

KING'S BAPTIST CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1136519

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2010-06-22
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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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: Provision of Sunday worship services, work with children and young people, help to the poor (The Need Project), support to local schools (CIS), aid to overseas missions - Tear Fund, BU BMS plus Home missions - BU HMF.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Services, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL.
- Central Bedfordshire
- Hertfordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£67,693	£87,043	-	-
2023-12-31	£69,956	£75,794	-	-
2022-12-31	£71,387	£100,346	-	-
2021-12-31	£86,080	£70,926	-	-
2020-12-31	£79,111	£70,926	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
IAN MICHAEL TYLER		2025-02-27
Mark Turner		2025-02-27
Matthew David Wheatley		2025-02-27
Stephen James Backhouse		2025-02-27

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Accounts

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***Accounts for the
Year Ended
31st December 2024***

Final Signed

King's Baptist Church

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	Alison Down	Resigned 31/12/24
	Jane Sprittles	Resigned 31/12/24
	Margaret Stanley	Resigned 31/12/24
	Ian Tyler	Resigned 25/04/24
	Stephen Backhouse	Appointed 27/02/25
	Matthew Wheatley	Appointed 27/02/25
	Mark Turner	Appointed 27/02/25
	Ian Tyler	Appointed 27/02/25

Minister (and Trustee) Rev Alistair Sanders

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Report of the Trustees

The trustees present their report and the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024.

The accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Church and of the surplus or deficit of the Church for that year.

In preparing those accounts, the trustees are required to:

- (i) Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
- (ii) Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- (iii) Prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Church will continue in business.
- (iv) Observe the methods and principals of the Charities SORP.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the Church and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Church and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing document

The Church's governing document is a constitution adopted on 29 April 2010 (amended in May 2014). It was registered as a charity on 22 June 2010.

Appointment of trustees

New trustees are appointed by the membership and require 66% of eligible voters present.

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Report of the Trustees

Trustee induction and training

The trustees regularly review the procedures in place for trustee induction and training by reference to guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Organisational structure

The trustees set out the general policy of the Church. The day to day affairs of the charity are run by the minister (or in the absence of a minister the trustees).

Objects 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.

Achievements and Performance, Financial Review and Future Developments

These are covered by the Church's Annual Report.

This report was approved by the trustees on 8 May 2025 and signed on their behalf.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S Backhouse', is written over a horizontal line.

Stephen Backhouse
Trustee and Treasurer

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Independent Examiner's Report

To the Trustees of King's Baptist Church

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 4 to 12.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Church's trustees 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 Church's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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.

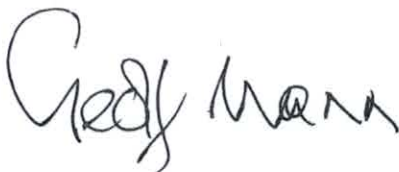
Independent Examiner's Statement

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

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the Church as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 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.

Geoff Mann
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Statement of Financial Activities

		2024				2023	
	Notes	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds £	Total Funds £
Income							
Giving by Church Members and Visitors		56,413	0	281	0	56,694	55,062
Gift Aid Tax Recoverable		9,558	0	0	0	9,558	11,807
Investment Income		851	0	0	0	851	2,430
Warm Spaces		0	0	0	0	0	0
Funerals and Other		590	0	0	0	590	657
Total Income	1	67,412	0	281	0	67,693	69,956
Expenditure							
Charitable Expenditure							
Ministry Costs		38,346	0	0	0	38,346	36,547
Church running costs		24,002	14,814	0	0	38,816	27,399
Outreach		771	0	73	0	844	1,336
Pastoral and training		1,498	0	0	0	1,498	1,342
Grants to Missionary Organisations	3	0	7,540	0	0	7,540	9,170
Total Expenditure	2	64,617	22,354	73	0	87,043	75,793
Net Income/(Expenditure)		2,796	-22,354	208	0	-19,351	-5,837
Transfers Between Funds		-7,540	7,540	0	0	0	0
Net Movement in Funds for the Year		-4,744	-14,814	208	0	-19,351	-5,837
Reconciliation of Funds							
Total Funds Brought Forward		129,721	15,107	1,412	690,000	836,241	842,078
Total Funds Carried Forward		124,977	293	1,620	690,000	816,890	836,241

Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses

There were no recognised gains or losses for 2024 or 2023 other than those included in the Statement of Financial Activities

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Balance Sheet

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible assets	5	696,165	697,940
Total Fixed Assets		696,165	697,940
Current Assets			
Debtors	6	2,982	5,956
Cash at bank and in hand		118,231	136,557
Total Current Assets		121,213	142,513
Liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	488	4,212
Net Current Assets		120,725	138,301
Net Assets		816,890	836,241
The Funds of the Church			
General Funds		124,977	129,721
Designated Funds	8	293	15,107
Restricted Funds	9	1,620	1,412
Endowment Funds	10	690,000	690,000
Total Charity Funds		816,890	836,241

The accounts were approved by the trustees on 8 May 2025 and signed on their behalf.

Stephen Backhouse
Trustee and Treasurer

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Notes to the Accounts

1 Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of Preparation of Accounts

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the financial reporting standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

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

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

(b) Income

Giving by Church Members and Visitors is accounted for when received.

Gift Aid Tax Recoverable is accounted for using the accruals method.

Investment income is included in the accounts in the year in which it becomes payable.

(c) Expenditure

Includes all expenditure incurred in pursuing the charity's objectives, other than that which has been capitalised.

(d) Fixed Assets

Freehold land and buildings

The Manse and the Church building are included in the accounts at trustees' valuations which are reviewed annually.

Furniture and fittings, storage equipment and electronic equipment

Prior to January 2009 all assets were written off on purchase. The policy since then is to only capitalise those items with a value over £1,000

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(e) **Depreciation**

Freehold land and buildings

No provision has been made as the assets are included at a valuation which is reviewed annually.

Furniture, fittings and storage equipment	10% straight line basis
Electronic equipment	20% straight line basis

(f) **Debtors**

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

(g) **Creditors and Provisions**

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

(h) **Fund Accounting**

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity. Endowment funds exist where there is a capital fund with no power to convert the capital into income.

(i) **Going Concern**

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern.

The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

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2	Expenditure <i>From General Fund</i>	Notes	<u>2024</u> £	<u>2024</u> £	<u>2023</u> £	<u>2023</u> £
	Ministry Costs	Gross salaries		29,950		27,850
		Pension costs		3,662		3,149
		Other:				
		Continuing Ministerial Development	355		781	
		Manse Water Rates	1,257		828	
		Manse Council Tax	2,872		2,759	
		Other	249		1,180	
				4,734		5,548
				38,346		36,547
	Church Running Costs	Building maintenance:				
		Manse maintenance	3,788		712	
		Church maintenance	4,111		6,936	
				7,899		7,648
		Computer hardware and software		1,815		1,861
		Depreciation		2,993		3,245
		Equipment (below £1,000)		331		1,540
		Gas, electricity and water		3,449		3,378
		Independent examination		480		480
		Insurance		2,302		2,245
		Membership, health and safety		597		473
		Miscellaneous running costs		2,349		2,010
		Printing, postage and stationery		475		1,012
		Telephone and internet		1,119		1,101
		Travel		194		402
		Ladies weekend				2,006
				24,002		27,399
	Outreach			771		1,336
	Pastoral and training			1,498		1,342
	<i>From Designated/Restricted Funds</i>					
	Grants to Missionary Organisations - Designated Fund	3		7,540		9,170
	Spire replacement			14,814		
	Works of heart outreach			73		
	Total Expenditure			87,043		75,794

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3	Grants to Missionary Organisations - Designated Fund	2024 £	2023 £
	<u>Institution</u>		
	Baptist Union Home Mission	1,800	2,160
	BMS World Mission	1,800	0
	The Need Project	1,800	2,160
	Christian Initiative to Schools	1,800	2,160
	Christian Institute	180	180
	Other	100	2,450
	United Christian Broadcast	60	60
	Grants to Missionary Organisations - Total	7,540	9,170

4 **Staff Costs**

None of the trustees received any remuneration in respect of their role as a trustee, nor did they receive any expenses.

The staff costs were:	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	29,950	27,850
Other pension costs	3,662	3,149
	33,612	30,999

The average weekly number of staff employed by the charity during the year was 1 (2023 - 1)

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5	Fixed Assets	Freehold land and buildings £	Furniture etc £	Total £
	Cost			
	Balance at 01.01.24	690,000	31,177	721,177
	Additions	0	1,218	1,218
	Disposals	0	0	0
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	Balance at 31.12.24	690,000	32,395	722,395
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	Depreciation			
	Balance at 01.01.24	0	23,237	23,237
	Depeciation	0	2,993	2,993
	Disposals	0	0	0
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	Balance at 31.12.24	0	26,230	26,230
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	Net Book Value			
	At 01.01.24	690,000	7,940	697,940
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	At 31.12.24	690,000	6,165	696,165
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6	Debtors: Due within one year		2024 £	2023 £
	Income tax recoverable		761	3,833
	Prepayments		2,221	2,124
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			2,982	5,956
			-----	-----
7	Creditors: Due within one year		2024 £	2023 £
	Accruals		488	4,212
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			488	4,212
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8	Designated Funds	Brought Forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Carried Forward £
	Mission	0	0	7,540	7,540	0
	Projects	107		0	0	107
	Spire	15,000	0	14,814	0	186
	Hardship	0	0	0	0	0
		<u>15,107</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>22,354</u>	<u>7,540</u>	<u>293</u>

Mission The Church sets aside a minimum of 10% of its General Fund receipts for mission purposes. The Church makes grants to other organisations whose charitable objectives complement its work.

