

Taunton Baptist Church

2021 Annual Report



Taunton Baptist Church Review of 2021

Regular Activities

The regular activities of the Church continued disrupted during the year by when COVID 19 restrictions. During the lockdown periods we used the Zoom platform. When we were unable to sing due to the restrictions, we used songs provided from You Tube videos. During the summer we concluded our Sunday worship by singing a hymn in the open air. We continued to provide the opportunity for those who were at risk for health reasons to attend by Zoom and telephone. Total numbers worshipping were generally about 90 to 100 people.

The following activities were also held on Zoom during the lockdown period but resumed live in September 2021.

- Sunday Stars and Sparkz (Sunday activities for children and young people).
- "Girls Together" - a monthly meeting for ladies which moved to a Thursday morning from a Monday evening during the year.
- Messy Church, a monthly event for children and their parents and carers, providing opportunities for worship and creativity and including a meal.
- Home Groups.
- A monthly prayer meeting and prayer cells.

Being a church means that meeting together with one another for worship and prayer and the study of God's Word is important to us, as is the mandate to reach others with the good news of Jesus Christ. Pastoral care is also an important part of our life together, providing support for those facing particular problems and difficulties. With a considerable number of elderly people in our congregation, this is an important area of work. Our Home Groups are at the core of this work and several members are involved in home and hospital visits. These activities were limited by Covid but many contacts with those in need continued by phone calls and Zoom meetings.

Involvement of children and young people is also an important part of our activities. These are aimed at introducing people to the Christian faith in the context of fun and a variety of activities.

External Activities

After the Covid lockdown ended with other churches we have continued to support, and have members involved in:-

- Taunton Street Pastors which supports people on the streets of Taunton at weekends through the evenings into the early morning, helping to make the town safer;
- The Hospital Chaplaincy;
- Open Door which provides practical support for rough sleepers in Taunton;
- Town Centre Chaplaincy - volunteer chaplains are allocated to participating stores, offices and other places of employment and other locations such as a homeless hostel to be available to provide a listening ear or encouragement, etc. to staff and others;
- The Taunton Foodbank which provides emergency food for local people in crisis;
- Charis which has successfully provided accommodation and support to Syrian refugee families and advice to others working with refugee families;
- Taunton Area Debt Advice.

Ministry

Revd Richard Matcham continued to serve as our minister through 2021.

Our Families Worker, Lauren Jewhurst, also kept in contact with families using Zoom meetings until September when we were able to meet live again.

Proposals for employing an outreach worker to work amongst those aged 14 to 30, an age range which is significantly under-represented within our church were approved by the Church meeting in September 2020. Work on the search continued in 2021 but despite extensive advertising from October onwards no suitable candidate could be found.

Leadership

Our annual church meeting took place in March 2021. We held the elections for deacons and officers. Eric Skinner was re-elected as Elder. Janet Gillett, Viv Axford, and Mike Wager were each re-elected as deacons and William Venn as treasurer and Tim Walker as secretary, in each case for a further three years.

Church Weekend

WE were unable to hold our church weekend away due to Covid restrictions.

Church Membership

We welcomed 2 new members in 2021. 3 members died during the year (Jean Bell, Hazel Curl and Tony Hearn). Numbers attending and contributing to the life of the church fellowship remained stable.

Membership Statistics:

Membership as at 31st December 2019: 139

New members added: + 2

Less number of deaths in 2020: - 3

Membership as at 31st December 2021: 138

In August / September 2021, 5 members moved away to live closer to children – Revd Mike Vidler (who supported the Halcon fellowship for several years), Sue and David Corry (who had held various roles in the life of the church for nearly 20 years) and Jill and Keith Wilkie.

Tim Walker

Church Secretary

Home Group Report

A total of 8 home groups met regularly through 2021. One group divided into 2 at the end of the year. Regular attendance was about 70 people in total.

Each group chose its own materials throughout the year but at the end of the year plans were put in place for a shared course.

Two of these groups have met weekly with other groups meeting twice each month.

