



Trustees' Annual Report 1 April 2020 – 31 March 2021

Charity Number: 1133718

Trustees

Trustee Name	Office	Dates acted if not for whole year	Appointed by
Vacant	Minister		Church Meeting
Geoff Day	Safeguarding Trustee		Church Meeting
Robin Scoulding	Secretary		Church Meeting
Liz Cowburn			Church Meeting
Jenny Evans	Treasurer		Church Meeting
Tim Curtis			Church Meeting
Jude James			Church Meeting

Name and addresses of advisers

Bankers	Barclays Bank	Barclays, Leicester, LE87 2BB
Solicitors	Anthony Collins	143 Edmund Street, Birmingham, B3 2ES
Accountants & Auditors	DRE & Co	6 Claremont Buildings, Claremont Bank, Shrewsbury, SY1 1RJ
Architects	Howl Associates	10 Park Plaza, Battlefield Enterprise Park, Shrewsbury, SY1 1RJ

Description of the charity's trusts

Trust constitution is based upon the Baptist Union Corporation Constitution for Baptist Churches. The Constitution was adopted on 12 November 2009.

Charity Trustees are elected at a Church Meeting from among the membership of the Church.

Governance

Direction and leadership of the church is provided by a Leadership Team comprising the Senior Minister, the Associate Minister (if any) and the other Trustees.

The Charity Trustees are accountable to the Church Meeting which comprises all members of the church. Church meetings are held four times each year.

The number of Charity Trustees is determined by the Church Meeting which, on 12 November 2009, decided that there should be no fewer than two Trustees and, on 6 November 2011, decided that there should be no more than seven Trustees (in addition to the Ministers).

The staff of the Church includes the Senior Minister and other paid staff including managers for the Central and Crowmoor buildings and a cleaner.

The Church is a member of the Baptist Union and the Heart of England Baptist Association.

Objectives and activities

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

The Trustees have read and are mindful of the Charity Commission's guidance on the public benefit including the specific guidance on the advancement of religion for the public benefit.

In order to achieve our principal objects, we provide a range of activities for our local community and our members. The aim is to show the love of Jesus Christ in word and deed, and to bring people into a closer relationship with Him as their living Lord.

Our activities providing a public benefit specifically include:

- Family-friendly church services, to which all are welcome, with a children's programme and crèche.
- Toddlers' groups, both at the church premises and in the town centre
- Small groups for the growth of faith and discipleship.
- A wide range of regular activities and special events for young people, adults, families and older people including holiday clubs, community meals and social events.
- Working with local schools, colleges and other voluntary groups.
- Supporting, and making our buildings available for use by community groups including a weekly job club and Dementia Café.
- Wednesday night community meal which seeks to bless some vulnerable folk and rough sleepers

Grant Making

The church provides financial support to a number of national and international organisations and activities with aims and objectives compatible with its own charitable purpose including, but not limited to, the Baptist Union Home Mission Fund. The church supports members working in needy communities in the UK and overseas.

Volunteers

All members of the church are encouraged to take an appropriate part in the life of the church and the furtherance of its charitable objects. Many of our activities are delivered by volunteers, including the leadership of the various ministries and helping with practical tasks. It is by working together that we can grow as a community, and engage with the needs of our wider community. Volunteer leaders are accountable to the Trustees and to the Church Meeting.

Achievements and performance

We believe God has called us to be ONE church with TWO buildings, both primarily for the benefit of the two different communities with whom we are privileged to work. Throughout the year 2020-21 we have sought to bring Jesus into the heart of the community, both in the town centre and in the Monkmoor area.

Engaging with the community

Our mission is to re-engage with the community. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, a number of our regular activities were put on hold or adapted for online delivery.

We have continued to develop excellent relationships with organisations working in both areas, including the local Council, schools and community groups. Examples include:

- We continue to liaise with and assist the community-focused coffee shop, “Palmers” in our town centre building.
- Monkmoor Friends – community liaison group.
- Music Therapy – support for children and adults with special needs - at Crowmoor
- Activities linked to Shrewsbury Food Hub
- Links with Shrewsbury Street Pastors
- Links with Shrewsbury Youth for Christ
- A team: “Open the Book” provides support for R.E. lessons and assemblies.
- INFG group for men

Discipleship and prayer

Our current activities include:

- Regular church services
- Regular Home Groups in various locations
- Various prayer groups.