Projects For any project agreed by the Church Members Meeting
Spire Agreed by the Church Members Meeting for repairs to the spire

Hardship Relief of hardship

9	Restricted Funds	Brought Forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Carried Forward £
	New Building	200	0	0	0	200
	Pre-school	45	0	0	0	45
	Hardship	780	0	0	0	780
	Works of Heart	441	185	73	0	553
	Connect	24	18	0	0	42
	Ladies Weekend	-78	78	0	0	0
		<u>1,412</u>	<u>281</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,620</u>

New Building Provision of a larger church building

Pre-school Pre-school club

Hardship Relief of hardship

Works of Heart Monthly craft group

Connect Group for carers of children with additional needs

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10	Endowment Funds	Brought Forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Carried Forward £
	Manse	290,000	0	0	0	290,000
	Church	400,000	0	0	0	400,000
		<u>690,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>690,000</u>

Manse	Provision of accommodation for minister
Church	Place of worship

11 **Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds**

	General Funds £	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds	Total Funds £
Tangible assets	6,165	0	0	690,000	696,165
Net current assets	118,812	293	1,620	0	120,725
Net assets	124,977	293	1,620	690,000	816,890

12 **Related party transactions**

There were no related party transactions in the year that required disclosure.

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Opening Report

Alistair Sanders

As a church we have a vision and a mission. As a charity we have a purpose that must be for the public benefit, and activities which we undertake in order to fulfil that purpose. However, these two aspects do not have to be seen to be in conflict with each other. In January 2023 we looked again at our mission or purpose, and our call to be a 'good news' people to those around us. We began by challenging some wrong ideas about mission, and by encouraging us all to think seriously about the people we know, and who we can influence in positive and uplifting ways.

In churches there is frequently a slow drift towards turning inwards and focusing on having our own needs met. But every church must be outward-looking, it cannot thrive or even survive if it does not. It is the responsibility of all of us to be committed to the business of the Kingdom of God.

It is always encouraging when new people come to the church, or when Christians move to the area and look for a church. But, are we really reaching the lost? Jesus' Kingdom agenda, his vision and mission, is the individual, personal responsibility of every one of us.

In order to be effective in mission, we have to be in step with the Holy Spirit, able to hear and heed his voice. Author Stormie Omartian has written: "God can do far more in your life than you ever dreamed possible because of the power of His Spirit working in you... When we cooperate with the Holy Spirit, things happen in our lives that will not happen if we don't... Whatever God gives us to do is accomplished only by the power of His Holy Spirit working in us." Three key words summarise what the Holy Spirit brings to us: peace, presence, and

power. A *conscious culture* of the Holy Spirit is when we believe that the Spirit is with us, and we acknowledge his power at work in us and through us.

Prayer is also a vital part of our Christian life. In 2023 our approach to prayer wasn't so much about personal, individual prayers, but more about our corporate or congregational prayer together. We learned that there are several ways of understanding prayer, and one of those was to see prayer at different levels: logistical, tactical, and strategic. Another way of describing strategic prayer is "kingdom-oriented" prayer. How can we fulfil Jesus' instruction to "seek first the Kingdom of God"? How can we faithfully pray "your kingdom come" from the Lord's prayer. How can we become a "prayer-saturated church"?

This naturally led to teaching about the Kingdom of God. We need to understand what the Kingdom of God is, its values and its purpose, if we are to pray for it and seek it. The Kingdom of God was central to Jesus' life and ministry, it was the prevailing theme in his teaching. Jesus has called us to be his disciples, and to be pursuing his Kingdom agenda is the individual, personal responsibility of every one of us.

In teaching about faith, we learned that faith means to believe in God and to act accordingly—that "faith without works is dead." We saw that Jesus encountered people with different kinds of faith, or different levels of faith. He described those people as having no faith, little faith, or great faith. We are all challenged to be people of great faith.

In the autumn we started a preaching series about church membership. Many churches have church membership classes

for people who have expressed an interest in becoming members. They often happen at a time and place apart from the usual church gatherings. We decided that we would bring the membership "classes" right up front and centre, and teach them on Sunday mornings. This would also be a good way of reminding us all of our responsibilities as members of King's Baptist Church. We began by looking at what it means to belong, why and how we gather, and what is meant by 'togethering' and 'one-anothering.' Then we looked at the specific subjects of water baptism, baptism in the Holy Spirit, and communion. We also spent one morning looking at the church's constitution, because it is a legal requirement and our governing document. All members must know, understand, apply, and uphold our constitution.

Other highlights from 2023 included the Pentecost all nations' praise celebration. On the day of Pentecost in Acts 2 there were present people from every nation, and they were amazed and astonished because they heard the disciples telling the mighty works of God in their own native languages. While Pentecost reminds us of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, it also reminds us that in Christ there is no division, and that the church of God includes people of every nation, tribe and tongue. What better time than at Pentecost to celebrate the multinational, multiethnic, multilingual, and multicoloured church of Jesus?

In June and July we set aside time to make an in-depth study of congregational prayer, and this has formed and shaped our prayer meetings since then. Then, over the summer, the six 'Summer Sundays' were based on the theme of the armour of God, found in Paul's letter to the Ephesian

Back in December 2022 we joined in with a nationwide initiative to create Warm Spaces, and in partnership with The Need Project we opened our own 'warm space' on Wednesday afternoons. While the warm space initiative lost momentum in the Spring of 2023, we decided to continue with what we were doing under the name of *Home from Home*. Thanks to our regular helpers and volunteers, we have continued to provide a warm and welcoming place for people from our local community almost every Wednesday of the year. We also put on a special Christmas Eve lunch for our *Home From Home* friends, and about half-a-dozen people came to enjoy the meal.

We also opened our doors to welcome the community with our February *Coffee and Craft* event, October *Light Party*, December Christingle service, nativity play and Christmas carol service, which was followed by a "family feast."

As we look forward to all that God has for us in 2024 and beyond, I see us growing as a people of faith, fervent in prayer, open to the promptings of God's Spirit, confidently reaching out to offer care and support to others.

Several times I have mentioned these words by writer Edward Grinnen: "...tomorrow is always uncertain. The future is not ours to know." But, as Corrie ten Boom said, "Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God."

May we all know the comforting presence and the life-changing power of God with us all, throughout 2024, and always.

Trustee's Personal Report (1)

Angela Clark

When I was appointed as an elder, by the membership, in April 2022, I believed that there were already areas of growth that God wanted to develop further in the life of KBC. These areas fitted with the calling on my life: To minister prophetically and pastorally. This is what brings me the deepest joy. Arising from this calling, my vision for 2023 was four – fold:

That KBC would continue to be a safe place for all – for those of all ages who attend KBC; that whether we attend a social or outreach event, attend a church service, are involved in ministry or service, or are reaching out for pastoral input of any kind, that we can feel confident that we are safe and will not suffer abuse in any form.

'Do not oppress the widow, the fatherless, the sojourner, or the poor, and let none of you devise evil against another in your heart.'
(Zechariah 7:10 ESV)

That all who attend KBC would continue to develop relationships where they feel loved and cared for and feel able to reach out for help whenever they need – whether practical, emotional or spiritual. Where we can come alongside one another as we ask for, and receive, the healing available to us as members of the Body of Christ, and the equipping of the Holy Spirit to fulfil the calling on each of our lives. If we do not have the expertise or capacity within our current structure, we will refer to an appropriate source.

'Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God.' (1 John 4:7 NIV)

'He has sent me to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners ..'
(Isaiah 61:1 NIV)

To continue an opportunity for 'Encounter Worship', where we could gather for an extended time of worship, in order to meet with God on a deeper level and soak in His presence.

'Draw near to God and He will draw near to you (James 4:8 ESV)

To encourage the congregation in their development and expression of prophetic gifts in a safe environment. Sessions have been programmed every few months where we have learned more and also given space to prophesying in practice.

'Follow the way of love and eagerly desire gifts of the Spirit, especially prophecy'
(1 Corinthians 14:1 NIV)

As Theo and I move house in 2024, it is my prayer that there will be those who will be called and equipped to carry forward this vision.

Trustee's Personal Report (2)

Ian Tyler

Whenever it comes to writing the annual reports, I always reflect on what was written in previous years – I have started writing this report many times and each one started with a different opening - it felt like I have almost written the outline for several preaches but none of them adequately reflected on what I wanted to say!

I have recently been spending a significant amount of time in thought and prayer about many things – both personal and church life – past, present and future. I have been considering my outlook and vision, my wants and desires but most importantly, what does God want me to be doing and what does He want for me in KBC?

As I was reflecting on our church fellowship and as my role as an Elder, I was reminded of the following passages from the bible.

