments) could be met for 3 months in the unforeseen event of the need to wind up the charity. This would enable the Trustees to take appropriate action to stem the costs by giving notice to employees of the church and/or to liquidate other assets to meet liabilities.

Restricted Funds

We will continue the practice of holding funds for mission work in restricted funds set apart from our general funds. The restricted mission funds include our mission tenth (10% of our general giving that is set aside for mission work including training people for mission), donations collected for missionaries that the church regularly supports, and our Fellowship Fund to meet the needs of those in our Church fellowship.

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Signature and Declaration

I declare, in my capacity as a Trustee, that:

- The Trustees have approved the report above; and
- Have authorised me to sign it on their behalf.

Signed:



Name: Peter Whitby

Date: 22 September 2025

Station Hill Baptist Church
Independent Examiner's Report
for the year ending 31 January 2025

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity's gross did not exceed £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of CIMA.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement

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

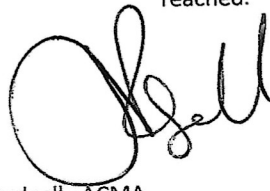
Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

I 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:



Jenny Budgell, ACMA

Dated:

22/09/2025

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 January 2025

		Unrestricted Funds	Mission Funds (restricted)	2025 £	2024 £
	Note	£	£		
Incoming Resources					
Donations and legacies		122,712	36,833	159,545	183,141
Gift aid		27,502	3,008	30,510	35,743
Charitable activities		-	949	949	-
Rental income/other		707	-	707	1,375
Total		150,921	40,790	191,711	220,259
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	3,4	109,369	38,447	147,816	154,245
Transfer of funds to CIO		20,000	-	20,000	-
Total		129,369	38,447	167,816	154,245
Transfer		-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure)		21,552	2,343	23,895	66,014
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward	5	371,136	8,799	379,935	313,921
Total funds carried forward	5	392,688	11,142	403,830	379,935

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Balance Sheet as at 31 January 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	6	<u>390,090</u>	391,352
Total fixed assets		390,090	391,352
Current assets			
Debtors & Prepayments	7	8,253	9,570
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>50,335</u>	80,942
Total current assets		58,588	90,512
Liabilities			
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	8	<u>(20,848)</u>	(20,929)
Net assets less current liabilities		<u>427,837</u>	460,935
Creditors: Amounts falling due in greater than one year	8	<u>(24,000)</u>	(81,000)
Total net assets		<u>403,830</u>	379,935
The funds of the charity:			
Restricted funds	5	11,142	8,799
Unrestricted funds	5	<u>392,688</u>	371,136
Total charity funds		<u>403,830</u>	379,935

Signed by one or more trustees:



Name: Peter Whitby

Date 22/09/2025

Note 1: Basis of preparation

Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historic cost in accordance with:

- Accounting and Reporting by Charities – Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2015)
- and with Section 1A “Small Entities” of Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102)
- and with the Charities Act.

Note 2: Accounting policies

Recognition of incoming resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity becomes entitled to the resources and when the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources and when the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Grants and donations (including gift aid)

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA. Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Donated services and facilities

These would only be included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material.

Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Tangible fixed assets for use by charity

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500. They are valued at cost or a reasonable value on receipt.

Note 3: Expenditure on charitable activity (Church Revenue Fund)

	2025	2024
	£	£
Administration expenses	6,202	5,302
Equipment	1,877	4,125
Fabric	14,260	9,009
Insurance	2,484	2,386
Manse	4,127	3,697
Staff costs	64,013	70,012
Sundries	15,822	12,161
Visiting speakers	250	180
Youth work	334	622
	109,369	107,494

Note 3b: Staff costs

	2025	2024
	£	£
Salary	49,650	51,990
Social security	8,128	10,882
Pensions – defined benefit	-	1,002
Pensions – defined contribution	6,235	6,138
	64,013	70,012

The defined benefit pension payment made in 2024 relates to a final payment made by the Church to the Baptist Pension Scheme (“the scheme”), to end any future liabilities for deficit payments to the scheme. These costs related to three past ministers who are retired pensioners and two past ministers who have dependent pensioners in the scheme.

Note 4: Details of certain items of expenditure

Trustee expenses

	2025	2024
Number of trustees who were paid expenses	None	None
Nature of the expenses		
Total amount paid	£nil	£nil

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from Station Hill Baptist Church as part of their role as Trustee.

Fee for examination of the accounts

	2025	2024
Independent examiner’s fees	£nil	£nil

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Note 5: Movement in funds

	Balance 31 January 2024 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfers in/(out) £	Balance 31 January 2025 £
Church Revenue fund	371,136	150,921	(129,369)	-	392,688
Mission Funds (restricted)					
ARM	608	4,951	(5,176)	-	383
Collected funds	2,878	7,472	(6,620)	-	3,730
Fellowship fund	4,488	4,030	(4,362)	-	4,156
Provis Fund	635	8,221	(8,519)	-	337
Mission tenth	190	16,116	(13,770)	-	2,536
	8,799	40,790	(38,447)	-	11,142
Total	379,935	191,711	(167,816)	-	403,830

Note 6: Fixed Assets

	2025		2024	
	Property £	Equipment £	Property £	Equipment £
Cost				
At 1 February	390,000	10,007	390,000	10,007
Additions	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31 January	390,000	10,007	390,000	10,007
Depreciation				
At 1 February	-	8,655	-	6,779
Depreciation	-	1,262	-	1,876
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31 January	-	9,917	-	8,655
Opening net book value as at 1 February	390,000	1,352	390,000	3,228
Closing net book value as at 31 January	390,000	90	390,000	1,352

Equipment is depreciated over 3 years on a straight-line basis.

SHBC additionally owns the Baptist Church on Station Hill. This is not recognised on the balance sheet as there is no reliable valuation for the building available.

Subsequent to the balance sheet date, on 1 February 2025, all assets and liabilities of the charity were transferred across to the newly formed Charitable Incorporated Organisation (charity number: 1208219). See note 10.

Note 7: Debtors and prepayments

The debtors and prepayments balance of £8,253 (2024: £9,570) includes £6,544 (2024: £7,936) relating to gift-aid receivable from HMRC. This is expected to be received within one year.

Note 8: Loans

During the year ended 31 January 2025, SHBC paid £15,000 (2024: £8,000) of the outstanding congregational loan leaving a balance of £15,000 outstanding (2024: £30,000). This is a long-term loan which has no fixed date for settlement.

During the year, SHBC paid £42,000 (2024: £27,750) off the £180,000 10-year interest free loan leaving a balance of £27,000 outstanding (2024: £69,000). £18,000 of loan repayments are due to be paid within the next 12 months.

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Note 9: Related party transactions

There have been no related party transactions during 2025 (2024: none).

Note 10: Post balance sheet event

Subsequent to the balance sheet date, on 1 February 2025, all assets and liabilities of the charity were transferred across to the newly formed Charitable Incorporated Organisation (charity number: 1208219) under the same name, Station Hill Baptist Church, which will be used to run the work of the charity in future.

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The church is committed to supporting, resourcing and training those who work with children and young people and to providing supervision. The church is committed to following the Home Office Code of Practice *Safe from Harm* and adopts the principles published by the Baptist Union of Great Britain in its booklet ***Safe to Grow***, putting alongside these a policy of good practice for youth and children's work.

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Each worker with children and young people must know the recommendations and undertake to observe them. Each is given a copy of the church's agreed procedures and good practice guidelines and all are given safeguarding training. As part of our commitment to children and young people, the church has appointed Charmaine Elkerton as the Designated Person for Safeguarding, James Drewett as the Deputy Designated Person for Safeguarding (until September 2023), Peter Whitby as Safeguarding Trustee, Natascha House as Secretary and Simona Baker as the Safe to Grow Administrator. The Designated Person for Safeguarding's role is regularly explained to children and young people, and contact details are publicly displayed.

Baptist Affiliation

The Church is part of the wider national body, the Baptist Union of Great Britain, and is also a member of the West of England Baptist Network (Webnet). The Church pays an annual subscription to the Baptist Union of Great Britain based upon its membership numbers. The Church also made donations to the Baptist Union Home Mission Fund and Baptist Missionary Society during the year.

Church Building Trustees

The Church Building Trustees are the West of England Baptist Network (Webnet).

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B) Church Review 2023/2024

Ministry and leadership

Todd Nightingale was welcomed as Minister in 2019 and has continued in his role through the year. He has also helped at Calne Baptist Church, leading services and advising the deacons in this year during their interregnum period.

Wayne Lawther, our Community Minister, started a three month sabbatical leave from 1st January 2023 until leaving this Church's employment on 31st March 2023, whilst remaining as a Church Member. A thank you tea for Wayne Lawther and his family was held on Saturday 1st April to mark Wayne's leaving SHBC employment at the end of his sabbatical. He planned to take a year out of ministry while working as a Residential Child Care Officer, and also with the homeless at Unity House in Chippenham.

On 14th January 2024 Wayne accepted an invitation from Calne Baptist Church to be their Minister, starting on 1st March 2024.

Danelle Nightingale continues in her role as 'Growth Coach' for two (?) days per week. As a trained spiritual director with many years experience of working in church ministry, she says; "I get to journey with others in the deep and authentic places of their faith and life with God". Danelle is a

gifted speaker who regularly teaches and leads our Sunday morning gatherings and also heads up the Women's Ministry Team.

Worship

Our worship time is enabled and richly blessed with the musical gifts and talents of many members who lead, play, and sing, supported by those who quietly work to set up, and operate equipment. A multi-voiced style of Sunday morning worship has been encouraged to continue and develop further. Over one weekend in April we welcomed Diane Arthurs, worship leader at Todd's previous church, to meet with our worship team and lead our Sunday morning worship. In January a bring and share lunch, with Communion being taken too, was held after the morning service, this will be repeated in February and other times in the future.

We are grateful to all members who have contributed to the worship, preaching and teaching ministry of the Church. Our monthly *BIG* Family Church service includes games, fun and food; it is growing in popularity and attracting families who do not feel comfortable at the more traditional style of church services. Todd and Danelle have taken over leadership of *BIG* Family Church from Wayne Lawther.

Our 5th Sunday Fellowship continues, whereby when a month has five Sundays the church is open for fellowship but there is no actual service. This gives team members a rest and also allows people an opportunity to fellowship with other local churches at their services or to share a meal, for example, with people from SHBC, giving them a longer time together than the few minutes a usual Sunday morning service allows them afterwards.

A wide variety of social events, some for women, some for men, others open to both and families, were held during the year in various locations. All were well attended and gave opportunities to invite people to church events without them always needing to come into a church to take part.

Prayer

The Church is committed to the importance of prayer as a means to discern the will of God. We hold prayer events as an opportunity for the church to meet for corporate themed prayer and weeks of prayer and fasting to coincide with important periods within the church calendar. 26 hours of prayer were held at the church over 1-2 July, focussing on situations at SHBC, in Chippenham, in our country and around the world.