Governance and Finance

A detailed budget was agreed by church members in January 2020.

Policies

All of the Church policies are subject to regular review by the Trustees.

External mission

- Matthew & Esther Howes continues as supported church missionaries. He is living and working in a Muslim community in the West Midlands under the auspices of WEC.
- Jon and Elise Fletcher continue as supported church missionaries. They and their family have been in Thailand since September 2014 living and working in a slum district of Bangkok under the auspices of Urban Neighbours of Hope.
- Judy Cook continues as a supported missionary in her work at Hope Home, Chiang Mai, Thailand.
- We have continued to support the Baptist Missionary Society and other missionary organisations

Conclusion

The year 2020-2021 has seen the Church navigate through a difficult year. The pandemic brought several challenges with a number of activities, at the church and within the local communities, put on hold or moved to an online provision. We still operate on the basis that we are One church with Two buildings, primarily for the benefit of the two different communities we serve.

In the year ahead we will continue to explore new ways of bringing Jesus into the heart of the community, both at Central and Crowmoor. The challenges are enormous – the opportunities equally so.

Financial Review

The Trustees are satisfied that they have sufficient reserves at the Balance Sheet date, together with ongoing income anticipated, to enable the church to function effectively in the coming year. They are committed to achieving a reserves policy which complies with Charity Commission guidelines.

The church's principal source of funding is the regular, personal giving of its members.

The church also receives income from hiring out the Crowmoor and Central buildings for use by community groups not otherwise connected with the church.

The trustees also utilised the government's furlough scheme during this financial year.

The financial results for 2020-2021, together with a summary of the accounting policies adopted, are set out in the financial statements.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

J Evans

R Scoulding

Full name(s)

Jenny Evans

Rob Scoulding

Position

Treasurer

Secretary

Date

20 December 2021

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021
FOR
SHREWSBURY BAPTIST CHURCH

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SHREWSBURY BAPTIST CHURCH

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SHREWSBURY BAPTIST CHURCH

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

TRUSTEES

G Day
R Scoulding
Mrs D E Cowburn
Mrs J James
T Curtis
Mrs J Evans

PRINCIPAL ADDRESS

Crowmere Road
Shrewsbury
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**REGISTERED CHARITY
NUMBER**

1133718

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
SHREWSBURY BAPTIST CHURCH

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Shrewsbury Baptist Church

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Shrewsbury Baptist Church (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

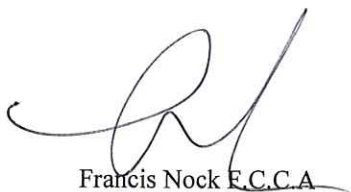
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



Francis Nock F.C.C.A.
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Date: 11 January 2022

SHREWSBURY BAPTIST CHURCH**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.21 Total funds £	31.3.20 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	93,724	-	93,724	81,846
Other trading activities	3	2,365	-	2,365	47,555
Investment income	4	<u>6</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>32</u>
Total		96,095	1	96,096	129,433
 EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Ministry		42,682	-	42,682	70,977
Mission		13,738	-	13,738	13,682
Establishment		31,903	-	31,903	48,462
Other		<u>314</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>314</u>	<u>426</u>
Total		88,637	-	88,637	133,547
 NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		 7,458	 1	 7,459	 (4,114)
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		9,510	13,441	22,951	27,065
 TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		 <u>16,968</u>	 <u>13,442</u>	 <u>30,410</u>	 <u>22,951</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

SHREWSBURY BAPTIST CHURCH**BALANCE SHEET**
31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.21 Total funds £	31.3.20 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	8	2,029	-	2,029	2,343
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	9	100	-	100	-
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>15,935</u>	<u>13,442</u>	<u>29,377</u>	<u>22,797</u>
		16,035	13,442	29,477	22,797
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>(1,008)</u>	-	<u>(1,008)</u>	<u>(1,093)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>15,027</u>	<u>13,442</u>	<u>28,469</u>	<u>21,704</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		17,056	13,442	30,498	24,047
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	11	<u>(88)</u>	-	<u>(88)</u>	<u>(1,096)</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>16,968</u>	<u>13,442</u>	<u>30,410</u>	<u>22,951</u>
FUNDS	13				
Unrestricted funds				16,968	9,510
Restricted funds				<u>13,442</u>	<u>13,441</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>30,410</u>	<u>22,951</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 11 January 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:



J Evans - Trustee

SHREWSBURY BAPTIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

Donations

Donations are accounted for gross when received.