For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: (Romans 12:4–21 ESV)

So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. (1 Peter 5: 1–3 ESV)

It seems that as we get older, everything arounds us revolves around our later years – daytime TV seems to be full of adverts

for ointments to supplement our diets, over 50's insurances, gadgets to support bits of your body that don't work as well as they used to!

However, whatever the future holds for each and every one of us, it is all in God's hands, and it is all part of His plans and purposes.

Just like Christmas time when people reflect on the year gone by and looking at considering New Year's resolutions – it is all about what comes next. I am praying that I will clearly hear His will for me personally and it is not just from my head and heart. I am also praying that we can all be blessed with discernment and hear from God personally and corporately as a church.

This last year has been another year of change and has been challenging for many of us – whether personal circumstances in terms of things such as health, family matters, change of jobs, relationships – everything we call "life". Church life has been a reflection of much the same. We have seen people sadly leave the fellowship, but we have also been blessed by new people coming into fellowship and into membership. As a church, King's Baptist still seeks to serve.

I give thanks and praise for the dedicated people who selflessly give of their time and talents. Those who faithfully serve, in God's name, whether at our own regular meetings or events that we put on for the community.

We will see a change in our Eldership as we sadly say goodbye to Angie and Theo in 2024. We wish them well in their new home and their new church – their gain is our loss as the saying goes, but we have the legacy of all the work and service that they have both given to KBC over the

many years which we need to continue, but more importantly, develop and grow. Just because they have left us and are a “hard act to follow”, we should not stand still, we should still seek what God’s vision is for ourselves and the church – we can all be a Theo & Angie in our church, we all have a lot to offer and to give.

Having now served as an Elder for 10 years (2x 3-year terms plus one extended 4-year term due to Covid), I can appreciate why Baptist Ministers need to take a sabbatical every 7 years!

We will need to once more, work together as the community of Christians during Alistair’s sabbatical in 2024 (and to use a metaphor from Pat) as we sail HMS KBC through either the stormy or still waters whilst he is away.

I pray that his sabbatical will be a time for Alistair to be blessed and receive the renewing and refreshing anointing of the Holy Spirit and that he will return fully refreshed and energised. I pray that he experiences an even deeper hunger than the one he already has, to lead KBC into our next season of growth, expansion, discovery and deeper relationship with God as we serve our church and community. Please continue to pray for Alistair, Kathrin, the family and all the Elders and the Deacons during this time.

I am deeply thankful for all the people in the fellowship that unconditionally offer their love, support, friendship and prayers to Vicky and myself, to the Elders and Deacons as we try to discern God’s will in how to honour not only God, but also honour the people of His Church and this community. Your continued prayers are truly valuable and appreciated.

And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and

depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God. (Philippians 1: vs 9–11 NIV)

Trustee's Personal Report (3)

Jane Sprittles

At Encounter Worship, on 27th November 2022, I went forward for prayer and ministry. A prophecy was given:

'There is a season for everything and for some of you the season you are in is ending. Do not be sad for a new season begins...

...I am in the new birth, just go with it and welcome what I am doing in you.

My name will be glorified.'

During the January 2023 Week of Prayer, I was approached by two of the Elders and asked to consider becoming KBC's Treasurer. As I prayerfully considered this, God reminded me of the prophecy, and I felt Him say that it was all part of my new season. I was voted in as Trustee and Treasurer on 12th February 2023.

When the announcement was made that nominations were open for Elders and Deacons, I started asking God if there was anyone He wanted me to approach. I was completely shocked when I was again approached by two of the Elders and asked if I was willing to stand for eldership. My initial reaction was 'are you having a laugh?' I didn't think I had any of the qualities God would be looking for.

God and I spent the next couple of weeks wrestling with what my decision should be. It was a testing time. Every time I thought I knew what I should do, the devil threw an obstacle in my path and tried to get me to change course. Ironically, it was these challenges that confirmed to me that God did want me to say yes!!

God showed me that it wasn't about my strengths and what I could do. It was all about my weakness, needing to rely on Him and letting Him work through me.

Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.
(2 Corinthians 12:8 – 10 NIV)

As I look forward to 2024, my prayer is that God will unite the leadership with a clear sense of where He wants to lead KBC. That together, as His Church, we will all grow and develop in Him, living as 24/7 Christians and drawing others to glorious salvation at the cross of Christ our Saviour.

Membership Report

Alison Down

At the beginning of the year three couples transferred their membership. Kevin & Tricia settled in well at Ledbury Baptist Church, Kevin & Gill are now part of Stratford-upon-Avon Baptist Church and Nicky & Neil moved to Biggleswade Baptist Church. During the year there were also transfers of membership from Jonny who attends St Neots Evangelical Church with his wife Alex and Emma & Joel who are now members of Grace Community Church in Morval. Fran and Dave have been accepted into membership at King's Community Church, Letchworth. We wish them all well and pray they will all be a blessing in their new churches.

Sadly, Lorna Grant went to be with the Lord in May.

Alistair Sanders preached a sermon series on membership from September which formed the basis of classes for those waiting to come into membership, as well as a refresher on what it means to be a member for us all.

We ended the year with 52 members with at least five more expected to be welcomed into membership in the New Year. If you are not currently a church member but are interested in taking this next step of formal commitment to a local church, please talk to Alistair or one of the Elders.

Health and Safety

Ian Tyler

The safety and wellbeing of anyone using the church building continues to be the responsibility of everyone who enters the building but ultimately remains the overall responsibility and comes under the "watchful eyes" of the Trustees. They have the overall duty of care both morally and legally for anyone using our facilities but everyone who uses the building should remember that they also have their part to play in ensuring everyone's safety during services and any events that are being run.

This year has seen further consolidation and improvements in the guidelines, policies, and procedures that have previously been put into place and we are producing new and improving existing policies that we hope are simpler and easier to follow in order to keep our H&S standards as high as they can be.

As last year, Covid is still around and we have seen in the past few months, several of our fellowship suffering with the infection. We remain committed in following the existing procedures to ensure the hygiene regimes are being maintained to minimise cross infection in our building. Again we can all play our part in ensuring we keep infection away from each other (especially those in our fellowship who are vulnerable and susceptible) – do not come to church if you are feeling unwell / suspect you may have Covid (what may seem like a minor cold to us could be devastating to someone else), ensure you use hand sanitiser regularly when in the building, keep surfaces cleaned down, windows unlocked and ready to be opened etc.

There have been no "major" issues to report this year – just the occasional

scrape, cut or bruise and this is testimony that we are working well to highlight and minimise the potential risks and possibility for accidents. The need for the completion and review of a Risk Assessment for every event that is run in church (being prepared in plenty of time prior to the event to enable it to be fully reviewed by the Trustees) is obviously being fruitful. However, we should not be complacent and be always vigilant. If there are doubts or concerns, please contact one of the Trustees for support and/or investigation.

Safeguarding

Angela Clark

Our Designated Person for Safeguarding (DPS) is Dawn; and our Trustee for Safeguarding is Angela Clark

Five members attended the BU Safeguarding Training on 29 April, two attended Level 2 and three attended Level 3. All our current Trustees have now completed Level 3, which is the BU recommended level of expertise. Helen Backhouse has also completed Level 3.

We have had some Safeguarding concerns raised and as a church we have taken appropriate action.

On one occasion Lisa Kerry, Regional Minister of the Central Baptist Association helped us with the way forward and a statement from her was read at the Church Members' meeting in July. The situation requires no further action going forward to 2024.

It is the responsibility of everybody to watch out for one another to keep everybody safe. Please continue to be vigilant and speak to our current DPS or Safeguarding Trustee if you have concerns.

Property and Fabric Report

Matt

We have carried out lots of basic upkeep and maintenance in the church building and the manse.

The church has had lots of small jobs done including reconditioning the outdoor poster cupboard, cutting the car park hedge right down, weeding, general cleaning and clearing, new windows and fire door. The major job of the minor hall tv cupboard and tv setup was also completed.

The manse has had some new fence panels and other necessary work was done.

Pastoral Report

Angela Clark

Birthdays

Alison celebrated her 70th Birthday, Michael B celebrated his 40th birthday and Lorna her 60th.

Funerals

Vera Perrin's funeral was at KBC in May. Sadly, Lorna Grant also went to be with the Lord in May.

Her funeral service was held at KBC. Thank you to everybody who helped to facilitate these events.

Weddings

In the Summer, Ian & Vicky celebrated the wedding of James to Chloe and Jane & Declan celebrated the wedding of Kaitlan to Jack.

In the Autumn, Doug & Ceri celebrated the wedding of their grandson Daniel to Lily.

Births

Joel & Emma became parents to baby Eve, and Adrian and Jacqueline became grandparents. Theo & Angie became grandparents to their 7th grandchild, baby Owen.

General

Our Pastoral Care document was updated in January, July and September 2023. This document identifies members of the team who intentionally 'look out' for those who attend our services. Some previous members of the team have moved away, so we are asking for members to prayerfully consider whether this is a ministry that you could be involved in. Please speak to an Elder if this is the case.