123Go, which stands for 1 gospel, 2 everyone over 3 days, was led by Charmaine Elkerton in Emery Gate, the Town bridge, and the Buttercross in Chippenham, giving free hugs, chocolate/sweets, and conversation on 7,8, and 9th April. Similar, briefer, outreaches have continued on a regular basis since.

Our Prayer Café continues to be an important established part of our outreach ministry to the Chippenham community. Attendance each Saturday morning by people in the local community,

many coming along on a regular basis for social contact and prayer, continues to grow, and the team is enhanced by members of other local churches helping each week. On 6th May the Coronation of King Charles III was televised live during Prayer Café to allow people to watch together. On 10th June the Prayer Café was held in Monkton Park, attracting over 150 people and being visited by the Chippenham Mayor.

PrayerNet enables and encourages individual prayer for the specific needs of our fellowship and those known to them at all times.

Bible reading and Prayer sessions continue on Zoom two mornings a week. A monthly prayer meeting is also held, focussing on domestic and international humanitarian and political topics.

We were privileged to hold two weddings at the church during the year, and to admit and welcome two people into Membership. Sadly, several people in the church lost close family members during the year, some very suddenly, and the church family drew around them in support.

A Newcomers meal in February was followed by an Exploring Membership course in April. An Alpha course was run in the autumn, with an away day in October and a celebration supper in January. Many people from outside of SHBC completed the Alpha course.

Pastoral care, teaching and discipleship

House Groups are a first line for pastoral care and teaching in small groups – the studies normally follow the theme of related sermons on preceding Sunday mornings. The church aims to include as many people as possible, providing groups that meet at different times and days throughout the week. One House Group meets in a local Christian Care Home now, and has been joined by some of the residents. Our Pastoral Care team also offer support to those unwell or with needs at home or in hospital.

The Church recognises the importance of discipleship and development at all stages of people's faith journey and this is often best done in small groups. Separate social groups for men and women in the church continue in person and online through WhatsApp, with many bringing non-SHBC friends into the groups too. Further similar WhatsApp groups prove very useful too, both for issuing information quickly and encouraging friendships and conversations to continue outside of their actual sessions, for people outside of the church, such as the Toddlers parents.

Mission, evangelism and community service

Mission, both overseas and within our local community, is core to living out our faith – we support families working in mission organisations in Canada as well as keeping close contact with interests in Senegal. Our local community work's emphasis is on outward and visible community witness. Part of our service to the local community is the provision of food parcels to those in need, from

donations provided by the congregation; we continued to see a growing need for this in the last year as many families are living in hardship.

Many of our members serve and witness individually to the wider community; this includes those supporting the homeless. Once again many shoeboxes full of useful personal items and gifts were made up by members and distributed to homeless people staying at Unity House. New toys were donated for the Salvation Army's annual appeal too. We are also members of the Chippenham Churches Together (CCT) group and encourage our members to support and be involved in the wider church of Chippenham. In May we joined with Sheldon Road Methodist Church for Pentecost worship, and in December sang carols outside the Town Hall, at the hospital and a local care home, as well as at the railway station with CCT, and the church was full for our Carols by Candlelight service.

A Warm Space was opened on Thursday afternoons and Saturday Prayer Cafe in January in conjunction with an initiative with other local venues, continuing until 2nd March.

Children and young people

God has blessed us with a group of children and young people. Teaching, while giving them lifestyle examples of how to grow and to live in faith, is a dynamic work. We teach them in Church and in the "Eden Academy" format on Sundays; we are grateful that the redevelopment of our buildings has provided the suitable accommodation we need for all our work to continue under our own roof. A crèche is also provided during our Sunday morning services.

All age worship has been a growing aspect of our Sunday services, sometimes led by the young people themselves. We look to run clubs and activities during term time where we can that young people from within the church and from the wider community attend. We also participate in a Sunday evening programme run jointly with other local churches, notably St Paul's Church, for young people from all the secondary schools in Chippenham. Happily, 'Open the Book' sessions in local schools, which Susie Spencer coordinates, are as popular as ever. 'Prayer Spaces in Schools', co-ordinated by Angela Thomas, are another means by which the church can encourage staff and pupils alike with prayer spaces in place over a period of days within local schools given them the opportunity to receive prayer and to talk in confidence. We give special thanks to the many members of our fellowship who serve our children and young people.

In the absence of a Children and Families Leader, Vicky Hempstead, Rachel Bowers and Sophie Lambert have continued to lead children and youth work in the church for the 0-11 year old and 11-18 year old age groups. This is a key focus as we want to encourage our young people to commit their lives to God and then grow and develop in their faith. Sadly there has been no progress with appointing a Children and Families Leader, but we continue to seek to fill the role.

Seniors

Work amongst the 'seniors' in our community continues to meet an important and growing need with Sunday Afternoon Fellowship (SAF) being well attended. This ministry seeks to serve people in practical, emotional, social and spiritual ways as they lose friends and loved ones, become less mobile and risk greater isolation. The popular SAF Summer Garden Party was held at Grittleton Hall.

Community organisations

In addition to all our Church activities, our facilities continue to be used by wider community organisations including a counselling support group for young people.

The church has run three very popular Toddler Groups, each with a waiting list for new joiners, and the majority of people attending all of these groups are not church attendees. It is core to our purpose that we should place our buildings and ourselves in service of the needs around us. Sadly, team changes during the year, with some stepping down, have meant that the Wednesday Toddlers Group had to close after July, and leave the future of the Monday and Friday Groups uncertain in 2024.

The church is also actively engaged with the Christians Against Poverty group run by Trinity Church in Chippenham, with CAP training courses, team meetings and confidential counselling sessions being held at the church. A CAP Café was run at the church on Tuesday mornings during the school summer holidays and it has continued every Wednesday morning since September in the absence of the Wednesday Toddlers.

We continue to look to attract usage by more such community groups where we have the capacity to.

Our Building

The redevelopment of the church building completed in March 2019 continues to pay dividends in terms of the extra use made of it by us and outside groups.

Work still progresses with installing audio and video links in the Lounge so that people there can still join in with services in the main hall, for example. Zoom coverage of services is provided using two camera positions in the hall.

The notice board outside the church is enlarged and is being developed to advertise services and activities more clearly.

Thanks

We particularly wish to note the hard work of many people, the many hours of service freely and willingly given, all the offerings brought to God for the work of his Kingdom, and the time people have given to prayer and working with others. Thank you. We are grateful to God.



C) Church Financial Report Financial Summary

Our accounts for 2023/2024 show that the church remains in a good financial position. We are grateful to many members who give generously to the work of the church during the period which has allowed us to carry-on the activities noted above.

Whilst the accounts show a profit for the financial year, after factoring in loan repayments we have, however experienced a cash deficit in the year and we need to be mindful of the need to pay off the loans that we entered into to complete the church building work. Changes in staffing levels in the 2023/24 financial year mean that we expect to have a surplus on a cash basis in future years.

Principal Funding Sources

The main source of funding for the Church Revenue Account is offerings given by members of the congregation.

Reserves Policy

The Church has adopted a formal reserving policy in line with Charity Commission guidance.

General reserve: Liquid funds will be held to ensure that the committed running costs of the church (salary and manse costs plus essential church utility and insurance payments and loan repayments) could be met for 3 months in the unforeseen event of the need to wind up the charity. This would enable the Trustees to take appropriate action to stem the costs by giving notice to employees of the church and/or to liquidate other assets to meet liabilities.

Restricted funds: We will continue the practice of holding funds for mission work in restricted funds set apart from our general funds. The restricted mission funds include our mission tenth (10% of our general giving that is set aside for mission work including training people for mission), donations collected for missionaries that the church regularly supports, and our Fellowship Fund to meet the needs of those in our Church fellowship.

Signature and Declaration

I declare, in my capacity as a Trustee, that:

- The Trustees have approved the report above; and
- Have authorised me to sign it on their behalf.

Peter Whitby

21/10/2024

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Whitby', written in a cursive style.

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Station Hill Baptist Church
Independent Examiner's Report
for the year ending 31 January 2024

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of CIMA.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement

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

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

I 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:



Jenny Budgell, ACMA

Dated: 15/10/2024

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Statement of Financial Activities as at 31/01/2024

		Mission			
	Note	Unrestricted	Funds	2024	2023
		Funds	(restricted)		
		£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources					
Donations and legacies		141,381	41,760	183,141	176,335
Gift aid		27,327	8,416	35,743	33,777
Charitable activities		-	-	-	-
Rental income/other		1,375	-	1,375	-
Total		170,083	50,176	220,259	210,112
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	3,4	107,494	46,751	154,245	195,275
Refurbishment		-	-	-	-
Total		107,494	46,751	154,245	195,275
Transfer		4,454	(4,454)	-	-
Net income/(expenditure)		67,043	(1,029)	66,014	14,837
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward	5	304,093	9,828	313,921	299,084
Total funds carried forward	5	371,136	8,799	379,935	313,921

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Balance Sheet as at 31/01/2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	6	391,352	393,228
Total fixed assets		<u>391,352</u>	<u>393,228</u>
Current assets			
Debtors & Prepayments	7	9,570	9,732
Cash at bank and in hand		80,942	51,201
Total current assets		<u>90,512</u>	<u>60,933</u>
Liabilities			
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	8	(20,929)	(23,491)
Net assets less current liabilities		<u>460,935</u>	<u>430,671</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due in greater than one year	8	(81,000)	(116,750)
Total net assets		<u><u>379,935</u></u>	<u><u>313,921</u></u>
The funds of the charity:			
Unrestricted funds	5	8,799	304,093
Restricted funds	5	371,136	9,828
Total charity funds		<u><u>379,935</u></u>	<u><u>313,921</u></u>

Signed by one or more trustees:

Name: Peter Whitby

Date 21/10/2024



Note 1: Basis of preparation

Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historic cost in accordance with:

- Accounting and Reporting by Charities – Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2015)
- and with Section 1A “Small Entities” of Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102)
- and with the Charities Act.

Note 2: Accounting policies

Recognition of incoming resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity becomes entitled to the resources and when the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources and when the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Grants and donations (including gift aid)

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA. Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Donated services and facilities

These would only be included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material.

Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees’ annual report.

Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Tangible fixed assets for use by charity

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500. They are valued at cost or a reasonable value on receipt.

Note 3: Expenditure on charitable activity (Church Revenue Fund)

	2024	2023
	£	£
Administration expenses	5,302	3,984
Equipment	4,125	3,648
Fabric	9,009	9,327
Insurance	2,386	2,244
Manse	3,697	4,042
Staff costs	70,012	103,948
Sundries	12,161	11,461
Visiting speakers	180	275
Youth work	622	1,326
	107,494	140,256

Note 3b: Staff costs

	2024	2023
	£	£
Salary	51,990	70,320
Social security	10,882	19,300
Pensions – defined benefit	1,002	2,610
Pensions – defined contribution	6,138	11,718
	70,012	103,948

The defined benefit pension payment in the year relates to a final payment made by the Church to the Baptist Pension Scheme (“the scheme”), to end any future liabilities for deficit payments to the scheme. In 2023 amounts related to pension deficit payments on the scheme. These costs related to three past ministers who are retired pensioners and two past ministers who have dependent pensioners in the scheme.