Most meetings were held on Zoom but some groups did manage to have some live meetings

In September we said farewell to Sue and David Corry who had hosted a group for many years. David had acted as coordinator of home groups for several years and we are very grateful to him for carrying this out so diligently.

Tim Walker

Families' Worker General Update

The 2021/2022 year has been interesting as we've flitted in and out of various Covid restrictions and now finally back to some sense of normality! I am pleased that with the exception of the lockdown in early 2021, we have been able to continue our Baby and Toddler Groups in person, and had the joy of being able to do a Holiday Bible Club as well.

I have really been able to get stuck in to the "family" side of the role by helping out families in need that I meet through Toddlers and Baby Group. Mary Hart very kindly arranged for me to become a referral agent for the Foodbank and I have already helped a family in this way. In addition I was able to access our Pastoral Support Fund on 2 occasions to help a family who were struggling to make ends meet, and another parent who is currently in Manchester Children's Hospital with her little boy as he undergoes treatment and a bone marrow transplant for a genetic disorder.

I have been wonderfully supported, as always, by my core team of volunteers but as is often the case it is the same people who step up each time. This consistency is good in many ways as familiar faces help children and families feel connected to the church, but it would always be good to have additional folk on the team as sadly a few of our groups and sessions have had to stop due to lack of helpers.

Holiday Bible Club

In August 2021 we had our “Wonder Zone” Holiday Club. It was brilliant to be able to run this again even with restrictions on numbers and activities, we still had around 36 children across the whole week and lots of fun was had! Our theme focused on the different ways science can help us understand more about God – whether that is through His creation, our own God-given sense of wonder, our free will, our purpose, and how Jesus brings light to the world.

We decided to run a 4 day club this year, with a Praise Party bringing things to a close on the Thursday evening. We had around 16 families join us for a café-style service, and were encouraged by support from church members as well.

We were also thrilled to have Harvey join us for the week and the children and young people really enjoyed seeing him again!

HBC for 2022 is provisionally booked for week beginning 22nd August. More details to follow!

Toddlers

We had to really rethink our Toddler group in a big way during 2020 and into 2021, but thankfully we were well supported by our families and helpers. Sadly we had to close our Wednesday session due to helpers standing down but our other sessions are well attended, and we have now stopped our pre-booking system so can accommodate more numbers. We have on average around 15-20 families at the Monday and Tuesday morning sessions, and around 6 families regularly attending the Monday afternoon session.

We welcomed Jo onto the Monday morning team – she used to attend with her children and is a fantastic help to us, serving drinks and chatting to parents.

We have also recently welcomed Sumi Hossain to the Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning team. Sumi’s children used to attend our KidZone and Holiday Bible Club around 10-12 years ago and I was really touched that she knew she could approach us to ask if she could volunteer and build up her confidence in speaking English and gain experience she may be able to use elsewhere in the future.

Baby Group

Our Baby group is a lovely group where parents (mostly mums but the occasional dad!) bring babies under 1 or not yet walking to a safe and fun space. I am assisted by Leda who helps to welcome the parents and provide them with much needed hot drinks and biscuits! During the Covid restrictions we moved the group from the Albemarle Room to the Hall where we had more space for the families to social distance. This has been so successful we have decided to stay in the Hall permanently. It’s a good job too as on some weeks we have had between 15 and 20 families attending!

The session tends to follow the same pattern of welcoming the families, singing time, then a time to chat and catch up with each other. Now that Covid restrictions have lifted we are hoping to ask Lorraine from FABT to do some basic paediatric first aid for us, and also possibly asking Kate from the local Sling and Nappy Library to come and chat to the parents about slings and cloth nappy options. We had a Christmas party at the end of the year with a little nativity play/singing and a gift for each baby as well as a craft that parents could do and take home.