In response to the Mental Health training day, Theo produced a guidance document, 'Out of Sight'. Members of the Pastoral Team also contributed, and the document was circulated. This guidance document

will help us as we consider how we respond to Mental Health Issues going forward. We will also be looking at addressing the vision of KBC for Pastoral Care, and also what our training needs are, as we want to be equipped as a church.

Communion has been taken to housebound members or those in residential care. Members of the team have also visited members who are sick or in hospital and offered communion or healing prayer and anointing with oil. If you are aware of anyone who would appreciate this, please let one of the leadership team know.

Pastoral needs are available on the KBC WhatsApp Prayer Chain. Your prayers and support for those asking for prayer are appreciated. There have been many answers to prayer this year, for which we give thanks. If you would like to be added to the WhatsApp prayer chain, please let an elder know. A volunteer is also required who could let the non-technical people know of needs from the Prayer Chain. Please pray for those who are currently waiting for or undergoing treatments, or, recovering from or due to have operations soon.

Prophetic Development

These sessions are to encourage the congregation in their development and expression of prophetic gifts in a safe environment. Sessions have been programmed every few months where we have learned more and also given space to prophesying in practice.

'Follow the way of love and eagerly desire gifts of the Spirit, especially prophecy'. (1 Corinthians 14:1 NIV)

Worship

Helen W

The KBC Worship team has gone from strength to strength during 2023, with several new members on guitar, drums, flute, and PA/Words. We had two New Songs Practices in May and November which were great fun and opportunities to get to know one another better. We are always happy to welcome new singers, musicians and technical people to join the team, with training available on the PA/Words PC for anyone who would like it.

Encounter Worship

Angela Clark

During Encounter Worship evenings we gathered for an extended worship time in order to meet with God on a deeper level and soak in His presence. In this environment, 'space' was facilitated for creative expressions of worship. Basic craft materials were provided and those who wished to express their worship through artistic expression were welcomed. Prophetic contributions were welcomed, and prayer and ministry was available. Each gathering was 'different', but these were valuable times when we met with God.

'Draw near to God and He will draw near to you (James 4:8 ESV)

Prayer

Margaret Stanley

In the many years that I've been a Christian, I have always known that prayer is extremely important in the life of the believer, both on a personal level and in the life of the church.

Without prayer being the main focus in our lives, our relationship with God does not grow. I have a passion for prayer in the church and it is through our example of praying together that others will 'catch the fire' of what God wants to do with, and through, us.

At one of the Ladies Breakfast events, we looked at how it was through the persistent prayers of the women, at that time, that great results followed. The 'ladies' have been encouraged to develop 'prayer partnerships' and keep a prayer journal. There have already been several different prayer groups formed and these are encouraged. We have also had sermons on prayer, a Prayer School (run by our Pastor) and two weeks of prayer.

The weeks of prayer were held in January and September. We looked at various themes, meeting every morning, and evening, to have a time of worship and prayer.

The themes included: Praise, Adoration and Forgiveness, Having the Right Mindset, Being Right with One Another, Seeking Spiritual Gifts, The Prophetic, Righteousness & Persistence, The Scriptures, Life by the Spirit and Thanksgiving and Praise.

We had various 'prayer stations' around the church sanctuary, and the hall, so that people could take time on their own, if they so wished, to pray into certain areas of church life.

2024 looks to be a challenging one for the church, with various changes taking place but we need to remember that the importance of prayer never changes.

We continue to meet on a Wednesday morning and Sunday evening, looking to seek God first, to deepen our relationship with Him and go forward together, in His name.

Jesus at the center of it all
From beginning to the end
It's always been, it's always been you Jesus
Jesus.

Nothing else matters
Nothing in this world will do
Jesus, You're the center
Everything revolves around You
Jesus, You, at the center of it all.

Jesus be the center of my life
From beginning to the end
It's always been, it's always been You, Jesus
Jesus.

From my heart to the heavens
Jesus be the center
It's all about You
Yes, it's all about You

Jesus be the center of your church
Every knee will bow
Every tongue shall confess You Jesus, Jesus

From my heart to the heavens
Jesus be the center
It's all about You
Yes, it's all about You
Jesus

(Adam Ranney et al.)

Youth

Matt

At the beginning of the year we carried on with the Alpha Youth series. The youth really enjoyed this as it went back over the basics of our faith. After we finished that, the youth wanted a deeper study to really focus on, so we started a study all about the different types of prayer. We have had a few members of youth come and go, but we get between 6 & 12 consistently on a Sunday morning.

King's Kids

Helen B

Every Sunday we hold 'King's Kids' sessions, for children of school age who attend Kings Baptist Church, during the morning service, whilst the adults listen to the sermon.

We have a faithful team of people who help out and are always looking for more volunteers. Kathrin, Tracey, Jane O or myself lead the sessions with someone else in the room assisting – either Ceri, Laura, Kathrin, Margaret S or Pam (Margaret and Pam are valuable members who have joined the team recently). We are very thankful to God for the way that they use their skills and talents in King's Kids and demonstrate their love for the children. The numbers vary each week, and we can never tell how many children are going to turn up – it can be anything from a few children up to about 15 in the group which is all-age. As you can imagine this comes with its challenges trying to meet the needs of everyone, but we do our best.

Since Christmas we have been using a new curriculum entitled 'Raise Up Faith'. This contains more interactive teaching, which is where the children are at and they can

relate to it well. We are all still learning how to use it but feel that it will help us to teach our children to learn about God in a way that suits them. This term we have been looking at miracles in Luke and will continue to learn about prayer, worry, forgiveness and loving one another, through the book of Luke, until Easter.

We have been particularly encouraged lately to see how the children have become more comfortable in sharing things that have happened in their lives with the rest of the group. It is a privilege to be church family together with them, to comfort them and pray with them into situations that are difficult to cope with. The children also enjoy telling us and each other about how God has been working in their lives during the week and how He has answered their prayers. Some of the children talk about how God speaks to them too.

We pray that God will protect and grow the children at KBC and for an increase in numbers. We pray that He will give us wisdom and guidance to enable them to go deeper with Him and we thank God for each and every one of them.

Crèche

Helen B

On the second Sunday of each month, we provide a supervised crèche for children under the age of three years who attend King's Baptist Church. We already provided children's groups for those of school age and above and felt that it was important for the younger members of our congregation to have some spiritual input, on a Sunday morning, and to learn about God, at their level.

We currently have a small team of people who help on the crèche rota and are always looking for more volunteers. Myself or Dawn lead the sessions with someone else in the room assisting – either Laura, Kathrin or Margaret T (who has joined the team recently and is a great asset). We are very thankful to God for the way that they use their skills and talents in the crèche and demonstrate their love for these children.

We currently follow a curriculum entitled 'Toddlers Knowing God', looking at the character of God e.g. God is my light, God is my shield etc. As you can imagine it's not always easy to bring this down to the children's level or for them to focus their attention for any length of time, but we always try to have some kind of story, practical activity, prayer and sometimes a song to engage them. We try to repeat the main point many times in the hope that something of what they have heard will go in! We usually have three or four children in the crèche and have been encouraged lately by a new child who has joined us on a few occasions. Our prayer for these little ones is that God will draw nearer to them and that they will get to know Him for themselves.

Accelerate

Ceri, Naomi, Jane & Doug

We have had another lovely year at Accelerate. There have been some changes as Fran, Lillian and Nathan have moved on. We miss them a lot. Also, two of our older members of youth have outgrown us and so our numbers have decreased!

Accelerate has always been a group where we grow and deepen our faith in God on a practical level, never about numbers. We are grateful for whoever Father God brings. We had a great encouragement in the Autumn term as Jane O'Flanagan volunteered, by the prompting of the Holy Spirit, to come on board as a leader.

We concentrate on relevant Biblical teaching, worship, games and prayer. We intersperse these weeks with our in-house travelling Christmas meal, Craft evenings, Social evenings, Pancakes & Games and a Hot-Potato question & answer evening.

We aim to vary our programme so that we learn together in an enjoyable way.

We studied the book of Ruth leading up to Christmas so that we could naturally introduce the Lord Jesus Christ as our Redeemer.

We rely on your prayers and active interest in Accelerate. Thanks go to the many people who support us throughout the year. We thank and praise God for his faithful love.

Hospitality

Steve

Our mission is to make everyone who enters the church feel welcome and looked after in more practical ways. This applies equally to all our regular congregation on Sunday mornings, visitors and people that come to any of our outreach events.

Hospitality is quite a broad remit and there are two main areas we focus on, Sunday services and events. The welcoming faces on the door and the after-service refreshments every Sunday are a result of our loyal hospitality volunteer team, and I would like to say a huge thank you to them for the time they give in this important area. The fresh flowers you see at the front of church are also generously provided by members of the team and are then given to people they think will be blessed to receive them.

We also run a number of events throughout the year. This started with the fun family games & pancake evening in February (thank you to Kate and Lindsay for doing all the organising!). We had two lovely, shared lunches during the year which were well attended.

For the light party at the end of October we welcomed well over 100 adults and children to the church for a range of craft activities. We also cooked and served 180 hotdogs which were very well received!

December was, as always, a busy month. We had our Christmas Family Feast, following the carol service, where we fed almost 100 with a hot meal and some great desserts. On Christmas Eve we did a Christmas Day lunch for around 30 people for the Home from Home group (and helpers) which was a huge success.