Tax refunds

Gift aid refunds are included when received.

Legacies

Legacies are accounted for when their receipt is certain and can be properly quantified.

Investment Income

Investment income is included in the accounts in the year in which it is receivable.

Fund raising and publicity costs

The church does not make formal appeals for funds, and expenditure on these items is therefore not material.

Grants payable

The church makes grants to other organisations whose charitable objects compliments its work. They are accounted for in the year in which they are paid.

Governance costs

This represents direct expenditure on the governance of the church. Most of the management is carried out without charge by volunteers. This intangible cost is not included in the Statement of Financial Activities since there is no measurable cost to the volunteers for their service.

Fixed assets

The church premises are included in the notes to the accounts at insurance value because reliable cost information is not available, and valuation would incur significant costs which would be onerous compared with the additional benefit gained by the user of the accounts.

Furniture and equipment in the church premises is included at cost or net realisable value.

Depreciation

Depreciation has not been charged on the church or manse premises, because in the opinion of the Trustees, the residual value of the asset is not less than the original cost price.

Depreciation on other fixed assets is calculated to write off the cost on a straight line basis over their expected useful life, at the following rates:

Furniture and fittings	10%
Computers and equipment	33%

Or such rates as the church decides

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The church is an employer participating in a pension scheme known as the Baptist Pension Scheme ("the scheme"). The scheme is a separate entity which is administered by the Pension Trustee (Baptist Pension Trust Limited).

The Minister and some members of the church staff are eligible to join the Scheme, which is not contracted out of the State Second Pension.

SHREWSBURY BAPTIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Donations	10,447	15,822
Offerings	43,599	52,338
Tax refunds	11,785	13,686
Grants- CJRS	<u>27,893</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>93,724</u>	<u>81,846</u>

3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Other trading income	<u>2,365</u>	<u>47,555</u>

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Interest receivable - trading	<u>7</u>	<u>32</u>

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

The following trustees were paid remuneration for providing services to the charity under employment contracts:

Mrs J Evans: £15,555 (2020: £11,336)

Mrs J James: £18,938 (2020: £18,929)

No trustees were remunerated for performing their duties as a trustee for the year ended 31 March 2021 nor for the year ended 31 March 2020.

Trustees' expenses

During the year, the following general expenses were reimbursed to trustees:

Mrs D E Cowburn: £191 (2020: £116), Mrs J James: £326 (2020: £774), Mrs J Evans: £530 (2020: £3,488) and Mr R Scoulding £47 (2020: £106).

6. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.21	31.3.20
Employees	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

SHREWSBURY BAPTIST CHURCH**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	75,181	6,665	81,846
Other trading activities	47,555	-	47,555
Investment income	<u>32</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>32</u>
Total	122,768	6,665	129,433
 EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Ministry	63,532	7,445	70,977
Mission	13,682	-	13,682
Establishment	45,710	2,752	48,462
Other	<u>426</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>426</u>
Total	123,350	10,197	133,547
 NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(582)	(3,532)	(4,114)
 Transfers between funds	<u>(1,193)</u>	<u>1,193</u>	<u>-</u>
 Net movement in funds	(1,775)	(2,339)	(4,114)
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
 Total funds brought forward	11,284	15,781	27,065
 TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>9,509</u>	<u>13,442</u>	<u>22,951</u>

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021	<u>3,143</u>	<u>360</u>	<u>3,503</u>
 DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2020	800	360	1,160
Charge for year	<u>314</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>314</u>
At 31 March 2021	<u>1,114</u>	<u>360</u>	<u>1,474</u>
 NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2021	<u>2,029</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,029</u>
At 31 March 2020	<u>2,343</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,343</u>

SHREWSBURY BAPTIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

9. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Other debtors	<u>100</u>	<u>-</u>