Some of our families have attended Messy Church, and some have “graduated” to our toddler groups when their baby is too old to come or when mum goes back to work. Baby Group is special because it is not just a social group or play group for the babies – we offer a listening ear for mums as well, a shoulder to cry on if necessary, and some have contacted me outside of group to ask for prayer support. It genuinely brings me joy when I see parents encouraging and supporting each other – when a mum with a newborn comes in struggling to cope and is supported by a mum with an older baby, for that mum to hear someone say “It will get better!” really makes a difference and I can often see the transformation as the weeks go on and then witness that mum support someone else. I am also really proud of the way we welcome and support families from the local family assessment units who attend with a support worker. It is lovely to treat them as a “normal” parent with no judging or scrutiny. Leda and I feel really privileged to work with this lovely group.

For both Toddlers and Baby Group we occasionally get verbal feedback from the parents and support workers who tell us how welcoming and friendly the group is. Parents in the “Mums of Taunton” Facebook Group also recommend us on a regular basis when someone is asking for groups in the local area.

Messy Church

I was thrilled to be able to restart Messy Church in April 2021, at first with limited numbers and no meal, but then opening up to more families and providing a hot meal again from September. We are still operating a pre-booking system as this helps us with numbers, and also helps us get to know families who book in regularly. We have around 60-65 people attending, usually 15 or so families.

The meals over the past few months have been provided for by Richard and Rachael, or Jane and Julian and we are so grateful to them for providing it. The families really appreciate it especially as it's one less meal for them to cook at home!

Sunday Stars

We continued with our online sessions throughout most of 2021 and these were really encouraging. Despite missing seeing the children face to face, I was really encouraged by how much they engaged with the sessions. We met again in person in September 2021 but sadly one or 2 families, for whom the online sessions were easier to attend, have not been able to join us. We are in contact with them in other ways e.g. through Messy Church and regular emails.

In September I also took the decision to change the name of our group to Sunday Stars, with each age group having their own name to reflect faith and spiritual development stages – Little Stars (creche), Shooting Stars (3-5s), Shining Stars (6-11s) and Sparkz (11-16s). Unfortunately on coming back from Covid restrictions I lost quite a few of my helpers from the creche team and while I have a good number of helpers in the other groups I am low on those who are happy to plan and lead a session. We are managing ok at the moment but any new volunteers to this important area of ministry would be very welcome, in order to free up those who are missing out on regular worship because of their commitment to leading the group.

Schools Work

I am undertaking regular assemblies at Blackbrook Primary School – up until this month these were taking place over Zoom and while I'm grateful to be able to keep that contact going, I am very excited to be back in the school in person again! I was able to get in to see the Year 6s at the end of the summer term in 2021 and give out the Scripture Union "It's Your Move" books ready for their transition to secondary school.

In September 2021 I stepped down from the Governing Board at St James' School after 9 years there. It was a difficult decision but I felt it was necessary as I was struggling to give them the time they needed for monitoring, assessing and supporting staff. However, I am still able to go in to the Nursery and Reception Classes fortnightly to do reflective Bible Storytelling with them and I am grateful that I can keep that relationship going for now.

Lauren Jewhurst

Families' Worker

Sparkz Youth Group

The Sparkz youth group continued to meet on zoom every Sunday afternoon throughout the Covid lockdown. As soon as church reopened we recommenced face to face sessions. We have continued to use materials created by Urban Saints and followed courses on Bible Characters and Apologetics. From January 2022 we have been looking at Christian Living. The group presented a drama at the Church weekend away in February this year based on the parable of the talents which they wrote and directed. It was good to see how well they worked together and learnt more about Jesus's teaching about Christian living. The modern-day version included a master going on a round the world trip and servants who either traded in Bitcoin, ran a party planning business or hid their money under a beanie to keep it safe. The latter servant was 'fired' at the end of the drama. We have lively discussions and continue to explore the place of Jesus in their lives as they navigate their secular school world. Between 3-6 young people attend each week and we now have five leaders without whom none of this would be possible.