Note 4: Details of certain items of expenditure

Trustee expenses

	2024	2023
Number of trustees who were paid expenses	None	None
Nature of the expenses		
Total amount paid	£nil	£nil

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from Station Hill Baptist Church.

Fee for examination of the accounts

	2024	2023
Independent examiner’s fees	£nil	£nil

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Note 5: Movement in funds

	Balance 31 January 2023 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfers in/(out) £	Balance 31 January 2024 £
Church Revenue fund	304,093	170,083	(107,494)	4,454	371,136
Mission Funds (restricted)					
ARM	915	8,325	(8,632)	-	608
Collected funds	4,992	10,333	(12,447)	-	2,878
Fellowship fund	3,921	2,900	(2,333)	-	4,488
Provis Fund	-	12,145	(10,260)	(1,250)	635
Mission tenth	-	16,473	(13,079)	(3,204)	190
	9,828	50,176	(46,751)	(4,454)	8,799
Total	313,921	220,259	(154,245)	-	379,935

Note 6: Fixed Assets

	2024		2023	
	Property £	Equipment £	Property £	Equipment £
Cost				
At 1 February	390,000	10,007	390,000	6,836
Additions		-		3,171
Disposals		-		-
At 31 January	390,000	10,007	390,000	10,007
Depreciation				
At 1 February	-	6,779	-	3,963
Depreciation	-	1,876	-	2,816
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31 January	-	8,655	-	6,779
Opening net book value as at 1 February	390,000	3,228	390,000	2,873
Closing net book value as at 31 January	390,000	1,352	390,000	3,228

Equipment is depreciated over 3 years on a straight-line basis.

SHBC additionally owns the Baptist Church on Station Hill. This is not recognised on the balance sheet as there is no reliable valuation for the building available.

Note 7: Debtors and prepayments

The debtors and prepayments balance of £9,570 (2023: £9,732) includes £7,936 (2023: £8,190) relating to gift-aid receivable from HMRC. This is expected to be received within one year.

Note 8: Loans

During the year ended 31 January 2024, SHBC paid £8,000 (2023: £3,000) of the outstanding congregational loans leaving a balance of £30,000 outstanding (2023: £38,000). This is a long term loan which has no fixed date for settlement.

During the year, SHBC paid £27,750 (2023: £20,250) off the £180,000 10 year interest free loan leaving a balance of £69,000 outstanding (2023: £96,750). £18,000 of loan repayments are due to be paid within the next 12 months.

Note 9: Related party transactions

There has been no related party transactions during 2024 (2023: none).

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B) Church Review 2022/2023

Coronavirus Pandemic

Government Covid restrictions were largely lifted on 19th July 2021 but the church continues to broadcast church services, Church Meetings and other events on Zoom, which helps people to stay connected who are unable to come to the church building itself. The church will respond appropriately to any future Government guidelines and legislation regarding Covid restrictions.

Groups such as Toddlers and Prayer Café have continued unaffected since July 2021.

Ministry and leadership

Todd Nightingale was welcomed as Minister on 6 April 2019 and has continued in role through the year.

Wayne Lawther continued to be our Community Minister. His role has focussed on outreach to our local community and families, from within and outside the church, to complement Todd. This includes very active volunteer chaplaincy roles at a hostel for homeless people in Chippenham and the local Football Club. He continued to be instrumental in challenging the Church to be 'multi-voiced' in the local community. He started a three month sabbatical leave from 1st January 2023 and on 28th January advised the leadership that he had accepted a position as Minister at a Baptist Church in Leicestershire. [Subsequently he decided not to accept the offer from the Church in Leicestershire and left this Church's employment on 31st March.]

This year the Elders have experienced a further time of transition. Sarah Loveridge stepped down as a Trustee and an Elder at the Church Meeting on 28th September 2022. During 2022 the Elders invited David Wright to join their discussions over a period of months while he and they prayed and sought the Lord about his possible appointment as an Elder. A proposal was brought before the Church Meeting on 22 January 2023, where Members voted overwhelmingly for his appointment.

Worship

Our worship time is enabled and richly blessed with the musical gifts and talents of many members who lead, play, and sing, supported by those who quietly work to set up, and operate equipment. A multi-voiced style of Sunday morning worship has been encouraged to continue and develop further. We are grateful to all members who have contributed to the

worship, preaching and teaching ministry of the Church. Our monthly *BIG* Family Church service includes games, fun and food; it is growing in popularity and attracting families who do not feel comfortable at the more traditional style of church services.

A 5th Sunday Fellowship was introduced in May 2022 whereby when a month has five Sundays the church is open for fellowship but there is no actual service, giving team members a rest and also allowing people an opportunity to fellowship with other local churches at their services or to share a meal, for example, with people from SHBC, giving them a longer time together than the few minutes a usual Sunday morning service allows them afterwards.

A weekend Womens Retreat was held at Shipton-on-Stour in February. On 28 August the morning service was held, and followed by, a Church Barbecue in the grounds of St Barnabas Church in Beanacre, allowing fellowship with the St Barnabas congregation. This was followed by a Mens Breakfast there in January 2023. All these events were well attended and gave opportunities to invite people to church events without them needing to come into a church to take part.

Prayer

The Church is committed to the importance of prayer as a means to discern the will of God. We hold prayer events as an opportunity for the church to meet for corporate themed prayer. We hold weeks of prayer and fasting to coincide with important periods within the church calendar. The Prayer Café celebrated its 10th anniversary in June and continues to be an important established part of our outreach ministry to the Chippenham community, open every Saturday and well attended by people in the local community, many coming along on a regular basis for social contact and prayer.

PrayerNet enables and encourages individual prayer for the specific needs of our fellowship and those known to them at all times.

A day of Fasting and Prayer was held in October, focussing on situations at SHBC, in Chippenham, in our country and around the world.

Bible reading and Prayer sessions continue on Zoom two mornings a week. A monthly evening prayer meeting is also held, focussing principally on the Russia/Ukraine situation but covering other countries too.

We were privileged to hold two Baptism services and two weddings at the church during the year, especially as two of those getting married had

grown up attending SHBC, as had one Baptism candidate, while the other candidates have been attending activities run by the church.

Two people were admitted and welcomed into Membership, while two others who were admitted during the Covid lockdown were also able to be finally welcomed properly into Membership.

Pastoral care, teaching and discipleship

House Groups are a first line for pastoral care and teaching in small groups - the studies normally follow the theme of related sermons on preceding Sunday mornings. The church aims to include as many people as possible, providing groups that meet at different times and days throughout the week. One House Group even meets in a local Christian Care Home now, and has been joined by some of the residents. Our pastoral care team also offer support to those unwell or with needs at home or in hospital.

The Church recognises the importance of discipleship and development at all stages of people's faith journey and this is often best done in small groups. Separate social groups for men and women in the church continue in person and online through WhatsApp, with many bringing non-SHBC friends into the groups too. Further similar WhatsApp groups are proving very useful too, both for issuing information quickly and encouraging friendships and conversations to continue outside of their actual sessions, for people outside of the church, such as the Toddlers parents.

Mission, evangelism and community service

Mission, both overseas and within our local community, is core to living out our faith - we support families working in mission organisations in Canada and in France as well as keeping close contact with interests in Senegal. Our local community work's emphasis is on outward and visible community witness. Part of our service to the local community is the provision of food parcels to those in need, from donations provided by the congregation; we continued to see a growing need for this in the last year as many families are living in hardship.

Many of our members serve and witness individually to the wider community; this includes those supporting the homeless. Once again many shoeboxes full of useful personal items and gifts were made up by members and distributed to homeless people staying at Unity House. New toys were donated for the Salvation Army's annual appeal too. We are also

members of the Chippenham Churches Together group and encourage our members to support and be involved in the wider church of Chippenham.

Children and young people

God has blessed us with a group of children and young people. Teaching, while giving them lifestyle examples of how to grow and to live in faith, is a dynamic work. We teach them in Church and in the “Eden Academy” format on Sundays; we are grateful that the redevelopment of our buildings has provided the suitable accommodation we need for all our work to continue under our own roof. A crèche is also provided during our Sunday morning services and a gazebo at the back of the church allows parents the option of staying in the service with their youngsters.

All age worship has been a growing aspect of our Sunday services, sometimes led by the young people themselves. We look to run clubs and activities during term time where we can that young people from within the church and from the wider community attend. We also participate in a Sunday evening programme run jointly with other local churches, notably St Paul’s Church, for young people from all the secondary schools in Chippenham. Happily, ‘Open the Book’ sessions in local schools, which Charmaine Elkerton coordinates, have been able to recommence post-Covid, and are as popular as ever. We give special thanks to the many members of our fellowship who serve our children and young people.

In the absence of a Children and/or Youth Leader, Todd and Wayne continued to lead children and youth work in the church, jointly leading the 0-11 year olds, with Wayne continuing with the 11-18 year olds, both ably supported by others in the church. This is a key focus as we want to encourage our young people to commit their lives to God and then grow and develop in their faith. Sadly there has been no progress with appointing a Children and Families Leader and with their other duties to consider Todd and Wayne reluctantly felt that Eden groups couldn’t continue in September. Happily they were able to restart on 23rd October after two church members came forward to lead it.

In October a local school invited us to host a Prayer Spaces in Schools event. The original date in December which the school put forward had to be postponed but is rescheduled for March 2023 and members from the church are very active in preparing for this.

Seniors

Work amongst the ‘seniors’ in our community continues to meet an important and growing need with Sunday Afternoon Fellowship (SAF) being

well attended. This ministry seeks to serve people in practical, emotional, social and spiritual ways as they lose friends and loved ones, become less mobile and risk greater isolation. The popular SAF Summer Garden Party was able to resume in 2022 with the lifting of Covid restrictions. Sadly, after running it for 28 years the Lunchtime Fellowship team felt led to retire after the Lunch in December 2021. It continued while a new leadership team was sought, but with none forthcoming it closed after the March 2022 Lunch.

Julian and Natascha House had no opportunity to continue co-ordinating and leading services regularly at Seymour House, a local residential home, during the Covid pandemic, and with them both having taken on further roles during that time, they decided to stand down from their Seymour House roles. With no-one else free to replace them, the church informed Seymour House during this year that sadly it would no longer be able to coordinate and lead services there.

Community organisations

In addition to all our Church activities, our facilities continue to be used by wider community organisations including a counselling support group for young people.

The church has run two very popular Toddler Groups, each with a waiting list for new joiners, and the majority of people attending all of these groups are not church attendees. It is core to our purpose that we should place our buildings and ourselves in service of the needs around us and this ability has been enhanced by the modernisation work. During the year another Toddler Group was started, so there are three each week during school terms. We continue to look to attract usage by more such community groups where we have the capacity to.

In January we opened the church on Thursday afternoons and again during Prayer Café on Saturday mornings as a “Warm Space”, in conjunction with other churches and organisations, so that across Chippenham places were available every day for people to go along to for company and to save on their domestic heating costs.