10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 12)	1,008	1,008
Taxation and social security	<u>-</u>	<u>85</u>
	<u>1,008</u>	<u>1,093</u>

11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Bank loans (see note 12)	<u>88</u>	<u>1,096</u>

12. LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Bank loans	<u>1,008</u>	<u>1,008</u>
Amounts falling between one and two years:		
Bank loans - 1-2 years	<u>88</u>	<u>1,096</u>

13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.20	Net movement in funds	At 31.3.21
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	9,510	7,458	16,968
Restricted funds			
Mission Giving	218	-	218
Romaian Orphanage	24	-	24
Senior moments event	915	-	915
First Tuesday			
	91	-	91
Gift Day	2,322	-	2,322
Mike Breeze Legacy	6,100	-	6,100
Dementia Cafe	<u>3,771</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3,772</u>
	<u>13,441</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>13,442</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>22,951</u>	<u>7,459</u>	<u>30,410</u>

SHREWSBURY BAPTIST CHURCH**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	96,095	(88,637)	7,458
Restricted funds			
Dementia Cafe	1	-	1
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TOTAL FUNDS	96,096	(88,637)	7,459

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.19 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.20 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	11,282	(582)	(1,190)	9,510
Designated	<hr/> 2	<hr/> 1	<hr/> (3)	<hr/> -
	11,284	(581)	(1,193)	9,510
Restricted funds				
Home mission				
	142	76	-	218
Flower Fund	52	(52)	-	-
Romaian Orphange	25	(1)	-	24
Senior moments event	716	199	-	915
First Tuesday				
	50	41	-	91
Gift Day	2,162	160	-	2,322
Mike Breeze Legacy	6,834	(734)	-	6,100
Workman Visa Account				
	1,427	(2,620)	1,193	-
Central Manager Fund	1,373	(1,373)	-	-
Dementia Cafe	<hr/> 3,000	<hr/> 771	<hr/> -	<hr/> 3,771
	<hr/> 15,781	<hr/> (3,533)	<hr/> 1,193	<hr/> 13,441
TOTAL FUNDS	27,065	(4,114)	-	22,951

SHREWSBURY BAPTIST CHURCH**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	122,767	(123,349)	(582)
Designated			
	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>
	122,768	(123,349)	(581)
Restricted funds			
Home mission			
	76	-	76
Flower Fund	-	(52)	(52)
Romaian Orphange	1	(2)	(1)
Senior moments event	1,098	(899)	199
First Tuesday			
	634	(593)	41
Gift Day	160	-	160
Mike Breeze Legacy	-	(734)	(734)
Workman Visa Account			
	461	(3,081)	(2,620)
Central Manager Fund	-	(1,373)	(1,373)
Dementia Cafe	<u>4,235</u>	<u>(3,464)</u>	<u>771</u>
	<u>6,665</u>	<u>(10,198)</u>	<u>(3,533)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>129,433</u>	<u>(133,547)</u>	<u>(4,114)</u>

SHREWSBURY BAPTIST CHURCH**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.19 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.21 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	11,282	6,876	(1,190)	16,968
Designated				
	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>(3)</u>	<u>-</u>
	11,284	6,877	(1,193)	16,968
Restricted funds				
Home mission				
	142	76	-	218
Flower Fund	52	(52)	-	-
Romaian Orphange	25	(1)	-	24
Senior moments event	716	199	-	915
First Tuesday				
	50	41	-	91
Gift Day	2,162	160	-	2,322
Mike Breeze Legacy	6,834	(734)	-	6,100
Workman Visa Account				
	1,427	(2,620)	1,193	-
Central Manager Fund	1,373	(1,373)	-	-
Dementia Cafe	<u>3,000</u>	<u>772</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,772</u>
	<u>15,781</u>	<u>(3,532)</u>	<u>1,193</u>	<u>13,442</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>27,065</u></u>	<u><u>3,345</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>30,410</u></u>