Janet Gillett

Safeguarding Report for AGM

Covid lockdown has presented a new set of challenges from a safeguarding perspective when the ongoing training schedule was disrupted and our contact with the children and youth was all via zoom. At all times guidance for zoom meetings from the BU was followed and there were always 2 adults in each session. SWBA provided some online safeguarding refresher materials that all those DBS checked and with online access viewed. A short video about safeguarding was also shown at a Church Meeting in May 2021. The safeguarding policy was updated in June 2021 to include more details about social media and cyberspace safeguarding.

There are now 45 people involved in Church activities requiring a DBS check and these are all up to date. SWBA delivered level 2 safeguarding training on February 26th 2022, and 39 people were able to attend this face to face. I anticipate that there will be level 3 training for the Trustees, pastor and Children's and Family worker later this summer.

There have been no reported safeguarding incidents in the past year.

I am grateful for the support of the Trustees and the deputy safeguarding team: Julian Morant, Steve Purches and Karen Maxwell.

Janet Gillett

Designated Safeguarding Lead

Rendezvous

After the lengthy Covid lockdown period we had a grand re opening on June 15th.. Not having met since March 2020 it was so good to meet up with everyone again, instead of relying on phone calls and doorstep visits. On this afternoon, David Corry showed pictures on the screen that he had used through the year on his regular very welcome letters that he sent out. In July we met for a cream tea by kind invitation of Liz and David in their lovely garden, all undercover in case of rain. Jane and Julian kindly waited on us and we enjoyed a lovely afternoon together. We met again in August for a summer meal at the church where again Jane helped Janice and myself with all the preparations.

It was great to resume our regular meetings in September with Eric joining me as co-leader. We now meet in the sanctuary every Tuesday afternoon during term time from 2.30 – 3.45. We begin with tea and biscuits/cakes, seated around small tables and end with another cuppa etc. Our programme varies, but generally includes some singing, prayers, sharing time, readings and a speaker. Our speakers cover devotional talks, testimonies, representatives from charities, plus topics on our general well being. Since September, our minister, Richard, shared some of his own poetry; Mary Hart spoke about the food bank in the lockdown. Graham Weetman shared his life as a dairy farmer. We had an afternoon with a representative from the Missionary Aviation Fellowship, with pictures. Michael Matcham shared his story. Ann Thomas, a vicar's wife, shared her bank robber grandad's story, From Black Sheep to Christ. Steve Reed and Hazel Hare shared devotional talks. We enjoyed a musical afternoon arranged by Hazel Reed, and finished in December with a Christmas afternoon:- Carols, readings and a tea enjoyed by all. At all our meetings Mavis Skeggs has a table filled with cards for all occasions both bought and her beautiful hand made ones. These are much appreciated by all our members.

Eric and I would like to record our grateful thanks to Janusz for arranging the room each week; Mike Wager and Ron Powell for all their help at the sound desk; Hazel Reed, our pianist; our hard working committee, and all who contribute to our weekly meetings. At present we have over 40 members with an average attendance of over thirty. We welcomed some new members in September and we would love to welcome more. A very warm welcome awaits anyone who would like to join us.

Dorothy Skinner

"Girls" Together

"Girls" Together resumed meeting in April 2021. Our first meeting was coffee & chat. In May Richard our Minister came to talk to us, in June Rachael spoke to us followed in July by Michael Richard's dad. All talks enjoyed by us all. We did not meet in August.

- September Mike Wager spoke on Recollections of a French Master.

- October was our Programme Planning Meeting.
- November Janel Gillett talk was Janet's Journey.
- December Bring and share afternoon tea with Christmas Carols.
- Our meetings were well attended and we look forward to another successful year.

Iris Powell

COFFEE PLUS 2021

Coffee Plus is now well established. We began again, after lockdown on the 21st May. And numbers gradually built up again. We meet every Friday morning, from 10.00 – 12.30 and welcome all who would like to attend for the whole morning or just part of it. Our highest number has been 18 and we regularly welcome over 10. As we keep going through the school holidays it has been great to welcome Carl Regan's lovely girls who have joined Carl and Jonathan Wager in the group. Our members enjoy coffee and biscuits (and sometimes doughnuts and cakes) and it is great to hear the happy chatter, exchange of ideas and the making of new friendships. At present the group includes church members and friends, also 12 regulars who have no church connection with us. Two of these joined us on the recent church weekend, which is great. We are delighted that members with carers attend and it has been so rewarding to see them change from shy and uneasy, to arriving with big smiles and greetings, and are really enjoying the crafts and board games.