A special shout out to Vicky who is always there to help with events (and keep me organised!) and to Angie for tag teaming with me on Christmas Eve.

Once again, thank you to all the volunteers who without, none of this would be possible – the welcomers, flower arrangers, tea makers, dessert making supremos, washer uppers, bakers and buyers. It is you who play a vital role in making KBC the warm, welcoming church it is!

We are always happy to get more volunteers to either serve on one of the rotas or help out at events. If this is an area you feel called to serve in then please do let me know!

KBC Men

Matt

In the past year we have met many times for breakfast. We also enjoyed a Christmas meal with the men from King's Community Church in Letchworth. These were great times just to chat and get to know each other more.

KBC Women

Dawn

The Ladies breakfast has been going well. We regularly have 10-12 ladies attending. We have a short talk and some fellowship time just after we have eaten a huge breakfast. We have been going to The Premier Inn in Letchworth, which is good value, and they are very accommodating with allergies etc.

Thank you to everyone who has been willing to do a small talk, they have all been challenging and given us something to ponder on.

If you would like to join us anytime, please do let me know. It will be interesting to see where God leads us over the next year. I am grateful for all the ladies who have come along and helped to make this group as special as it is, thank you!

Small Groups (1)

Doug and Ceri

The house group we attend is held fortnightly at the home of Gary and Jane.

We begin each evening with a time of fellowship. During this time, we share experiences in our lives in a safe place which enables us to pray for one another in a special way. We aim to support one another practically throughout the week, not just on a Tuesday evening.

Doug opens in prayer and we have teaching and guided discussion on the passages for the evening and all are welcome to add their own insights or ask questions. Over the past year we have explored 'God's Rescue Plan'.

We conclude with a time of open prayer for the needs of our church family and our own needs.

Since the Autumn term we have not met as often as we would like due to ongoing health issues of the members of the group.

Our hope is to continue to grow in our faith, to support one another as we walk with Jesus through our lives.

Small Groups (2)

Michael & Alison

The group meets on Monday mornings, from 10am, during term times.

We enjoy a time of catching up together over coffee and then move on to worship, prayer and Bible study. It's really good to hear everyone's thoughts and perspective on the subject chosen and to be encouraged and challenged by this and by praying for one another.

We started the year learning about virtues from the Bible such as love, hope, faith, justice, integrity, righteousness, perseverance and ended it looking at what we can learn from women in the Bible.

We have enjoyed good fellowship in a small, safe, home environment.

Connect

Helen B

'Connect' face to face meetings continued to run throughout 2023, every first Tuesday of the month, during term time. Numbers have dwindled from previous years and we now have between 2 and 8 people attending each month. Occasionally we had a representative from a local organisation present such as 'Carers in Bedfordshire' to answer questions and give advice to parents. We always have delicious homemade cake, faithfully made by Steve, that we have come to be renowned for and is very popular. Many good relationships have been built and often people just attend for one or two sessions. It helps parents to know that they are understood and not alone in their situation. Many thanks to KBC for kindly providing our venue and for the support of the leadership in this ministry. It isn't a Christian outreach but as I've said before it isn't an accident that God has arranged for it to be held in the church building. I have been able to share KBC events with the 'Connect' group that some members and their families have attended. It has been helpful that they know they and their children will be made to feel welcome here and are understood.

The private Facebook group is flourishing and now has over 800 members in it across Central Bedfordshire and the UK. Members have to answer questions before they are allowed to join. They are then able to access online support through relevant articles that we post relating to special needs children and information about how to access support and training. They often ask questions in the face-to-face group and online about strategies other parents use, specific disabilities, schools, the council, how to fill in paperwork,

medication, their legal rights, how to access financial support etc. We also try to take care of the wellbeing of parents themselves through articles and supporting them individually if appropriate.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers. If you come across any parents of special needs children, please let them know about the 'Connect' Facebook group and ask me if you would like further information.

Works of Heart

Vicky

Works of Heart has been and still is a gentle group that is about "one-anothering" first and a place to share experiences and skills where possible.

'Have a go' is probably a good phrase that applies to us.

We don't profess to be experts; we just encourage each other in life and learn new crafting ideas t'boot.

Since my last report, we have had new members appear as a result of chats at the 'Home from Home' group. Also, the lovely Gina! She has agreed to do some demos this year too.

We have had fun doing various crafts, with the main prerogative of 'passing on' something special and seeing good things achieved.

God has provided wonderful people to demo, materials and imaginative ideas, over the years, and I want to give Him the glory for everything.

The support of others through demos, prayer and great kindness is also greatly appreciated more than words can express.

Balancing the Yoke (BTY)

Jane O

Balancing the Yoke, known as BTY, is a group that has been running at KBC for over 8 years, it is led by Jane O and Heather and has six active members, four associate members and a whole church family of prayer warriors & supporters. It is a prayer and support group for members whose partners are not yet saved and meets monthly at Jane's home.

In the past year we have shared in the Lectio prayer course, focusing on hearing from God in this noisy, often very distracted world and lives we live in, going deeper in prayer and learning to Trust God in all things especially with our husbands. There have been a number of health issues in the group which we have been able to share on our prayer WhatsApp group, which has been a deep encouragement. We are currently looking at Pete Greig's book God on Mute, looking at sitting in and trusting God with unanswered prayer. We are also considering working through the Alpha course together to help with the often-challenging conversations we encounter with our husbands and wider family.

We have had many answers to prayer and seen an obvious softening and more openness towards our faith in our husbands, we give God the glory for His faithfulness in ALL things. We would again like to thank our KBC family for their ongoing love, encouragement and prayer support, to us as a group and individually.

Home from Home

Dawn

Home from Home (originally Warm Spaces) has been growing throughout the year. We run from 1-4pm every Wednesday (apart from 2 weeks at Christmas, when the Need Project did their Christmas Food Parcels). All the people who attend love to come and enjoy chatting, doing jigsaws and eating cake! On average we have around 20 people attend each week, this does not include helpers, who willingly help set up each week, serve refreshments and put things away after. As well as making sure no one sits there on their own with no one to talk

to. Knitting hasn't played such a huge part this year, but we still have our knitters, and everyone loves to make new friends. People have commented on what a friendly group it is and that it has helped them meet some new people when they have just arrived in the area.

This year we had a cream tea (which was donated by local business) for around 20 people. We had some games and a good laugh. We also had a Christmas Meal on Christmas Eve after the Sunday morning service. This went down very well, and many have commented they would love to have it again next year. Comments were that it was better than the pub Christmas dinner they'd had recently.

We have had one lady attend our Ladies Breakfasts and a few people have asked for prayer. We are building relationships with our community and who knows where it will lead? Thank you to everyone who has given up their time to help us make this a great success.

Churches Together in Stotfold (CTS)

Helen W

2023 saw another successful year of Churches Together activities.

Our first event of the year was the service of Christian Unity in January 2023. Alistair led a very thought-provoking service at KBC on racial justice, followed by refreshments. There was also a Churches Together Worship Band led by Helen W.

Throughout the winter months our network of CTS Warm Spaces across Stotfold, coordinated by Helen W at KBC, continued to offer places where people could keep warm and receive free refreshments. Some of these spaces have continued as social spaces throughout the

year. As a group of churches from the start of December 2023 we have been supporting the Tuesday "Stotfold Community" coffee mornings from 9am - 1pm at the Greenacres centre, again facilitated by Helen W with her Town Councilor hat on.

In early February there was a fantastic response from Churches Together to Rev Bill's flash appeal for clothing and financial donations to help clothe the 46 male asylum seekers who were housed at Days Inn, at the Baldock services. Donations also enabled Radwell village hall to be used for weekly English lessons for the asylum seekers until they were moved to other locations in the springtime.

May saw Christian Aid week. A total of £2079.59 was raised. The Cream Tea at Stotfold Mill, organised by Clare from KBC, was a great success.

In November the Town's Remembrance service was led by CTS alongside the British Legion. The attendance was excellent and included two local MPs.

In December the wet weather led to Carols by Torchlight becoming Carols by Candlelight once more. We were very grateful to the Salvation Army band for playing and to the Open the Book group for their nativity drama. The service was very well attended and well received, as was the innovation of hot chocolate and mince pies afterwards. We served sixty cups of hot chocolate and the collection, made in support of the Need Project, raised £268.82.

Treasurer's Report

Jane Sprittles

When the baton of Treasurer was passed to me, in February 2023, I inherited a £38,750 Deficit budget (projected income £50,000 and expenditure £88,750). The 2023 Accounts show a £5,837 Deficit – demonstrating once again that God is good!

At the Church Members' Meeting in July, figures were presented to the members to show that the 2023 budget of £13,840 for Mission Giving worked out at 28% of budgeted income, which was unsustainable on a deficit budget. The members agreed with the Trustees' recommendations that:

- Mission giving should be a minimum of 10% of unrestricted, undesignated income, (as stated in the KBC Constitution) but with a target of 15%.
- Giving to BU Home Mission, BU World Mission, Christian Initiative to Schools and the Need Project to be equal and adjusted retrospectively from January 2023.
- Adjustment to be made at the year-end if giving increases.