SHREWSBURY BAPTIST CHURCH**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	218,862	(211,986)	6,876
Designated			
	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>
	218,863	(211,986)	6,877
Restricted funds			
Home mission			
	76	-	76
Flower Fund	-	(52)	(52)
Romaian Orphange	1	(2)	(1)
Senior moments event	1,098	(899)	199
First Tuesday			
	634	(593)	41
Gift Day	160	-	160
Mike Breeze Legacy	-	(734)	(734)
Workman Visa Account			
	461	(3,081)	(2,620)
Central Manager Fund	-	(1,373)	(1,373)
Dementia Cafe	<u>4,236</u>	<u>(3,464)</u>	<u>772</u>
	<u>6,666</u>	<u>(10,198)</u>	<u>(3,532)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>225,529</u>	<u>(222,184)</u>	<u>3,345</u>

14. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

The custodian Trustee of the church is the Baptist Union Corporation Limited which is charity number 249635, and which is controlled by the Baptist Union Council. The church is also a member of the Baptist Union of Great Britain, and the Heart of England Baptist Association.

See note 5 for details of trustees expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2021.

SHREWSBURY BAPTIST CHURCH**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	31.3.21 £	31.3.20 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	10,447	15,822
Offerings	43,599	52,338
Tax refunds	11,785	13,686
Grants- CJRS	<u>27,893</u>	<u>-</u>
	93,724	81,846
Other trading activities		
Other trading income	2,365	47,555
Investment income		
Interest receivable - trading	<u>7</u>	<u>32</u>
Total incoming resources	96,096	129,433
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	36,469	52,665
Social security	-	1,546
Pensions	5,291	6,986
Rates and water	754	1,610
Insurance	5,288	5,023
Light and heat	14,093	15,132
Repairs & Maintenance	882	9,899
Sundries	<u>21,152</u>	<u>34,571</u>
	83,929	127,432
Other		
Fixtures and fittings	314	304
Computer equipment	<u>-</u>	<u>122</u>
	314	426
Support costs		
Finance		
Bank charges	291	452
Other		
Telephone	1,409	1,460
Postage and stationery	<u>295</u>	<u>98</u>
	1,704	1,558

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SHREWSBURY BAPTIST CHURCH

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	31.3.21 £	31.3.20 £
Other		
Governance costs		
Legal fees	-	1,500
Accountancy	<u>2,399</u>	<u>2,179</u>
	<u>2,399</u>	<u>3,679</u>
 Total resources expended	 <u>88,637</u>	 <u>133,547</u>
 Net income/(expenditure)	 <u><u>7,459</u></u>	 <u><u>(4,114)</u></u>

Trustees' Annual Report 1 April 2020 – 31 March 2021

Charity Number: 1133718

Trustees

Trustee Name	Office	Dates acted if not for whole year	Appointed by
Vacant	Minister		Church Meeting
Geoff Day	Safeguarding Trustee		Church Meeting
Robin Scoulding	Secretary		Church Meeting
Liz Cowburn			Church Meeting
Jenny Evans	Treasurer		Church Meeting
Tim Curtis			Church Meeting
Jude James			Church Meeting

Name and addresses of advisers

Bankers	Barclays Bank	Barclays, Leicester, LE87 2BB
Solicitors	Anthony Collins	143 Edmund Street, Birmingham, B3 2ES
Accountants & Auditors	DRE & Co	6 Claremont Buildings, Claremont Bank, Shrewsbury, SY1 1RJ
Architects	Howl Associates	10 Park Plaza, Battlefield Enterprise Park, Shrewsbury, SY1 1RJ

Description of the charity's trusts

Trust constitution is based upon the Baptist Union Corporation Constitution for Baptist Churches. The Constitution was adopted on 12 November 2009.

Charity Trustees are elected at a Church Meeting from among the membership of the Church.

Governance

Direction and leadership of the church is provided by a Leadership Team comprising the Senior Minister, the Associate Minister (if any) and the other Trustees.

The Charity Trustees are accountable to the Church Meeting which comprises all members of the church. Church meetings are held four times each year.

The number of Charity Trustees is determined by the Church Meeting which, on 12 November 2009, decided that there should be no fewer than two Trustees and, on 6 November 2011, decided that there should be no more than seven Trustees (in addition to the Ministers).

The staff of the Church includes the Senior Minister and other paid staff including managers for the Central and Crowmoor buildings and a cleaner.

The Church is a member of the Baptist Union and the Heart of England Baptist Association.

Objectives and activities

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

The Trustees have read and are mindful of the Charity Commission's guidance on the public benefit including the specific guidance on the advancement of religion for the public benefit.