Our activities at present include paper craft, card making, and memory albums (scrap booking), knitting, crochet, cross stitch, sketching, colouring, games, puzzles and crosswords. We would be happy to include other crafts, and welcome anyone who would just like to enjoy coffee and chat, or help with the serving of the refreshments.

Mavis and I would like to thank Janusz for arranging the room each week, and also James as we sometimes need more chairs or an extra table. We also appreciate his encouragement. We are also very grateful to Gail Macrow who founded and managed the craft centre at Monkton Elms until she retired. Gail has been with us from the start and has been a great help with equipment and practical help etc. She can turn her hand to anything 'crafty'. A warm welcome awaits anyone who would like to join us.

Dorothy Skinner & Mavis Skeggs

Prayer Ministry

Prayer is central to everything we do at Taunton Baptist Church, and we believe that we are called to minister to one another in prayer. We believe that praying about situations brings God into those situations – and that He can and will help us through even the hardest times.

A new [Prayer leaflet](#) has been developed and is available in the leaflet racks at church and also on the website. It reminds us that we can ask for prayer:

- After the Sunday morning service (especially if God has spoken to you during the service)
- Within a small group (homegroup or prayer cell)
- Via the 'Prayer Network' (prayer@tauntonbaptist.org)
- Request a Prayer Ministry Appointment

The Prayer Network continues to be an effective way of circulating prayer needs on a confidential basis. During the year coordination of this passed from Sue & David Corry to Sue & Richard Brown (with Bob and Mary Hart deputising), and the email distribution is now managed through a secure 'Mailchimp' system. In addition, the option to submit prayer requests via the website has been introduced so that people outside the church can ask us to pray for them: <https://tauntonbaptist.org/whats-on/prayer/> and this has been used on a few occasions.

Praying for one another is such an important way in which we can show our love and care for each other and share needs with our Father in heaven. May we thank you all for your prayers and encourage you in your continuing faithful prayer ministry.

Andy Harewood

Knit and Natter

Knit and Natter has managed to keep going throughout all of the Covid times, doing the best we can to keep in touch with everyone through zoom, our WhatsApp group, a few emails and other social media outlets. It was lovely to meet back up again in early summer last year and our numbers have been slowly creeping back up as people felt more comfortable meeting face to face, with 10-12 being a normal number again now, although we can have up to 15 or so and may do this weekend for our 8th birthday!

We still get new people joining the group – 3 new faces in the last 3 weeks, though that is unusual- and most of the ladies who come are not associated with any Church, although a small number do come to TBC.

We would ask that you pray for Christine and I that we can keep on showing God's love to them and talking about Him and for all of the ladies that attend that they will draw closer to God, whatever has happened in their past, feel His healing and come to know Him. Thank you.

Anne Hopkins

Church Weekend 4 – 6 February 2022

Late afternoon on Friday 4th February, 94 of us made the journey by car or coach to the Clifton Hotel in Torquay for our 5th church weekend. Sadly a small number were unable to go due to illness, including Richard, Rachael & Laura who had tested positive for Covid. We were made very welcome by the hotel and after a 1st evening dinner we all gathered together for a short time. We were delighted that our link missionaries Peter & Louise Lynch were with us and they shared some of their life and work in Bangladesh.

After breakfast on Saturday morning, we once again met together for a morning of worship, prayer and teaching from Charles Deakin. The younger members also met together in a nearby room. Saturday afternoon was free for us all to spend as we pleased and many took advantage of the beautiful sunshine to stroll down to the seafront ... although there was a bit of a bracing wind!!

After dinner, as had become TBC tradition was our entertainment & talent evening, compered by Tony Shaw. An excellent variety of "acts" performed, ending with a musical finale for everyone to join in to.