The church is also actively engaged with the Christians Against Poverty group run by Trinity Church in Chippenham, with CAP training courses, team meetings and confidential counselling sessions being held at the church.

Our Building

The redevelopment of the church building completed in March 2019 continues to pay dividends in terms of the extra use made of it by us and outside groups.

Work progresses with installing audio and video links in the Lounge so that people there can still join in with services in the main hall, for example. Zoom coverage of services has been enhanced as we have two camera positions in the hall.

The notice board outside the church is enlarged and is being developed to advertise services and activities more clearly.

Thanks

We particularly wish to note the hard work of many people, the many hours of service freely and willingly given, all the offerings brought to God for the work of his Kingdom, and the time people have given to prayer and working with others. Thank you. We are grateful to God.



C) Church Financial Report

Financial Summary

Our accounts for 2022/2023 show that the church remains in a good financial position. We are grateful to many members who give generously to the work of the church during the period which has allowed us to carry-on the activities noted above.

Whilst the accounts show a profit for the financial year, after factoring in loan repayments we have, however experienced a cash deficit in the year and we need to be mindful of the need to pay off the loans that we entered into to complete the church building work. Changes in staffing levels in the 2023/24 financial year mean that we expect to have a surplus on a cash basis in future years.

Principal Funding Sources

The main source of funding for the Church Revenue Account is offerings given by members of the congregation.

Reserves Policy

The Church has adopted a formal reserving policy in line with Charity Commission guidance.

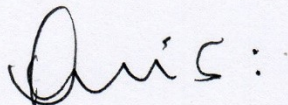
General reserve: Liquid funds will be held to ensure that the committed running costs of the church (salary and manse costs plus essential church utility and insurance payments and loan repayments) could be met for 3 months in the unforeseen event of the need to wind up the charity. This would enable the Trustees to take appropriate action to stem the costs by giving notice to employees of the church and/or to liquidate other assets to meet liabilities.

Restricted funds: We will continue the practice of holding funds for mission work in restricted funds set apart from our general funds. The restricted mission funds include our mission tenth (10% of our general giving that is set aside for mission work including training people for mission), donations collected for missionaries that the church regularly supports, and our Fellowship Fund to meet the needs of those in our Church fellowship.

Signature and Declaration

I declare in my capacity as a Trustee, that:

The Trustees have approved the report above;
and have authorised me to sign it



PETER WHITTY

6TH OCTOBER 2023

Station Hill Baptist Church
Independent Examiner's Report
for the year ending 31 January 2023

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of CIMA.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement

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

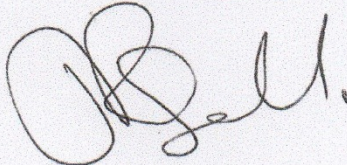
Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

I 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:



Jenny Budgell, ACMA

Dated: 28 September 2023

Statement of Financial Activities as at 31/01/2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Mission Funds (restricted) £	2023 £	2022 £
Incoming Resources					
Donations and legacies		131,871	44,464	176,335	184,655
Gift aid		28,348	5,429	33,777	32,985
Charitable activities		-	-	-	-
Rental income/other		-	-	-	61
Total		160,219	49,893	210,112	217,701
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	3,4	140,256	55,019	195,275	211,496
Refurbishment		-	-	-	-
Total		140,256	55,019	195,675	211,496
Transfer		(5,504)	5,504	-	-
Net income/(expenditure)		14,459	378	14,837	6,205
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward	5	289,634	9,450	299,084	292,879
Total funds carried forward	5	304,093	9,828	313,921	299,084

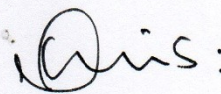
Balance Sheet as at 31/01/2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	6	393,228	392,873
Total fixed assets		393,228	392,873
Current assets			
Debtors & Prepayments	7	9,732	8,941
Cash at bank and in hand		51,201	61,081
Total current assets		60,933	70,022
Liabilities			
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	8	(23,491)	(23,811)
Net assets less current liabilities		430,671	439,084
Creditors: Amounts falling due in greater than one year	8	(116,750)	(140,000)
Total net assets		313,921	299,084
The funds of the charity:			
Unrestricted funds	5	304,093	289,634
Restricted funds	5	9,828	9,450
Total charity funds		313,921	299,084

Signed by one or more trustees:

Name: PETER WHITBY

Date: 6 TH OCTOBER 2023



Note 1: Basis of preparation

Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historic cost in accordance with:

- Accounting and Reporting by Charities – Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2015)
- and with Section 1A “Small Entities” of Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102)
- and with the Charities Act.

Note 2: Accounting policies

Recognition of incoming resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity becomes entitled to the resources and when the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources and when the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Grants and donations (including gift aid)

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA. Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Donated services and facilities

These would only be included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material.

Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Tangible fixed assets for use by charity

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500. They are valued at cost or a reasonable value on receipt.

Note 3: Expenditure on charitable activity (Church Revenue Fund)

	2023	2022
	£	£
Administration expenses	3,984	12,610
Equipment	3,648	3,554
Fabric	9,327	24,349
Hall hire	-	-
Insurance	2,244	2,147
Manse	4,042	3,603
Staff costs	103,948	97,928
Sundries	11,461	7,703
Training	-	421
Visiting speakers	275	675
Youth work	1,326	508
	140,256	153,498

Note 3b: Staff costs

	2023	2022
	£	£
Salary	70,320	66,008
Social security	19,300	17,982
Pensions – defined benefit	2,610	3,700
Pensions – defined contribution	11,718	10,238
	103,948	97,928

Defined benefit pension payments relate to pension deficit payments on the Baptist Pension Scheme (“the scheme”). These costs relate to three past ministers who are retired pensioners and two past ministers who have dependent pensioners in the scheme. These payments ceased during the year following the implementation of a Buy In with Just on the scheme resulting in there being no debt shortfall on the Scheme.

Note 4: Details of certain items of expenditure*Trustee expenses*

	2023	2022
Number of trustees who were paid expenses	None	None
Nature of the expenses		
Total amount paid	£nil	£nil

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from Station Hill Baptist Church.

Fee for examination of the accounts

	2023	2022
Independent examiner’s fees	£nil	£nil

Note 5: Movement in funds

	Balance 31 January 2022 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfers in/(out) £	Balance 31 January 2023 £
Church Revenue fund	289,634	160,219	(140,256)	(5,504)	304,093
Mission Funds (restricted)					
ARM	926	9,064	(9,075)	-	915
Becky fund	403	2,226	(2,629)	-	-
Collected funds	2,475	9,119	(7,465)	863	4,992
Fellowship fund	4,193	2,428	(2,700)	-	3,921
Provis Fund	-	10,320	(11,440)	1,120	-
Mission tenth	1,453	16,736	(21,710)	3,521	-
	9,450	49,893	(55,019)	5,504	9,828
Total	299,084	210,112	(195,275)	-	313,921

Note 6: Fixed Assets

Cost	2023		2022	
	Property £	Equipment £	Property £	Equipment £
At 1 February	390,000	6,836	390,000	4,377
Additions		3,171		2,459
Disposals		-		-
At 31 January	390,000	10,007	390,000	6,836
Depreciation				
At 1 February	-	3,963	-	1,889
Depreciation	-	2,816	-	2,074
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31 January	-	6,779	-	3,963
Opening net book value as at 1 February	390,000	2,873	390,000	2,488
Closing net book value as at 31 January	390,000	3,228	390,000	2,873

Equipment is depreciated over 3 years on a straight-line basis.

SHBC additionally owns the Baptist Church on Station Hill. This is not recognised on the balance sheet as there is no reliable valuation for the building available.

Note 7: Debtors and prepayments

The debtors and prepayments balance of £9,732 (2022: £8,941) includes £8,190 (2022: £7,606) relating to gift-aid receivable from HMRC. This is expected to be received within one year.

Note 8: Loans

During the year ended 31 January 2023, SHBC paid £3,000 (2022: £9,000) of the outstanding congregational loans leaving a balance of £38,000 outstanding (2022: £41,000). This is a long term loan which has no fixed date for settlement.

During the year, SHBC paid £20,250 (2022: £36,000) off the £180,000 10 year interest free loan leaving a balance of £96,750 outstanding (2022: £117,000). £18,000 of loan repayments are due to be paid within the next 12 months.

Note 9: Related party transactions

There has been no related party transactions during 2023 (2022: none).

STATION HILL BAPTIST CHURCH

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Annual Report
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2022

Registered Charity number 1132165
2-4 Station Hill, Chippenham SN15 1EG

Annual Report for the year to 31 January 2022

The Trustees here present their report together with the accompanying independently examined financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 January 2022.

A) The Charity and its Governance

Station Hill Baptist Church was formed in 1854 and has occupied the site ever since. As part of the process of becoming a charity in 2009, the Church updated its governing document to conform to a standard approved governing document for Baptist Union of Great Britain churches. The Charity is governed with due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The Church has begun to consider becoming a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

Objectives of the Church

The principal purpose of the Church is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination. Station Hill Baptist Church has a vision to be the visible presence of Christ in Chippenham and North Wiltshire, and together with other churches to be active in society to minister to the whole community. Our task is that, by all means possible, we will bring people into contact with Christ and His good news, to enable them to develop a personal relationship and friendship with God, to be filled with the Holy Spirit and active in sharing their faith with other people.

Trustees

The Church Meeting appoints Charity Trustees from among the church members. These include the Elders and other officers by virtue of their roles within the church. The Church Meeting may appoint other Trustees from time to time by virtue of their qualifications for the role. The Charity Trustees who served during the year are:

Peter Whitby

Sarah Loveridge

Todd Nightingale

Wayne Lawther

David Brown

The current Chair is to be decided.

Church Council and Officers

The Church Council collectively takes the role of Managing Trustees. It consists of members, appointed by the Church Meeting, who meet bi-monthly and comprises the officers listed below plus representatives of four different aspects of the life and work of the church, namely worship and

word, mission and evangelism, lifestyle and discipleship, and stewardship of our assets. The Church is governed and regulated by its own members through bi-monthly Church Meetings; this is the ultimate authority for decisions under God. Changes have been made to the definitions of the roles of Elders and the Church Council to free Elders to prioritise the spiritual direction of the church, with the Church Council considering more day to day decisions regarding running the church.

The church officers who served during the year were:

Representing Worship & Word	Rachel Lambert
Representing Pastoral Care	Paul Phillips
Representing House Groups	Claire Brown
Representing Seniors	David Thompson
Elder	Peter Whitby
Elder	Sarah Loveridge
Elder	David Brown
Minister	Todd Nightingale
Community Minister	Wayne Lawther
Treasurer	Vacant
Administrator	Steve Hardy

Jenny Budgell ACME has been appointed as Independent Examiner of the Financial Statements.