Actual Mission Giving for 2023 was £9,170. This equates to 17% of income from giving by church members and visitors and 13.6% of undesignated income (including Gift Aid).

In September, a Baptist Union 3-month Notice Account, was opened with £30,000 from the Current Account and £45,000 from the Baptist Union 7-Day Notice Account. In the three months this account was open £871 interest was earned; £571 more than if the money had not been moved.

Unrestricted income in 2023 was £67,418. With £15,000 extra given in tithes and offerings than budgeted for. Loose tithes and offerings have decreased substantially in 2023, one reason being that people now use / carry less cash.

Unrestricted expenditure and Mission Giving in 2023 was £73,643, (including £3,245 depreciation) more than £15,000 less than budget. Costs were lower than budget across the board, especially those for 'Pastoral and Training'. This was in part due to pastoral costs having been inflated during the pandemic, when gifts of flowers had to be ordered and delivered through florists.

The spire was not repaired during 2023 so the designated fund of £15,000 remains untouched. Unbudgeted improvements to the building were made, including: replacement of fire door and remaining single glazed windows (£3,372), new smart TV (£1,200), hedge cutting / weed killing (£430).

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An initial draft budget for 2024 was presented to the November Church Members' Meeting. Once all the 2023 expenditure was accounted for, the budget was revised for the January 2024 Church

Members' Meeting, and agreed at: income £56,000, expenditure £79,600, giving a deficit of £23,600.

Having now been 'in the job' for a year, I have some confidence in the 2024 budget, but I have even greater confidence in a God who loves and cares for us. Who knows what God has in store for 2024? I am sure he will provide the resources if we are obedient to His call and direction.

Treasurer from 12.02.2023

King's Baptist Church

The Green, Stotfold

Registered Charity number: 1136519

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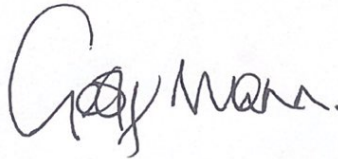
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Warm Spaces		0	0	0	0	0	500
Funerals and Other		657	0	0	0	657	577
Total Income	1	67,418	0	2,538	0	69,956	71,387
Expenditure							
Charitable Expenditure							
Ministry Costs		36,547	0	0	0	36,547	32,001
Church running costs		25,393	0	2,006	0	27,399	47,157
Outreach		1,191	0	145	0	1,336	1,005
Pastoral and training		1,342	0	0	0	1,342	3,742
Grants to Missionary Organisations	3	0	9,170	0	0	9,170	16,440
Total Expenditure	2	64,473	9,170	2,151	0	75,794	100,346
Net Income/(Expenditure)		2,945	-9,170	387	0	-5,838	-28,959
Transfers Between Funds		-9,170	9,170	0	0	0	0
Net Movement in Funds for the Year		-6,225	0	387	0	-5,838	-28,959
Reconciliation of Funds							
Total Funds Brought Forward		135,946	15,107	1,025	690,000	842,078	871,037
Total Funds Carried Forward		129,721	15,107	1,412	690,000	836,240	842,078

Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses

There were no recognised gains or losses for 2023 or 2022 other than those included in the Statement of Financial Activities

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Balance Sheet

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible assets	5	697,940	701,185
Total Fixed Assets		<u>697,940</u>	<u>701,185</u>
Current Assets			
Debtors	6	5,956	27,534
Cash at bank and in hand		136,556	113,626
Total Current Assets		<u>142,512</u>	<u>141,160</u>
Liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	<u>4,212</u>	<u>267</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>138,300</u>	<u>140,893</u>
Net Assets		<u>836,240</u>	<u>842,078</u>
The Funds of the Church			
General Funds		129,721	135,946
Designated Funds	8	15,107	15,107
Restricted Funds	9	1,412	1,025
Endowment Funds	10	690,000	690,000
Total Charity Funds		<u>836,240</u>	<u>842,078</u>

The accounts were approved by the trustees on 17th March 2024 and signed on their behalf.



Jane Sprittles
Trustee and Treasurer from 12.02.2023

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Notes to the Accounts

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(a) Basis of Preparation of Accounts

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the financial reporting standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

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

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

(b) Income

Giving by Church Members and Visitors is accounted for when received.

Gift Aid Tax Recoverable is accounted for using the accruals method.

Investment income is included in the accounts in the year in which it becomes payable.

(c) Expenditure

Includes all expenditure incurred in pursuing the charity's objectives, other than that which has been capitalised.

(d) Fixed Assets

Freehold land and buildings

The Manse and the Church building are included in the accounts at trustees' valuations which are reviewed annually.

Furniture and fittings, storage equipment and electronic equipment

Prior to January 2009 all assets were written off on purchase. The policy since then is to only capitalise those items with a value over £1,000

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(e) **Depreciation**

Freehold land and buildings

No provision has been made as the assets are included at a valuation which is reviewed annually.

Furniture, fittings and storage equipment	10% straight line basis
Electronic equipment	20% straight line basis

(f) **Debtors**

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

(g) **Creditors and Provisions**

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

(h) **Fund Accounting**

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity. Endowment funds exist where there is a capital fund with no power to convert the capital into income.

(i) **Going Concern**

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern.

The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

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Notes to the Accounts

2	Expenditure	Notes	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £	2022 £
	Ministry Costs					
		Gross salaries		27,850		26,004
		Pension costs		3,149		2,924
		Other:				
		Continuing Ministerial Development	781			
		Manse Water Rates	828			
		Manse Council Tax	2,759			
		Other	1,180			
				5,548		3,074
				36,547		32,001
	Church Running Costs	Building maintenance:				
		Manse maintenance	712		24,730	
		Church maintenance	6,936		4,136	
				7,648		28,866
		Computer hardware and software		1,860		1,831
		Depreciation		3,245		4,010
		Equipment (below £1,000)		1,539		1,369
		Gas, electricity and water		3,378		3,339
		Independent examination		480		564
		Insurance		2,245		2,220
		Membership, health and safety		473		661
		Miscellaneous running costs		2,010		1,382
		Printing, postage and stationery		1,012		1,340
		Telephone and internet		1,101		1,074
		Travel		402		501
		Ladies weekend		2,006		0
				27,399		47,157
	Outreach			1,336		1,005
	Pastoral and training			1,342		3,742
	Grants to Missionary Organisations - Designated Fund	3		9,170		16,440
	Total Expenditure			75,794		100,345

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Grants to Missionary Organisations - Designated Fund		2023 £	2022 £
<u>Institution</u>	<u>Purpose</u>		
Baptist Union Home Mission	Church Support in the UK	2,160	3,000
Bible Bookshop		0	50
BMS World Mission	World Evangelism	2,160	3,000
Christian Initiative to Schools	North Herts Christian Education in Schools	2,160	2,400
Christian Institute		180	180
Need Project (separate charity since 2017)		2,450	4,200
Rolfe		0	150
UCB		60	60
BMS Ukraine	Effects of War Support	0	1,000
		9,170	14,040
Grants to Missionary Organisations - Restricted Funds		2023 £	2022 £
<u>Institution</u>	<u>Purpose</u>		
BMS Ukraine (Ukraine	Effects of War Support	0	1,900
Burkina Faso (Psalmathon	Church Support in BF	0	250
Helimission (Psalmathon	Support Helimission	0	250
		0	2,400
Grants to Missionary Organisations - Total		9,170	16,440

4 **Staff Costs**

None of the trustees received any remuneration in respect of their role as a trustee, nor did they receive any expenses.

The staff costs were:	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	27,850	26,004
Other pension costs	3,149	2,924
	<u>30,999</u>	<u>28,928</u>

The average weekly number of staff employed by the charity during the year was 1 (2022 - 1)

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5	Fixed Assets		Freehold land and buildings	Furniture etc	Total
			£	£	£
	Cost	Balance at 01.01.23	690,000	31,177	721,177
		Additions	0	0	0
		Disposals	0	0	0
		Balance at 31.12.23	690,000	31,177	721,177
	Depreciation	Balance at 01.01.23	0	19,992	19,992
		Depeciation	0	3,245	3,245
		Disposals	0	0	0
		Balance at 31.12.23	0	23,237	23,237
	Net Book Value	At 31.12.23	690,000	7,940	697,940
		At 01.01.23	690,000	11,185	701,185
6	Debtors: Due within one year			2023	2022
				£	£
	Income tax recoverable			3,833	25,671
	Prepayments			2,123	1,863
7	Creditors: Due within one year			2023	2022
				£	£
	Accruals			4,212	267
				4,212	267

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8	Designated Funds	Brought Forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Carried Forward £
	Mission	0	0	9,170	9,170	0
	Projects	107		0	0	107
	Spire	15,000	0	0	0	15,000
	Hardship	0	0	0	0	0
		<u>15,107</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>9,170</u>	<u>9,170</u>	<u>15,107</u>

Mission

The Church sets aside a minimum of 10% of its General Fund receipts for mission purposes. The Church makes grants to other organisations whose charitable objectives complement its work.