In order to achieve our principal objects, we provide a range of activities for our local community and our members. The aim is to show the love of Jesus Christ in word and deed, and to bring people into a closer relationship with Him as their living Lord.

Our activities providing a public benefit specifically include:

- Family-friendly church services, to which all are welcome, with a children's programme and crèche.
- Toddlers' groups, both at the church premises and in the town centre
- Small groups for the growth of faith and discipleship.
- A wide range of regular activities and special events for young people, adults, families and older people including holiday clubs, community meals and social events.
- Working with local schools, colleges and other voluntary groups.
- Supporting, and making our buildings available for use by community groups including a weekly job club and Dementia Café.
- Wednesday night community meal which seeks to bless some vulnerable folk and rough sleepers

Grant Making

The church provides financial support to a number of national and international organisations and activities with aims and objectives compatible with its own charitable purpose including, but not limited to, the Baptist Union Home Mission Fund. The church supports members working in needy communities in the UK and overseas.

Volunteers

All members of the church are encouraged to take an appropriate part in the life of the church and the furtherance of its charitable objects. Many of our activities are delivered by volunteers, including the leadership of the various ministries and helping with practical tasks. It is by working together that we can grow as a community, and engage with the needs of our wider community. Volunteer leaders are accountable to the Trustees and to the Church Meeting.

Achievements and performance

We believe God has called us to be ONE church with TWO buildings, both primarily for the benefit of the two different communities with whom we are privileged to work. Throughout the year 2020-21 we have sought to bring Jesus into the heart of the community, both in the town centre and in the Monkmoor area.

Engaging with the community

Our mission is to re-engage with the community. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, a number of our regular activities were put on hold or adapted for online delivery.

We have continued to develop excellent relationships with organisations working in both areas, including the local Council, schools and community groups. Examples include:

- We continue to liaise with and assist the community-focused coffee shop, “Palmers” in our town centre building.
- Monkmoor Friends – community liaison group.
- Music Therapy – support for children and adults with special needs - at Crowmoor
- Activities linked to Shrewsbury Food Hub
- Links with Shrewsbury Street Pastors
- Links with Shrewsbury Youth for Christ
- A team: “Open the Book” provides support for R.E. lessons and assemblies.
- INFG group for men

Discipleship and prayer

Our current activities include:

- Regular church services
- Regular Home Groups in various locations
- Various prayer groups.

Governance and Finance

A detailed budget was agreed by church members in January 2020.

Policies

All of the Church policies are subject to regular review by the Trustees.

External mission

- Matthew & Esther Howes continues as supported church missionaries. He is living and working in a Muslim community in the West Midlands under the auspices of WEC.
- Jon and Elise Fletcher continue as supported church missionaries. They and their family have been in Thailand since September 2014 living and working in a slum district of Bangkok under the auspices of Urban Neighbours of Hope.
- Judy Cook continues as a supported missionary in her work at Hope Home, Chiang Mai, Thailand.
- We have continued to support the Baptist Missionary Society and other missionary organisations

Conclusion

The year 2020-2021 has seen the Church navigate through a difficult year. The pandemic brought several challenges with a number of activities, at the church and within the local communities, put on hold or moved to an online provision. We still operate on the basis that we are One church with Two buildings, primarily for the benefit of the two different communities we serve.

In the year ahead we will continue to explore new ways of bringing Jesus into the heart of the community, both at Central and Crowmoor. The challenges are enormous – the opportunities equally so.

Financial Review

The Trustees are satisfied that they have sufficient reserves at the Balance Sheet date, together with ongoing income anticipated, to enable the church to function effectively in the coming year. They are committed to achieving a reserves policy which complies with Charity Commission guidelines.

The church's principal source of funding is the regular, personal giving of its members.

The church also receives income from hiring out the Crowmoor and Central buildings for use by community groups not otherwise connected with the church.

The trustees also utilised the government's furlough scheme during this financial year.

The financial results for 2020-2021, together with a summary of the accounting policies adopted, are set out in the financial statements.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

J Evans

R Scoulding

Full name(s)

Jenny Evans

Rob Scoulding

Position

Treasurer

Secretary

Date

20 December 2021