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B) Church Review 2021/2022

Coronavirus Pandemic

After a time of not being allowed to meet due to Government Coronavirus measures, limited prebooked attendance at the church resumed from 20 September 2020 in line with Government Covid regulations. These continued until Government restrictions were largely lifted on 19 July 2021, allowing more freedom for people to attend services in the church whilst maintaining compliance with remaining protocols. Throughout the Coronavirus lockdown and the period of this review, church services, Church Meetings and other events have been broadcast on Zoom, allowing people to stay connected even when the building was closed for services or they were unable to come into the church itself. The Elders also initiated a Space To Talk scheme, where teams of listeners in couples were available for people to talk in confidence about their last year in Covid, reflecting on the positive and negative aspects with the support of the couple who would pray with them too.

Other changes to Government guidelines allowed shortened, 60 minute Toddlers sessions to resume for 6 weeks in June and July before the school holidays, with all sessions being very well supported and appreciated by all those coming along, culminating with parties in July. Usual Toddlers sessions resumed in September.

A much anticipated reopening of the Prayer Café occurred from 14 August 2021, initially fortnightly but soon resuming the normal weekly schedule once again.

Ministry and leadership

Todd Nightingale was welcomed as Minister on 6 April 2019 and has continued in role through the year. He took a three month sabbatical in 2021 in line with standard practice for Baptist ministers. This was a welcome opportunity for Todd to study, rest and be refreshed by the Lord.

Wayne Lawther continues to be our Community Minister. He was fully ordained as a Baptist Minister in 2021 after he completed his Newly Accredited Minister training. His role continues to focus on outreach to our local community and families, from within and outside the church, to complement Todd. This includes very active volunteer chaplaincy roles at a hostel for homeless people in Chippenham and the local Football Club. He continues to be instrumental in challenging the Church to be 'multi-voiced' in the local community.

In the absence of a Children and/or Youth Leader, Todd and Wayne have continued to lead children and youth work in the church, jointly leading the 0-11 year olds, with Wayne continuing with the 11-18 year olds, both ably supported by others in the church. This is a key focus as we want to encourage our young people to commit their lives to God and then grow and develop in their faith. The church continues to actively explore appointment of a Children and Families Leader with a draft version of the Job Description being brought to the January 2022 Church Meeting.

This year the Elders have experienced a further time of transition. Moira Beagley had been taking an "inactive" role as an Elder while she completed her studies in Scotland. In October we had a Sending Service for her to mark her permanent move to Scotland, where she felt the Lord has called her now following her studying, and her stepping down as an Elder. During 2021 the Elders invited Rachel Lambert to join their discussions over a period of months while she and they prayed and sought the Lord about her possible appointment as an Elder. A proposal was brought before the Church Meeting on 30 January 2022, where Members voted overwhelmingly for her appointment.

Worship

Our worship time is enabled and richly blessed with the musical gifts and talents of many members who lead, play, and sing, supported by those who quietly work to set up, and operate equipment. A multi-voiced style of Sunday morning worship has been encouraged to continue and develop further. Peoples' gifts have come to the fore both during and following the lifting of lockdown: with the church closed the worship leaders shared leading our worship from their homes for the Zoom broadcasts on Sunday mornings, with church members able to sing along from their own homes too. Now the church is open again some who cannot come to the building still participate via Zoom and are actively included in each service. We are grateful to all members who have contributed to the worship, preaching and teaching ministry of the Church. Our monthly *BIG* Family Church service includes games, fun and food; it is growing in popularity and attracting families who do not feel comfortable at the more traditional style of church services.

Immediately after the morning service on 25 July 2021 many from the church enjoyed a Church Picnic in the grounds of Silverwood School. On 29 August 2021 the morning service was held, and followed by, a Church Barbecue at Robert Berry's Farm near Hullavington. Both these events were well attended and gave opportunities to invite people to church events without them needing to come into a church to take part.

Prayer

The Church is committed to the importance of prayer as a means to discern the will of God. We hold prayer events as an opportunity for the church to meet for corporate themed prayer. We hold weeks of prayer and fasting to coincide with important periods within the church calendar. The Prayer Café continues to be an important established part of our outreach ministry to the Chippenham community, it was sorely missed during the Coronavirus lockdown but is now open again every Saturday and is well attended by people in the local community, many coming along on a regular basis for social contact and prayer. PrayerNet enables and encourages individual prayer for the specific needs of our fellowship and those known to them at all times.

40 Days of Prayer, starting on 1 September 2021 gave opportunities, both on a personal level and by joining with local churches, to pray for outpouring of God's Spirit in the town and in our individual lives.

Bible reading and Prayer sessions continued on Zoom throughout the lockdown and to date but changed from three mornings a week to two mornings a week from July 2021.

Pastoral care, teaching and discipleship

House Groups are a first line for pastoral care and teaching in small groups – the studies normally follow the theme of related sermons on preceding Sunday mornings. The church aims to include as many people as possible, providing groups that meet at different times and days throughout the week. Our pastoral care team also offer support to those unwell or with needs at home or in hospital. Measures were brought in to ensure Pastoral Care was available for people in isolation during the lockdown.

The Church recognises the importance of discipleship and development at all stages of people's faith journey and this is often best done in small groups: Chaplaincy, Prophecy were two such courses in the autumn which were well received. Separate social groups for men and women in the church began online through WhatsApp during the lockdown, with many bringing non-SHBC friends into the groups too. Further similar WhatsApp groups are proving very useful too, both for issuing information quickly and encouraging friendships and conversations to continue outside of their actual sessions, for people outside of the church, such as the Toddlers parents.

Mission, evangelism and community service

Mission, both overseas and within our local community, is core to living out our faith – we support families working in mission organisations in Canada and in France as well as keeping close contact with interests in Senegal. Our local community work's emphasis is on outward and visible community witness. Part of our service to the local community is the provision of food parcels to those in need, from donations provided by the congregation; we continued to see a growing need for this in the last year as many families are living in hardship.

Many of our members serve and witness individually to the wider community; this includes those supporting the homeless. Once again many shoeboxes full of useful personal items and gifts were made up by members and distributed to homeless people staying at Unity House. New toys were donated for the Salvation Army's annual appeal too. We are also members of the Chippenham Churches Together group and encourage our members to support and be involved in the wider church of Chippenham.

During the year our ChurchEdit website was replaced with a new shbcfamily website, complete with a new logo. We seek to show the church to be a welcoming "family", not just to its members, but also for its visitors and the local community.

Children and young people

God has blessed us with a group of children and young people. Teaching, while giving them lifestyle examples of how to grow and to live in faith, is a dynamic work. We teach them in Church and in the "Eden Academy" format on Sundays; we are grateful that the redevelopment of our buildings has provided the suitable accommodation we need for all our work to continue under our own roof – when the pandemic allows! A crèche is also provided during our Sunday morning services and a gazebo at the back of the church allows parents the option of staying in the service with their youngsters.

All age worship has been a growing aspect of our Sunday services, sometimes led by the young people themselves. Clubs and activities during term time which we run that young people from within the church and from the wider community attend, including the Urban Saints club which attracts new primary school children from outside the church, have been hampered by the lockdown but will restart. We also participate in a Sunday evening programme run jointly with other local churches, notably St Paul's Church, for young people from all the secondary schools in Chippenham. Sadly, 'Open the Book' sessions in local schools, which Charmaine Elkerton coordinates, have been put on hold due to Covid, but will resume when possible. We give special thanks to the many members of our fellowship who serve our children and young people.

On Education Sunday, 17 October 2021, we prayed by name for those among us who are either studying or working in education.

Seniors

Work amongst the 'seniors' in our community continues to meet an important and growing need with Sunday Afternoon Fellowship (SAF) and Wednesday Lunchtime Fellowship (LF) being well attended. This ministry seeks to serve people in practical, emotional, social and spiritual ways as they lose friends and loved ones, become less mobile and risk greater isolation. Sadly, after running it for 28 years the LF team felt led to retire after the Lunch in December. It will continue until March 2022 while a new leadership team is sought, but will close if one is not forthcoming.

Julian and Natascha House have not had the opportunity to continue coordinating and leading services regularly at Seymour House, a local residential home, due to Coronavirus restrictions, but will look to resume them once it is possible again.

Whilst these activities had to be suspended during the Coronavirus pandemic, contact was maintained with Seymour House and a system set up to keep in regular contact with the people who attend the SAF and the LF. Also the SAF team, observing Coronavirus precautions, put together and delivered many individual cream teas to SAF people at home, with a 4-page newsletter, on 16 August 2021 to make up for the loss of the popular SAF Summer Garden Party. Consideration is being given to how the groups can operate once the lockdown is over, it being appreciated that it will not be easy for our seniors to feel confident in venturing out into the community again.

Community organisations

In addition to all our Church activities, our facilities continue to be used by wider community organisations including a Child Contact Centre, and counselling support groups, one for young people and another helping perpetrators of domestic violence. Due to the special dispensation given to some social service groups, all of these continued throughout the lockdown. A long connection between the church and the Rise Trust Child Contact Centre finished on good terms when they decided to relocate to their own premises, their last session being at SHBC on 17 July 2021.

The church runs two very popular Toddler Groups, each with a waiting list for new joiners, and the majority of people attending all of these groups are not church attendees. It is core to our purpose that we should place our buildings and ourselves in service of the needs around us and this ability has been enhanced by the modernisation work. We continue to look to attract usage by more such community groups where we have the capacity to.

Our Building

Redevelopment of the church building completed in March 2019 continues to pay dividends in terms of the extra use made of it by us and outside groups. Snagging work was identified and carried out during 2021, allowing the building work to be signed off finally and the retained payment released to complete contracts with Emery and Eleven10 for the refurbishment of the church.

We have been blessed with the donation of a new sound desk, and acoustics have been improved with the fitting of curtains to the upper windows in the hall in August and then “woolly sheep” in the hall and café in December.

On 25 July 2021 we held a Gift Day, not least marking the date when we were “unlocked” from Government Covid restrictions. The Gift Day is for reducing our manse fund and BBF loan (so releasing funds to help other churches) and helping fund some improvements. People were encouraged to pray and seek what God would have them do re the Gift Day.

Thanks

We particularly wish to note the hard work of many people, the many hours of service freely and willingly given, all the offerings brought to God for the work of his Kingdom, and the time people have given to prayer and working with others. Thank you. We are grateful to God.



C) Church Financial Report

Financial Summary

Our Statement of Financial Activities is presented in the same format as last year based on accrual accounting.

Our accounts for 2021/2022 show a return to normality despite the lockdown, with members continuing to support the church through electronic payments. We are grateful to many members who have given sacrificially of their time to complete the refurbishment programme. This should not be understated. We do have a splendid facility to accomplish our work in the community.

We need to remember we have a debt to the Baptist Building Fund for the next several years: we shall have a gift day to help reduce this. Measures brought in to allow people to continue financial support for the church during the time we could not meet at the church are in place still.

Principal Funding Sources

The main source of funding for the Church Revenue Account is offerings given by members of the congregation.

Reserves Policy

The Church has adopted a formal reserving policy in line with Charity Commission guidance.