Projects

For any project agreed by the Church Members Meeting

Spire

Agreed by the Church Members Meeting for repairs to the spire

Hardship

Relief of hardship

9	Restricted Funds	Brought Forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Carried Forward £
	New Building	200	0	0	0	200
	Pre-school	45	0	0	0	45
	Hardship	780	0	0	0	780
	Works of Heart	0	510	69	0	441
	Connect	0	100	76	0	24
	Ladies Weekend	0	1,928	2,006	0	-78
		<u>1,025</u>	<u>2,538</u>	<u>2,151</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,412</u>

New Building

Provision of a larger church building

Pre-school

Pre-school club

Hardship

Relief of hardship

Works of Heart

Monthly craft group

Connect

Group for carers of children with additional needs

Ladies Weekend

Ladies weekend 02.2024: funded by church, to be repaid by attendees, in installments, by 31.01.2024

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10	Endowment Funds	Brought Forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Carried Forward £
	Manse	290,000	0	0	0	290,000
	Church	400,000	0	0	0	400,000
		<u>690,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>690,000</u>

Manse Church Provision of accommodation for minister
Place of worship

11	Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds	General Funds £	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds	Total Funds £
	Tangible assets	7,940	0	0	690,000	697,940
	Net current assets	121,781	15,107	1,412	0	138,300
	Net assets	<u>129,721</u>	<u>15,107</u>	<u>1,412</u>	<u>690,000</u>	<u>836,240</u>

12 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year that required disclosure.

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Dear Geoff

We confirm to the best of our knowledge and belief, and having made appropriate enquiries of other trustees, the following representations given to you in connection with your independent examination of the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023.

- 1 We acknowledge as trustees our responsibilities for preparing accounts which give a true and fair view and for making accurate representations to you. All the accounting records have been made available to you for the purpose of your independent examination of the accounts and all the transactions undertaken by the Church have been properly reflected and recorded in the accounting records. All other records and related information have been made available to you.
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As minuted by the trustees at their meeting.

A.S. Sanders

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For SS
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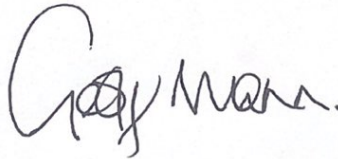
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Investment Income		2,430	0	0	0	2,430	1,062
Warm Spaces		0	0	0	0	0	500
Funerals and Other		657	0	0	0	657	577
Total Income	1	67,418	0	2,538	0	69,956	71,387
Expenditure							
Charitable Expenditure							
Ministry Costs		36,547	0	0	0	36,547	32,001
Church running costs		25,393	0	2,006	0	27,399	47,157
Outreach		1,191	0	145	0	1,336	1,005
Pastoral and training		1,342	0	0	0	1,342	3,742
Grants to Missionary Organisations	3	0	9,170	0	0	9,170	16,440
Total Expenditure	2	64,473	9,170	2,151	0	75,794	100,346
Net Income/(Expenditure)		2,945	-9,170	387	0	-5,838	-28,959
Transfers Between Funds		-9,170	9,170	0	0	0	0
Net Movement in Funds for the Year		-6,225	0	387	0	-5,838	-28,959
Reconciliation of Funds							
Total Funds Brought Forward		135,946	15,107	1,025	690,000	842,078	871,037
Total Funds Carried Forward		129,721	15,107	1,412	690,000	836,240	842,078

Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses

There were no recognised gains or losses for 2023 or 2022 other than those included in the Statement of Financial Activities

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Balance Sheet

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible assets	5	697,940	701,185
Total Fixed Assets		697,940	701,185
Current Assets			
Debtors	6	5,956	27,534
Cash at bank and in hand		136,556	113,626
Total Current Assets		142,512	141,160
Liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	4,212	267
Net Current Assets		138,300	140,893
Net Assets		836,240	842,078
The Funds of the Church			
General Funds		129,721	135,946
Designated Funds	8	15,107	15,107
Restricted Funds	9	1,412	1,025
Endowment Funds	10	690,000	690,000
Total Charity Funds		836,240	842,078

The accounts were approved by the trustees on 17th March 2024 and signed on their behalf.



Jane Sprittles
Trustee and Treasurer from 12.02.2023

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Notes to the Accounts

1 Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of Preparation of Accounts

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the financial reporting standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

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

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

(b) Income

Giving by Church Members and Visitors is accounted for when received.

Gift Aid Tax Recoverable is accounted for using the accruals method.

Investment income is included in the accounts in the year in which it becomes payable.

(c) Expenditure

Includes all expenditure incurred in pursuing the charity's objectives, other than that which has been capitalised.

(d) Fixed Assets

Freehold land and buildings

The Manse and the Church building are included in the accounts at trustees' valuations which are reviewed annually.

Furniture and fittings, storage equipment and electronic equipment

Prior to January 2009 all assets were written off on purchase. The policy since then is to only capitalise those items with a value over £1,000

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(e) **Depreciation**

Freehold land and buildings

No provision has been made as the assets are included at a valuation which is reviewed annually.

Furniture, fittings and storage equipment	10% straight line basis
Electronic equipment	20% straight line basis

(f) **Debtors**

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

(g) **Creditors and Provisions**

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

(h) **Fund Accounting**

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity. Endowment funds exist where there is a capital fund with no power to convert the capital into income.

(i) **Going Concern**

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern.

The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

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Notes to the Accounts

2	Expenditure	Notes	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £	2022 £
	Ministry Costs					
	Gross salaries			27,850		26,004
	Pension costs			3,149		2,924
	Other:					
	Continuing Ministerial Development	781				
	Manse Water Rates	828				
	Manse Council Tax	2,759				
	Other	1,180				
				5,548		3,074
				36,547		32,001
	Church Running Costs					
	Building maintenance:					
	Manse maintenance	712		24,730		
	Church maintenance	6,936		4,136		
				7,648		28,866
	Computer hardware and software			1,860		1,831
	Depreciation			3,245		4,010
	Equipment (below £1,000)			1,539		1,369
	Gas, electricity and water			3,378		3,339
	Independent examination			480		564
	Insurance			2,245		2,220
	Membership, health and safety			473		661
	Miscellaneous running costs			2,010		1,382
	Printing, postage and stationery			1,012		1,340
	Telephone and internet			1,101		1,074
	Travel			402		501
	Ladies weekend			2,006		0
				27,399		47,157
	Outreach			1,336		1,005
	Pastoral and training			1,342		3,742
	Grants to Missionary Organisations - Designated Fund	3		9,170		16,440
	Total Expenditure			75,794		100,345

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Grants to Missionary Organisations - Designated Fund		2023 £	2022 £
<u>Institution</u>	<u>Purpose</u>		
Baptist Union Home Mission	Church Support in the UK	2,160	3,000
Bible Bookshop		0	50
BMS World Mission	World Evangelism	2,160	3,000
Christian Initiative to Schools	North Herts Christian Education in Schools	2,160	2,400
Christian Institute		180	180
Need Project (separate charity since 2017)		2,450	4,200
Rolfe		0	150
UCB		60	60
BMS Ukraine	Effects of War Support	0	1,000
		9,170	14,040
Grants to Missionary Organisations - Restricted Funds		2023 £	2022 £
<u>Institution</u>	<u>Purpose</u>		
BMS Ukraine (Ukraine)	Effects of War Support	0	1,900
Burkina Faso (Psalmathon)	Church Support in BF	0	250
Helimission (Psalmathon)	Support Helimission	0	250
		0	2,400
Grants to Missionary Organisations - Total		9,170	16,440

4 **Staff Costs**

None of the trustees received any remuneration in respect of their role as a trustee, nor did they receive any expenses.

The staff costs were:	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	27,850	26,004
Other pension costs	3,149	2,924
	30,999	28,928

The average weekly number of staff employed by the charity during the year was 1 (2022 - 1)

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Notes to the Accounts

5	Fixed Assets		Freehold land and buildings	Furniture etc	Total
			£	£	£
	Cost	Balance at 01.01.23	690,000	31,177	721,177
		Additions	0	0	0
		Disposals	0	0	0
		Balance at 31.12.23	690,000	31,177	721,177
	Depreciation	Balance at 01.01.23	0	19,992	19,992
		Depeciation	0	3,245	3,245
		Disposals	0	0	0
		Balance at 31.12.23	0	23,237	23,237
	Net Book Value	At 31.12.23	690,000	7,940	697,940
		At 01.01.23	690,000	11,185	701,185
6	Debtors: Due within one year			2023	2022
				£	£
	Income tax recoverable			3,833	25,671
	Prepayments			2,123	1,863
7				5,956	27,534
	Creditors: Due within one year			2023	2022
				£	£
	Accruals			4,212	267
				4,212	267

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8	Designated Funds	Brought Forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Carried Forward £
	Mission	0	0	9,170	9,170	0
	Projects	107		0	0	107
	Spire	15,000	0	0	0	15,000
	Hardship	0	0	0	0	0
		<u>15,107</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>9,170</u>	<u>9,170</u>	<u>15,107</u>

Mission

The Church sets aside a minimum of 10% of its General Fund receipts for mission purposes. The Church makes grants to other organisations whose charitable objectives complement its work.