Sunday morning we all joined together for a traditional morning service including communion and the children joined us at the end to show what they had been doing in their groups. After a delicious 2 course lunch, we said our goodbyes and returned to our homes.

Janet Blake

Website Report

Following the development of a new church logo/corporate image, Taunton Baptist Church developed a new website www.tauntonbaptist.org which was launched on 1 November 2021.

The new website provides a home page that is both visually appealing and provides a dynamic content: a welcome video; an 'Upcoming events' section which automatically displays the next date of selected events; links to TBC's social media (Facebook, YouTube, Instagram, Podcast); and numerous hyperlinks which direct the user to other web pages.

The menu structure has been redesigned around 4 main headings: 'About', 'Sunday' 'What's on', 'Members' plus a page in both English and Cantonese providing details of the Somerset Chinese Christian Church. In the 'Members' area there are pages that can only be accessed with an individual password by members and regular attenders and pages that can only be accessed by members only. (If you don't have access, go to <https://tauntonbaptist.org/contact/> and select enquiry: 'Request Member/Attender Access')

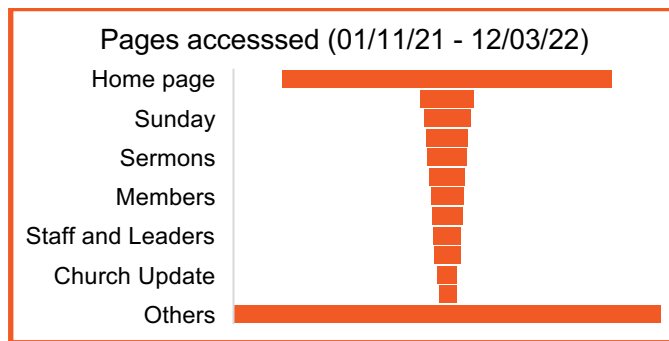
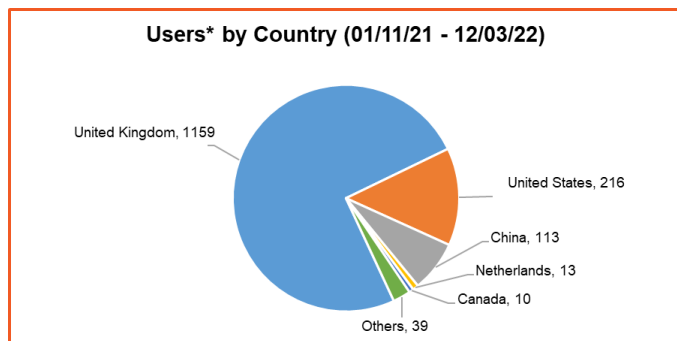
The 'Sermons' page enables recordings of previous sermons to be watched, listened to or downloaded.

Rather than advertising email addresses (which are vulnerable to 'spamming'), the site makes use of various contact forms to provide a secure way of people making contact with various members of staff and coordinators within the

church including prayer, children's work, admin matters and room hire. In the four and a half months since launching these have been used 31 times.

In addition to the Webmaster and Administrator, it is planned that group leaders/coordinators will have access to edit their own pages.

The following analytics (01/11/21 – 12/03/22) may be of interest:



Total users* 1550 with an average engagement time of 2m 35s

Total page views 10,214, with an average of 6.5 pages per user*

** Number of users determined by individual cookie management*

Andy Harewood

Webmaster

Administrator's Report

Most of 2021 James was able to be back working in the church office as we moved from one set of Covid restrictions to another. From April many of the restrictions were lifted and outside groups were able to start coming back to hire rooms for their activities. Outside group bookings included:

- Amicus Law Legal Surgery Support Group
- Band Practice
- Big Noise Street Band
- Castle School Visit
- Memory Clinic
- Family First Service Training
- First Aid Training
- Hiding Place (Oddments Theatre)
- Wednesday Night Orchestra
- Quantock Club Coffee Morning
- School of Dance
- Sewing Classes
- Slimming World
- Somerset Chinese Church
- Somerset Industrial Archaeological Society
- St. John's Ambulance Fellowship
- Taunton Area Debt Advice
- Taunton Guides

Throughout the year there were approximately 190 different activities, including church activities. A total of over 1300 activities/appointments entered in the administrator's calendar.