General reserve: Liquid funds will be held to ensure that the committed running costs of the church (salary and manse costs plus essential church utility and insurance payments and loan repayments)

could be met for 3 months in the unforeseen event of the need to wind up the charity. This would enable the Trustees to take appropriate action to stem the costs by giving notice to employees of the church and/or to liquidate other assets to meet liabilities.

Restricted funds: We will continue the practice of holding funds for mission work in restricted funds set apart from our general funds. The restricted mission funds include our mission tenth (10% of our general giving that is set aside for mission work including training people for mission), donations collected for missionaries that the church regularly supports, and our Fellowship Fund to meet the needs of those in our Church fellowship.

Signature and Declaration

I declare, in my capacity as a Trustee, that:

- The Trustees have approved the report above; and
- Have authorised me to sign it on their behalf.



PETER WHITTY

15th NOVEMBER 2022.

Station Hill Baptist Church
Independent Examiner's Report
for the year ending 31 January 2022

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustee consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of CIMA.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement

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

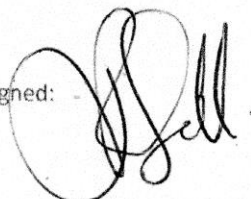
Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

I 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:



Jenny Budgell, ACMA

Dated: 09th November 2022

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Annual Report and Accounts for the year ending 31 January 2022.

Statement of Financial Activities as at 31 January 2022

		Unrestricted Funds	Mission Funds (restricted)	2022	2021
	Note	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources					
Donations and legacies		140,514	44,141	184,655	182,593
Gift aid		27,253	5,732	32,985	35,112
Charitable activities		-	-	-	520
Rental income/other		61	-	61	416
Total		167,828	49,873	217,701	218,641
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	3,4	153,498	57,998	211,496	174,988
Refurbishment		-	-	-	15,334
Total		153,498	57,998	211,496	190,322
Net income/(expenditure)		14,330	(8,125)	6,205	28,319
 Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward	5	275,304	17,575	292,879	264,560
Total funds carried forward	5	289,634	9,450	299,084	292,879

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Balance Sheet as at 31 January 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	6	392,873	392,488
Total fixed assets		392,873	392,488
Current assets			
Debtors & Prepayments	7	8,941	11,693
Cash at bank and in hand		61,081	96,094
Total current assets		70,022	107,786
Liabilities			
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	8	(23,811)	(22,395)
Net assets less current liabilities		439,084	477,879
Creditors: Amounts falling due in greater than one year	8	(140,000)	(185,000)
Total net assets		299,084	292,879
The funds of the charity:			
Unrestricted funds	5	289,634	275,304
Restricted funds	5	9,450	17,575
Total charity funds		299,084	292,879

Signed by one or more trustees:

Name:

Date

Note 1: Basis of preparation

Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historic cost in accordance with:

- Accounting and Reporting by Charities – Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2015)
- and with Section 1A “Small Entities” of Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102)
- and with the Charities Act.

Note 2: Accounting policies

Recognition of incoming resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity becomes entitled to the resources and when the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources and when the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Grants and donations (including gift aid)

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA. Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Donated services and facilities

These would only be included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material.

Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees’ annual report.

Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Tangible fixed assets for use by charity

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500. They are valued at cost or a reasonable value on receipt.

Note 3: Expenditure on charitable activity (Church Revenue Fund)

	2022	2021
	£	£
Administration expenses	12,610	2,830
Equipment	3,554	2,229
Fabric	24,349	5,729
Hall hire	-	-
Insurance	2,147	1,761
Manse	3,603	9,081
Staff costs	97,928	87,956
Sundries	7,703	3,879
Training	421	-
Visiting speakers	675	150
Youth work	508	1,487
	153,498	115,102

Note 3b: Staff costs

	2022	2021
	£	£
Salary	66,008	59,351
Social security	17,982	16,432
Pensions – defined benefit	3,700	2,421
Pensions – defined contribution	10,238	9,752
	97,928	87,956

Defined benefit pension payments relate to pension deficit payments on the Baptist Pension Scheme (“the scheme”). These costs relate to three past ministers who are retired pensioners and two past ministers who have dependent pensioners in the scheme. The scheme trustees have allocated the deficit by calculating an 'estimated employer debt' for each church and SHBC’s estimated liability as at 31 January 2022 is £43,100 (£64,500 in 31 January 2021). The scheme closed to future accrual on 31 December 2011.

Note 4: Details of certain items of expenditure

Trustee expenses

	2022	2021
Number of trustees who were paid expenses	None	None
Nature of the expenses		
Total amount paid	£nil	£nil

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from Station Hill Baptist Church.

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Fee for examination of the accounts

Independent examiner's fees	2022 £nil	2021 £nil
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Note 5: Movement in funds

	Balance 31 January 2021 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfers in/(out) £	Balance 31 January 2022 £
Church Revenue fund	275,304	167,828	(153,498)	-	289,634
Mission Funds (restricted)					
ARM	1,441	10,580	(11,095)	-	926
Becky fund	-	4,183	(3,780)	-	403
Collected funds	2,205	2,450	(2,180)	-	2,475
Fellowship fund	5,315	5,208	(6,330)	-	4,193
Provis Fund	479	11,391	(12,000)	130	-
Mission tenth	8,135	16,061	(22,613)	(130)	1,453
	17,575	49,873	(57,998)	-	9,450
Total	292,879	217,701	(211,496)	-	299,084

Note 6: Fixed Assets

Cost	2022		2021	
	Property £	Equipment £	Property £	Equipment £
At 1 February	390,000	4,377	390,000	5,520
Additions		2,459		
Disposals		-		(1,144)
At 31 January	390,000	6,836	390,000	4,377
Depreciation				
At 1 February	-	1,889	-	1,574
Depreciation	-	2,074	-	1,459
Disposals	-	-	-	(1,144)
At 31 January	-	3,963	-	1,889
Opening net book value as at 1 February	390,000	2,488	390,000	3,946
Closing net book value as at 31 January	390,000	2,873	390,000	2,488

Equipment is depreciated over 3 years on a straight-line basis.

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SHBC additionally owns the Baptist Church on Station Hill. This is not recognised on the balance sheet as there is no reliable valuation for the building available.

Note 7: Debtors and prepayments

The debtors and prepayments balance of £8,941 (2021: £11,693) includes £7,606 (2021: £10,257) relating to gift-aid receivable from HMRC. This is expected to be received within one year.

Note 8: Loans

During the year ended 31 January 2022, SHBC paid £9,000 (2021: nil) of the outstanding £50,000 congregational loans. This is a long term loan which has no fixed date for settlement.

During the year, SHBC paid £36,000 (2021: £18,000) off the £180,000 10 year interest free loan, reducing the balance to £117,000 (2021: £153,000). £18,000 of loan repayments are due to be paid within the next 12 months.

Note 9: Related party transactions

There has been no related party transactions during 2022 (2021: none).

STATION HILL BAPTIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1132165

Accounts

Station Hill Baptist Church Annual Report and Accounts 2021

Registered Charity number 1132165
2-4 Station Hill, Chippenham SN15 1EG

Annual Report for the year to 31 January 2021

The Trustees here present their report together with the accompanying independently examined financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 January 2021.

A) The Charity and its Governance

Station Hill Baptist Church was formed in 1854 and has occupied the site ever since. As part of the process of becoming a charity in 2009, the Church updated its governing document to conform to a standard approved governing document for Baptist Union of Great Britain churches. The Charity is governed with due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Objectives of the Church

The principal purpose of the Church is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination. Station Hill Baptist Church has a vision to be the visible presence of Christ in Chippenham and North Wiltshire, and together with other churches to be active in society to minister to the whole community. Our task is that, by all means possible, we will bring people into contact with Christ and His good news, to enable them to develop a personal relationship and friendship with God, to be filled with the Holy Spirit and active in sharing their faith with other people.

Trustees

The Church Meeting appoints Charity Trustees from among the church members. These include the Elders and other officers by virtue of their roles within the church. The Church Meeting may appoint other Trustees from time to time by virtue of their qualifications for the role. The Charity Trustees who served during the year are:

Peter Whitby	Paul Phillips (until September 2020)
Sarah Loveridge	Moira Beagley (until July 2020)
Todd Nightingale	Wayne Lawther
David Brown (from September 2020)	

The current Chair is to be decided.

Church Council and Officers

The Church Council collectively takes the role of Managing Trustees. It consists of members, appointed by the Church Meeting, who meet bi-monthly and comprises the officers listed below plus representatives of four different aspects of the life and work of the church, namely worship and word, mission and evangelism, lifestyle and discipleship, and stewardship of our assets. The Church is governed and regulated by its own members through bi-monthly Church Meetings; this is

the ultimate authority for decisions under God. There will be changing definitions of the roles of Elders and the Church Council to free Elders to prioritise the spiritual direction of the church, with the Church Council considering more day to day decisions regarding running the church.

The church officers who served during the year were:

Elder.....Paul Phillips (until September 2020)
ElderPeter Whitby
Elder.....Sarah Loveridge
Elder.....Moira Beagley (Inactive from late July 2020 ufn as studying in Scotland; Eldership status to be reviewed in summer 2021)
Elder.....David Brown (from September 2020)
Minister.....Todd Nightingale
Community Minister.....Wayne Lawther
Treasurer.....Vacant
Administrator.....Steve Hardy

Jenny Budgetell CIMA has been appointed as Independent Examiner of the Financial Statements.

Safe to Grow Policy

The Church is committed to the nurturing, protection and safeguarding of all, especially children, young people and adults at risk. It is the responsibility of each one of us to prevent the physical, sexual and emotional abuse of children and young people, and to report any abuse discovered or suspected. We recognise that our work with children and young people is the responsibility of the whole church. We undertake to exercise proper care in the selection and appointment of those working with children and young people, whether paid or volunteer.

The church is committed to supporting, resourcing and training those who work with children and young people and to providing supervision. The church is committed to following the Home Office Code of Practice *Safe from Harm* and adopts the principles published by the Baptist Union of Great Britain in its booklet *Safe to Grow*, putting alongside these a policy of good practice for youth and children's work.

Each worker with children and young people must know the recommendations and undertake to observe them. Each is given a copy of the church's agreed procedures and good practice guidelines and all are given safeguarding training. As part of our commitment to children and young people, the church has appointed Christine Leitch as the Designated Person for Safeguarding, James Drewett as the Deputy Designated Person for Safeguarding and Safeguarding Trustee and Simona Baker as the Safe to Grow Administrator. The Designated Person for Safeguarding's role is regularly explained to children and young people, and contact details are publicly displayed.

Baptist Affiliation

The Church is part of the wider national body, the Baptist Union of Great Britain, and is also a member of the West of England Baptist Association. The Church pays an annual subscription to the Baptist Union of Great Britain based upon its membership numbers. The Church also made donations to the Baptist Union Home Mission Fund and Baptist Missionary Society during the year.

Church Building Trustees

The Church Building Trustees are the West of England Baptist Association.

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B) Church Review 2020/2021

Coronavirus Pandemic

Due to the unprecedented occurrence of the Coronavirus pandemic, the Church building closed in the spring under Government guidelines, with Zoom broadcasts of Sunday morning services while attendance at church was prohibited for the congregation. Other meetings such as Church Council and Church Meetings were also held on Zoom only, whilst the Annual Church Meeting was cancelled in May and replaced with a Church Information Meeting in June, due to the impracticality of having meaningful discussion over Zoom link of any matters which required voting by members.

All church bookings, internal and external, were cancelled or suspended, including Contact Group, Prayer Café, BIG Church, Toddler Groups, Eden Academy, Urban Saints, Young Adults Group, Lunchtime Fellowship and Sunday Afternoon Fellowship. WhatsApp groups were set up for Monday and Friday Toddlers with very popular story reading sessions on Zoom. A WhatsApp Group was set up for people to keep in touch during lockdown, which has proved very popular too. As Government guidelines and restrictions have been relaxed or tightened again during the lockdown, so it has been possible at times for the Church hall to be opened under social distancing regulations for private prayer on Wednesdays and Fridays pm from July 1st for a period and for people to attend Saturday morning Prayer Times from July 4th again for a period.

Midday Daily Office Prayers on Zoom also ran for a period and Bible reading and Prayer sessions three mornings a week have continued throughout the lockdown.

Due to the special dispensation given to some social service groups, the Contact Centre restarted on 18th July and new groups were started by Splitz for their Domestic Violence Perpetrators Programme and CVSS for TeenTalk counselling for young people. Measures were brought in to ensure Pastoral Care is available for people in isolation and to allow people to continue financial support for the church.

Ministry and leadership

In the past we have employed a full-time minister and a full-time youth and children's worker. Over the last decade we have been privileged to provide training and support for 2 trainee ministers in collaboration with Bristol Baptist College. We had been without a minister since September 2016, when Simon Philpott stepped down from that position. Although this time had been largely positive and fruitful, we believed in 2018 that the time was right to start the process of finding a minister to further enable us to fulfil God's vision and purpose for our fellowship. Michael Todd Nightingale was welcomed as Minister on 6th April 2019.

We have not had a Children and Youth Worker since August 2017 but we always want to encourage our young people to commit their lives to God, be baptised and take up active roles in the church during their time with us to prepare for their future. After a period of consultation and prayerful reflection, we appointed Wayne Lawther as our Associate Minister in February 2018 with responsibilities for Community outreach and Families. His title has been changed during this year to Community Minister. His role continues to focus on outreach to our local community and families, from within and outside the church, to complement the lead Minister, supporting the church with a multi-faceted contribution as our Community Minister. This includes a very active volunteer chaplaincy role at a hostel for homeless people in Chippenham. He has been instrumental in challenging the Church to be 'multi-voiced' since the interregnum began in September 2016.

Since April 2019 Danelle Nightingale had led our Children and Youth Work for ages 0-11 years, while Wayne Lawther led our Youth Work from 11-18 years. Danelle stepped down from this role at the end of the 2020 summer term, as she has many other active roles at SHBC. Todd Nightingale and Wayne Lawther have taken over leading the 0-11's, with Wayne continuing with the 11-18's too. We are very grateful to Danelle for all that she has done with our young people since she came to SHBC.

At times of transition it is inevitably the Elders who bear the burden of responsibility for leadership of the church. This year the Elders have been in a time of transition themselves, with Paul Phillips stepping down as one at the end of August, David Brown taking up Paul's place, and Moira Beagley stepping down as a Trustee and taking an "inactive" role as an Elder while she completes her studies in Scotland. Evenso our fellowship is immensely grateful to the Elders for their selfless and dedicated service, and their wisdom and discernment through this period.

Worship

Our worship time is enabled and richly blessed with the musical gifts and talents of many members who lead, play, and sing, supported by those who quietly work to set up and operate equipment. During the interregnum we explored a more multi-voiced style of Sunday morning worship when the church grew both in confidence and in using their gifts, and this is something we continue to encourage and develop further. The gifts have been well to the fore again during lockdown, as with

the church closed the worship leaders have shared leading our worship from their homes for the Zoom broadcasts on Sunday mornings, with church members able to sing along from their own homes too. We are grateful to all members who have contributed to the worship, preaching and teaching ministry of the Church. Our monthly *BIG* Family Church service on Zoom includes games, fun and food; it is growing in popularity and attracting families who do not feel comfortable at the more traditional style of church services.

Prayer

The Church is committed to the importance of prayer as a means to discern the will of God. We hold prayer events as an opportunity for the church to meet for corporate themed prayer. We hold weeks of prayer and fasting to coincide with important periods within the church calendar. Once we were back in our own church building the Prayer Café began opening every Saturday, with our new facilities including a shower which homeless people can use in privacy. The Prayer Café will continue to be an important established part of our outreach ministry to the Chippenham community, but at present its operation is curtailed by the ongoing pandemic. PrayerNet enables and encourages individual prayer for the specific needs of our fellowship and those known to them at all times.

Pastoral care, teaching and discipleship

House Groups are a first line for pastoral care and teaching in small groups – the studies normally follow the theme of related sermons on preceding Sunday mornings. The church aims to include as many people as possible, providing groups that meet at different times and days throughout the week. Our pastoral care team also offer support to those unwell or with needs at home or in hospital. The Church recognises the importance of discipleship and development at all stages of people's faith journey and this is often best done in small groups; this year we held an "Empowered" evangelism course in October which was well received. Separate social groups for men and women in the church have begun online through WhatsApp, with many bringing non-SHBC friends into the groups too.

Mission, evangelism and community service

Mission, both overseas and within our local community, is core to living out our faith – we support families working in mission organisations in Canada and in France as well as keeping close contact with interests in Senegal. Our local community work's emphasis is on outward and visible community witness. Part of our service to the local community is the provision of food parcels to those in need, from donations provided by the congregation; we continued to see a growing need for this in the last year as many families are living in hardship. Many of our members serve and witness individually to the wider community; this includes those supporting the homeless, and those volunteering as Street Pastors. We are also members of the Chippenham Churches Together group and encourage our members to support and be involved in the wider church of Chippenham.

Children and young people

God has blessed us with a group of children and young people. Teaching, while giving them lifestyle examples of how to grow and to live in faith, is a dynamic work. We teach them in Church and in the “Eden Academy” format on Sundays; we are grateful that the redevelopment of our buildings has provided the suitable accommodation we need for all our work to continue under our own roof – when the pandemic allows! A crèche is also provided during our Sunday morning services and a gazebo at the back of the church allows parents the option of staying in the service with their youngsters. All age worship has been a growing aspect of our Sunday services, sometimes led by the young people themselves. We run clubs and activities during term time that young people from within the church and from the wider community attend, including the Urban Saints club (held monthly on Friday evenings) which continues to attract new primary school children from outside the church. We also participate in a Sunday evening programme run jointly with other local churches, notably St Paul’s Church, for young people from all the secondary schools in Chippenham. Charmaine Elkerton coordinates ‘Open the Book’ sessions in local schools. We give special thanks to the many members of our fellowship who serve our children and young people.

Seniors

Work amongst the ‘seniors’ in our community continues to meet an important and growing need with Sunday Afternoon Fellowship (SAF) and Wednesday lunch club being well attended. This ministry seeks to serve people in practical, emotional, social and spiritual ways as they lose friends and loved ones, become less mobile and risk greater isolation. Julian and Natascha House have continued coordinating and leading services regularly at Seymour House, a local residential home; this has been a real blessing and encouragement to residents. Whilst these activities had to be suspended during the Coronavirus pandemic, contact was maintained with Seymour House and a system set up to keep in regular contact with the people who attend the SAF and the lunch club. Also the SAF team, observing Coronavirus precautions, put together and delivered many individual cream teas to SAF people at home, with a 4-page newsletter, on August 16th to make up for the loss of the popular SAF Summer Garden Party. Consideration is being given to how the groups can operate once the lockdown is over, it being appreciated that it will not be easy for our seniors to feel confident in venturing out into the community again.

Community organisations

In addition to all our Church activities, our facilities have been used by wider community organisations including a Child Contact Centre, and counselling support groups, one for young people and another helping perpetrators of domestic violence. The church runs two Toddler Groups, and the majority of people attending all of these groups are not church attendees. While our buildings were being refurbished in 2018 all these community organisations met elsewhere,

but they were all keen to start using our church building again after it re-opened in March 2019. It is core to our purpose that we should place our buildings and ourselves in service of the needs around us and this ability will be enhanced by the modernisation work. Our hope that the improvements would attract usage by many more such community groups is bearing fruit.

Our Building

In recent years we drew up plans to completely redevelop our building to enable us to expand our community work, make all parts of the church accessible to everyone, and develop our children's work more effectively within our premises on Sundays. We witnessed God affirm and bless the priority of this work. At the same time our own financial position was strengthened following the sacrificial giving and pledging of members towards our Refurbishment Fund and as we set aside monthly surpluses from our General Fund towards this work during the interregnum. In July 2017 we appointed a new team of professional advisors and developed detailed design drawings with them which were approved at the Church Meeting that November. Works commenced soon after Easter 2018 and our Sunday services were held at the Olympiad Leisure Centre. We are grateful for the help and support of the staff there and the provision of safe storage for our equipment between services.

Since the work was completed in March 2019 we have new and improved kitchen, café area and toilet facilities on the ground floor, including a disabled access toilet/wet room, a revised layout for the first floor allowing better use of the space available, and a new attic room for our youth to relax in and giving us another facility for smaller, private meetings. Access has been greatly improved with the provision of a ramp access to the main entrance from Station Hill and a lift between the ground and first floors. The church was also redecorated throughout, with new carpets, chairs, tables and PA equipment. Snagging work will be carried out in May, allowing the building work to be signed off finally and the retained payment released to complete contracts with Emery and Eleven10 for the refurbishment of the church.

Thanks

We particularly wish to note the hard work of many people, the many hours of service freely and willingly given, all the offerings brought to God for the work of his Kingdom, and the time people have given to prayer and working with others. Thank you. We are grateful to God.

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C) Church Financial Report

Financial Summary

Our Statement of Financial Activities is presented in the same format as last year based on accrual accounting as our income has exceeded the threshold of £250,000 set by the Charity Commission. This also means our property and equipment assets are recorded formally in the Balance Sheet.

Our accounts for 2020/2021 show a return to normality despite the lockdown, with members continuing to support the church through electronic payments. We are grateful to many members who have given sacrificially of their time to complete the refurbishment programme. This should not be understated. We do have a splendid facility to accomplish our work in the community.

We need to remember we have a debt to the Baptist Building Fund for the next several years: we shall have a gift day to help reduce this.

Principal Funding Sources

The main source of funding for the Church Revenue Account is offerings given by members of the congregation.

Reserves Policy

The Church has adopted a formal reserving policy in line with Charity Commission guidance.

General reserve: Liquid funds will be held to ensure that the committed running costs of the church (salary and manse costs plus essential church utility and insurance payments and loan repayments) could be met for 3 months in the unforeseen event of the need to wind up the charity. This would enable the Trustees to take appropriate action to stem the costs by giving notice to employees of the church and/or to liquidate other assets to meet liabilities.