James McKee

Administrator

TAUNTON BAPTIST CHURCH

ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 DECEMBER 2021

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES
OF TAUNTON BAPTIST CHURCH**

I report on the accounts of Taunton Baptist Church for the year ended 31 December 2021, which incorporate the Statement of Financial Activities, The Balance Sheet and accompanying Notes to the Accounts.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not requirement for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011. The charity's trustees have requested me to undertake an independent examination and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

It is my responsibility to; examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act; to follow procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioner under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and to state whether particular matter have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the 2011 Act.have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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4th May 2022

TAUNTON BAPTIST CHURCH
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
For the year ended 31 December 2021

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2021 £	2020 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
<i>Incoming resources from donors</i>	2	106,079	-	106,079	104,407
<i>Other voluntary incoming resources</i>	3	1,611	3,533	5,144	21,196
<i>Income from charitable and ancillary trading</i>	4	19,810	-	19,810	15,499
<i>Income from investments</i>	5	1,149	-	1,149	1,534
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		<u>128,649</u>	<u>3,533</u>	<u>132,182</u>	<u>142,636</u>
RESOURCES USED					
<i>Grants</i>	6	17,454	3,533	20,987	20,965
<i>Activities relating directly to the work of the church</i>	7	66,223	-	66,223	102,667
<i>Church management and administration</i>	8	40,262	-	40,262	39,210
TOTAL RESOURCES USED		<u>123,939</u>	<u>3,533</u>	<u>127,472</u>	<u>162,842</u>
NET (OUTGOING) / INCOMING RESOURCES		4,710	-	4,710	(20,206)
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		<u>4,710</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,710</u>	<u>(20,206)</u>
BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD		162,063	196,925	358,988	379,194
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>166,773</u></u>	<u><u>196,925</u></u>	<u><u>363,698</u></u>	<u><u>358,988</u></u>

TAUNTON BAPTIST CHURCH
BALANCE SHEET
As at 31 December 2021

		2021		2020	
	Note	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
<i>Tangible fixed assets</i>	9		210,620		207,021
<i>Investments - Redwood Bank</i>			87,945		87,009
CURRENT ASSETS					
<i>Debtors</i>		6,880		3,834	
<i>Cash at bank and in hand</i>	10	66,843		67,120	
		<u>73,723</u>		<u>70,954</u>	
LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR					
		<u>8,590</u>		<u>5,996</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
			65,133		64,958
NET ASSETS					
			<u>363,698</u>		<u>358,988</u>
FUNDS					
Unrestricted			166,773		162,063
Restricted:	11				
<i>Special collections</i>		925		925	
		<u>925</u>		<u>925</u>	
Endowment	12		196,000		196,000
			<u>363,698</u>		<u>358,988</u>

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

TAUNTON BAPTIST CHURCH
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended 31 December 2021

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value.

(a) Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts.

No value is placed on moveable church furnishings which are regarded as inalienable from the church buildings.

Improvements to the church buildings are written off in the year expended, Equipment is capitalised at cost.

(b) Depreciation is calculated to write off assets on a straight line over 10 years from the date of purchase.

(c) Incoming Resources: All incoming resources are recognised once the charity has entitlement to the resources, it is certain that the resources will be received and the monetary value of incoming resources can be measured with sufficient reliability.

(d) Resources expended: Liabilities are recognised as resources expended as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

(e) Funds: Unrestricted funds represent funds of the Church that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application to general purposes. Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor or trust deed. Details are in note 11 to the accounts.

2 INCOMING RESOURCES FROM DONORS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
			2021 £	2020 £
Offerings	71,427	-	71,427	79,726
Tax recoverable	15,794	-	15,794	15,136
Sundry grants and donations	18,858	-	18,858	9,545
	<u>106,079</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>106,079</u>	<u>104,407</u>

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3 OTHER VOLUNTARY INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
			2021 £	2020 £
Donations	54	3,533	3,587	3,573
Linked groups	1,557	-	1,557	1,334
Legacies	-	-	-	16,289
	<u>1,611</u>	<u>3,533</u>	<u>5,144</u>	<u>21,196</u>

4 INCOME FROM CHARITABLE AND ANCILLARY TRADING

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
			2021 £	2020 £
Rents	19,810	-	19,810	15,499
	<u>19,810</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,810</u>	<u>15,499</u>

5 INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
			2021 £	2020 £
Interest	<u>1,149</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,149</u>	<u>1,534</u>

6 GRANTS - CHARITABLE GIVING

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
			2021 £	2020 £
Baptist Missionary Society	6,252	-	6,252	6,471
Home Mission	6,252	-	6,252	6,246
B M S Christmas Appeal	-	811	811	1,538
B M S Birthday Scheme	-	1,048	1,048	1,110
B M S other	250	-	250	1,000
Other	4,700	1,674	6,374	4,600
	<u>17,454</u>	<u>3,533</u>	<u>20,987</u>	<u>20,965</u>

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7 ACTIVITIES DIRECTLY RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
			2021 £	2020 £
Ministry Team	38,746	-	38,746	36,882
Church building maintenance	225	-	225	36,641
Pulpit supplies	2,055	-	2,055	1,905
Insurance	6,312	-	6,312	6,502
Lighting and heating	3,247	-	3,247	3,972
Rates and water	423	-	423	744
Weekend	-	-	-	1,060
Children and Youth work	12,130	-	12,130	11,083
Training - SWYM	-	-	-	1,600
Outreach	218	-	218	200
Depreciation	864	-	864	1,431
Linked groups	2,003	-	2,003	647
	<u>66,223</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>66,223</u>	<u>102,667</u>

8 CHURCH MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
			2021 £	2020 £
Administrator and caretaker	27,624	-	27,624	24,520
Stationery and office expenses	6,989	-	6,989	7,404
Miscellaneous	865	-	865	350
Other property maintenance	4,784	-	4,784	6,756
Accountancy	-	-	-	180
	<u>40,262</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40,262</u>	<u>39,210</u>

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9 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
			2021 £	2020 £
Land - purchased	-	4,000	4,000	4,000
Manse at valuation	-	196,000	196,000	196,000
	-	200,000	200,000	200,000
Equipment and furnishings				
Book value at 1 January 2020	7,021	-	7,021	3,488
Additions	4,463	-	4,463	4,964
	11,484	-	11,484	8,452
Depreciation	864	-	864	1,431
	10,620	-	10,620	7,021
Total	10,620	200,000	210,620	207,021

Items of furniture and equipment held since before 1996 are not included in the above.

The church buildings and contents were insured for the following amounts for the year to December 2021:

	£
Buildings	5,836,457
Contents	208,445
Manse	339,122
Manse contents	5,782

10 CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	2021 £	2020 £
Lloyds	1	1
CafCash	2,927	2,142
Baptists Together	16,203	51,741
CafGold account	10,327	725
Linked Groups cash	296	338
Baptists Together 7 day account	36,922	12,173
Cash in Hand	167	-
	66,843	67,120

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11 RESTRICTED FUNDS

	2021	2020
	£	£
Special Collections Fund		
Balance b/fwd	925	-
Donations	3,533	3,573
Interest	-	-
	<u>4,458</u>	<u>3,573</u>
Giving	<u>3,533</u>	<u>2,648</u>
	<u>925</u>	<u>925</u>

12 ENDOWMENT FUNDS

	2021	2020
	£	£
Manse		
Valuation b/fwd	196,000	196,000
Revaluation in the year	-	-
	<u>196,000</u>	<u>196,000</u>

The Manse buildings are treated as Endowments because although the income generated from them can be used for general purposes the capital has to remain intact.