Buildings reserve: In the past buildings maintenance has been undertaken on a year to year basis, when affordable. In future the church has agreed in principle to initiate the practice of setting aside funds in each financial year for the future maintenance of the church building. This is under review with your Trustees

Restricted funds: We will continue the practice of holding funds set aside for expenditure on our buildings and their refurbishment, and for mission work in restricted funds set apart from our general funds. The restricted mission funds include our mission tenth (10% of our general giving that is set aside for mission work including training people for mission), donations collected for missionaries that the church regularly supports, and our Fellowship Fund to meet the needs of those in our Church fellowship.

Signature and Declaration

I declare, in my capacity as a Trustee, that:

- The Trustees have approved the report above; and
- Have authorised me to sign it on their behalf.

Chris:

PAUL WILSON

18th October 2021



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name STATION HILL BAPTIST CHURCH

On accounts for the year ended

31 JANUARY 2021

Charity no (if any)

113215

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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

Independent examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect,:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
• the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
• the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

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

Signed: [Signature]

Date: 4/10/21

Name: JENNIFER BUDGELL

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

CIMA

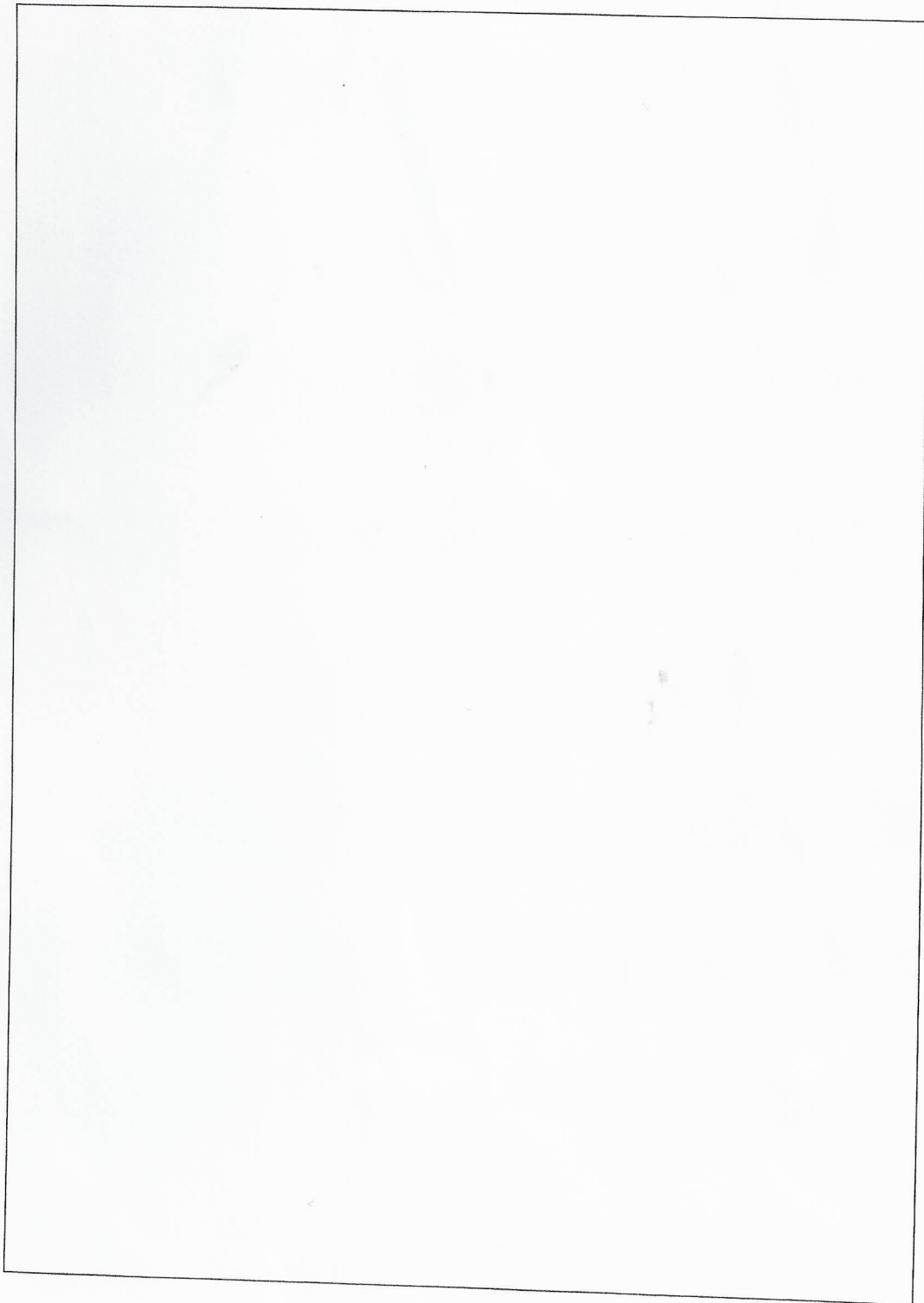
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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

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



Statement of Financial Activities as at 31/01/2021

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Mission Funds (restricted) £	2021 £	2020 £
Incoming Resources					
Donations and legacies		118,145	64,448	182,593	183,044
Gift aid		28,592	6,520	35,112	29,836
Charitable activities		520	-	520	2,275
Profit on sale of manse		-	-	-	240,973
Rental income/other		416	-	416	5,120
Total		147,673	70,968	218,641	461,248
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	3,4	115,102	59,886	174,988	168,858
Refurbishment		15,334	-	15,334	77,800
Total		130,436	59,886	190,322	246,658
Net income/(expenditure)		17,237	11,082	28,319	214,590
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward	5	258,067	6,493	264,560	49,970
Total funds carried forward	5	275,304	17,575	292,879	264,560

Balance Sheet as at 31/01/2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	6	392,488	393,946
Total fixed assets		<u>392,488</u>	<u>393,946</u>
Current assets			
Debtors & Prepayments	7	11,693	8,705
Cash at bank and in hand		96,094	89,737
Total current assets		<u>107,786</u>	<u>98,442</u>
Liabilities			
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	8	(22,395)	(24,828)
Net assets less current liabilities		<u>477,879</u>	<u>467,560</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due in greater than one year	8	(185,000)	(203,000)
Total net assets		<u>292,879</u>	<u>264,560</u>
The funds of the charity:			
Unrestricted funds	5	275,304	258,067
Restricted funds	5	17,575	6,493
Total charity funds		<u>292,879</u>	<u>264,560</u>

Signed by one or more trustees:

Quis:

Name:

PETER WHITBY

Date

18TH OCTOBER 2021

Note 1: Basis of preparation

Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historic cost in accordance with:

- Accounting and Reporting by Charities – Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2015)
- and with Section 1A “Small Entities” of Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102)
- and with the Charities Act.

Note 2: Accounting policies

Recognition of incoming resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity becomes entitled to the resources and when the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources and when the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Grants and donations (including gift aid)

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA. Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Donated services and facilities

These would only be included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material.

Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Tangible fixed assets for use by charity

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500. They are valued at cost or a reasonable value on receipt.

Note 3: Expenditure on charitable activity (Church Revenue Fund)

	2021	2020
	£	£
Administration expenses	2,830	1,916
Equipment	2,229	1,757
Fabric	5,729	5,930
Hall hire	-	35
Insurance	1,761	2,031
Manse	9,081	20,342
Staff costs	87,956	81,833
Sundries	3,879	11,578
Training	-	982
Visiting speakers	150	1,046
Youth work	1,487	3,037
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	115,102	130,487

Note 3b: Staff costs

	2021	2020
	£	£
Salary	59,351	54,396
Social security	16,432	14,707
Pensions – defined benefit	2,421	4,144
Pensions – defined contribution	9,752	8,586
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	87,956	81,833

Defined benefit pension payments relate to pension deficit payments on the Baptist Pension Scheme (“the scheme”). These costs relate to three past ministers who are retired pensioners and two past ministers who have dependent pensioners in the scheme. The scheme trustees have allocated the deficit by calculating an 'estimated employer debt' for each church and SHBC's estimated liability as at 31 January 2021 is £64,500 (£76,200 in 31 January 2020). The scheme closed to future accrual on 31 December 2011.

Note 4: Details of certain items of expenditure***Trustee expenses***

	2021	2020
Number of trustees who were paid expenses	None	None
Nature of the expenses		
Total amount paid	£nil	£nil

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from Station Hill Baptist Church.

Fee for examination of the accounts

	2021	2020
Independent examiner's fees	£nil	£nil

Note 5: Movement in funds

	Balance 31 January 2020 £	Incoming Resource s £	Resource s Expended £	Transfers in/(out) £	Balance 31 January 2021 £
Church Revenue fund	258,067	147,673	(130,436)	-	275,304
Mission Funds (restricted)					
ARM	225	21,990	(20,774)	-	1,441
Becky fund	-	3,383	(3,880)	497	-
Collected funds	414	9,024	(7,233)	-	2,205
Fellowship fund	1,554	7,386	(3,625)	-	5,315
Provis Fund	390	13,339	(13,250)	-	479
Mission tenth	3,910	15,846	(11,124)	(497)	8,135
	6,493	70,968	(59,886)	-	17,575
Total	264,560	218,641	(190,322)	-	292,879

Note 6: Fixed Assets

	2021		2020	
Cost	Property £	Equipment £	Property £	Equipment £
At 1 February	390,000	5,520	117,996	1,114
Additions			390,000	4,376
Disposals		(1,144)	(117,996)	-
At 31 January	390,000	4,377	390,000	5,520
Depreciation				
At 1 February	-	1,574	-	1,026
Depreciation	-	1,459	-	548
Disposals	-	(1,144)	-	-
At 31 January	-	1,889	-	1,574
Opening net book value as at 1 February	390,000	3,946	117,996	118
Closing net book value as at 31 January	390,000	2,488	390,000	3,946

Equipment is depreciated over 3 years on a straight-line basis.

During the year ended 31 January 2020 the 80% ownership of the Frogwell Park Manse was sold for £360,000 realising a profit net of costs of £240,973. A new manse was purchased in Plantation Road for £390,000.

SHBC additionally owns the Baptist Church on Station Hill. This is not recognised on the balance sheet as there is no reliable valuation for the building available.

Note 7: Debtors and prepayments

The debtors and prepayments balance of £11,693 (2020: £8,705) includes £10,257 (2020: £7,665) relating to gift-aid receivable from HMRC. This is expected to be received within one year.

Note 8: Loans

During the year ended 31 January 2020, SHBC repaid £50,000 of loans with members of the congregation. SHBC additionally entered into £50,000 of congregation loans to aid with purchase of the new manse. This is a long term loan which has no fixed date for settlement.

During the year, SHBC paid £18,000 (2020: £9,000) off the £180,000 10 year interest free loan. £18,000 of loan repayments are due to be paid within the next 12 months.

Note 9: Related party transactions

There has been no related party transactions during 2021 (2020: none).