Projects

For any project agreed by the Church Members Meeting

Spire

Agreed by the Church Members Meeting for repairs to the spire

Hardship

Relief of hardship

9	Restricted Funds	Brought Forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Carried Forward £
	New Building	200	0	0	0	200
	Pre-school	45	0	0	0	45
	Hardship	780	0	0	0	780
	Works of Heart	0	510	69	0	441
	Connect	0	100	76	0	24
	Ladies Weekend	0	1,928	2,006	0	-78
		<u>1,025</u>	<u>2,538</u>	<u>2,151</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,412</u>

New Building

Provision of a larger church building

Pre-school

Pre-school club

Hardship

Relief of hardship

Works of Heart

Monthly craft group

Connect

Group for carers of children with additional needs

Ladies Weekend

Ladies weekend 02.2024: funded by church, to be repaid by attendees, in installments, by 31.01.2024

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10	Endowment Funds	Brought Forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Carried Forward £
	Manse	290,000	0	0	0	290,000
	Church	400,000	0	0	0	400,000
		<u>690,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>690,000</u>

Manse Church Provision of accommodation for minister
Place of worship

11	Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds	General Funds £	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds	Total Funds £
	Tangible assets	7,940	0	0	690,000	697,940
	Net current assets	121,781	15,107	1,412	0	138,300
	Net assets	<u>129,721</u>	<u>15,107</u>	<u>1,412</u>	<u>690,000</u>	<u>836,240</u>

12 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year that required disclosure.

Kings Baptist Church

Geoff Mann FCIE
Geoff Mann Limited
Dee House
Highworth Avenue
Cambridge, CB4 2BQ

Dear Geoff

We confirm to the best of our knowledge and belief, and having made appropriate enquiries of other trustees, the following representations given to you in connection with your independent examination of the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023.

- 1 We acknowledge as trustees our responsibilities for preparing accounts which give a true and fair view and for making accurate representations to you. All the accounting records have been made available to you for the purpose of your independent examination of the accounts and all the transactions undertaken by the Church have been properly reflected and recorded in the accounting records. All other records and related information have been made available to you.
- 2 The trustees have not had, or entered into, at any time during the year any arrangement, transaction or agreement to provide credit facilities (including loans, quasi-loans, or credit transactions) for the members of the board of trustees or to guarantee or provide security for such matters.
- 3 The trustees are not aware of any breaches of law or regulations which would have a material impact on the accounts.
- 4 Except as detailed in the accounts, we are not aware of any significant transactions with related parties which would require disclosure, whether under Financial Reporting Standard 102 or otherwise. To the best of our knowledge and belief, the disclosures given in the accounts regarding control are correct.
- 5 The trustees confirm that in their opinion the Church will continue as a going concern for a period in excess of twelve months from the approval of these accounts.

As minuted by the trustees at their meeting.

A.S. Sanders

M. Stanley

Trustees

Alison Down

For SS
J. S. P.

Angela M. Clark

20 March 2024

20 March 2024

Date

KING'S BAPTIST CHURCH

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Opening report

Alistair Sanders

During 2022 we explored what it means for us to be a church. We saw that that includes prioritising being both a *visionary* and a *missional* people.

In terms of *vision*, it is vital that we create a culture or atmosphere of hope, faith, optimism and expectation. God calls us to be a people of faith, who can see potential in every person, and opportunity in every situation.

In terms of *mission*, each of us must own the personal responsibility to find, befriend, engage, and walk alongside others outside our faith community. These may be people whom we already know, that we live with or work with, those who already are our neighbours. We need grace and patience to walk with them as true friends—quick to listen, slow to speak, being present when needed, never being judgmental and always showing Christian love.

At the start of 2022, we were still having to manage with COVID-19 restrictions. One year later we can look back on a great deal of change in our nation and in the world, including much turmoil and upheaval. In many ways, 2022 has been a year of transition, transformation and consolidation. At the start of the year we asked what it means for us to be a church, and we began by acknowledging Christ as the head of the church. We saw that if Christ is the head of the church, then we are the body. As Christ's body, we are to be completely surrendered to his authority.

This theme of our new creation identity in Christ is one that we revisited several times throughout the year. We looked in some detail at what it means for us to be

chosen, redeemed, and adopted by God. We saw that while this brings security, comfort and blessing to all God's children, it also brings us duties and responsibilities—and the authority to pursue and advance the Kingdom of God.

We explored what it meant for us to have the right mindset. We saw that with the wrong mindset we are a hindrance to Jesus, hostile to God, and living an incomplete life. We learned that the right mindset comes from pursuing the things of God over those of humanity, prioritising the Spirit over the flesh, and preferring the things of heaven above those of the earth.

In terms of outreach and engagement with our community, we took some tentative steps towards determining sustainable and achievable goals. Many members of the church support and volunteer with the Need Project, and continued to do so. We opened our doors to welcome the community with our Light Party, Christingle service, nativity play and Christmas carol service, followed by a 'family feast.' In December we opened the church as a 'warm space' as part of a national and local concern for the most vulnerable people in our town.

Among our church leaders we said goodbye to Jonny Whitmill and Theo Clark as they stepped down, having completed their terms of office. Tricia How also stepped down from her role as an elder when she and Kevin moved away. We welcomed Margaret Stanley (who was already treasurer) and Angie Clark as they were appointed as elders.

As we look forward to all God has for us in 2023, I see us growing as a people of faithful, fervent prayer, open to the promptings of God's Spirit, and becoming more confident in living in, and bearing witness to, the hope that we share.

I am delighted that we have seen our fellowship become more ethnically and culturally diverse, and going forward this is something I want us to celebrate and commemorate more and more.

Several times I have mentioned these words by writer Edward Grinnen: "...tomorrow is always uncertain. The future is not ours to know." But, as Corrie ten Boom said, "Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God."

Trustee's personal report (1)

Angela Clark

When I was appointed as an elder by the membership in April 2022, I believed that there were already areas of growth that God wanted to develop further in the life of KBC. These areas fit with the calling on my life: To minister prophetically and pastorally. This is what brings me the deepest joy. Arising from this calling, my vision for 2022, and continuing into 2023 is four-fold:

1. That KBC would continue to be a safe place for all – for those of all ages who attend KBC; that whether we attend a social or outreach event, attend a church service, are involved in ministry or service, or are reaching out for pastoral input of any kind, that we can feel confident that we are safe and will not suffer abuse in any form.

'Do not oppress the widow, the fatherless, the sojourner, or the poor, and let none of you devise evil against another in your heart.' (Zechariah 7:10)
2. That all who attend KBC would continue to develop relationships where they feel loved and cared for and feel able to reach out for help whenever they need – whether practical, emotional or spiritual.

Where we can come alongside one another as we ask for, and receive the healing available to us as members of the Body of Christ, and the equipping of the Holy Spirit to fulfil the calling on each of our lives. If we do not have the expertise or capacity within our current structure, we will refer to an appropriate source.

'Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God.' (1 John 4:7)

'He has sent me to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners...' (Isaiah 61:1)

3. To re-establish an opportunity for 'Encounter Worship' post-Covid where we can gather for an extended worship time in order to meet with God on a deeper level / soak in His presence. In this environment, 'space' will be facilitated for creative expressions of worship. Basic craft materials will be provided and those who wish to express their worship through artistic expression will be welcomed. Prophetic contributions will be welcomed and prayer will be available for healing.

'Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.' (James 4:8)
4. To encourage the congregation, as we came out of Covid restrictions, in their development and expression of prophetic gifts in a safe environment. We had already begun to explore this before we went into lockdown. Sessions will be programmed every few months where we can both learn more and also give space to prophesying in practice.

'Follow the way of love and eagerly desire gifts of the Spirit, especially prophecy' (1 Corinthians 14:1)

Trustee's personal report (2)

Ian Tyler

The life of an elder can sometimes be difficult and arduous, but it is very rewarding and a joy to see God's work in our congregation and to watch people grow in their walk with the Lord.

It has been a real pleasure to see how we have seen new people join our fellowship, the growth of our young people's work, witnessed people taking on extra roles within the life of the Church, supporting each other through whatever life events have come our way, and providing for others – being in fellowship with each other and those around us.

The recent Warm Spaces event held on Wednesday afternoons have not only been the “gentle presence” of Jesus to those in our community who are struggling through the winter with high fuel bills, cost of living in general and loneliness - but a time where those from our fellowship who have attended - whether as a helper or a visitor - we have learnt even more about them during these sessions than we have done when we meet in fellowship after the service every Sunday morning!

The blessing for me, is that we have a congregation that is deeply caring for others, they have a heart for God and His work in the community and beyond. I am excited about what God's plan is for us as a Church and for us all individually as we continue to see His Spirit move and grow amongst us.

I continue to personally give thanks to God for calling Alistair and the whole family to KBC – his arrival brought an end to a long interregnum – which, including the effects of lockdown due to Covid, was a tough time for everyone.

Whilst all of that was before the period that this report covers, the lasting effects on everyone are still being worked through – our new “normal” is not the same as our previous “normal”! Things are and will remain, to be different and we are still learning how we grow a Church under this “new normality”. I am praying that God will share His vision with us as to how He wants us to respond in this new season – to serve Him and deepen our relationship with Him as we journey together.

Finally, I am greatly indebted to the Trustees who recently gave me permission to temporarily stand back from my responsibilities as an Elder and Trustee for personal reasons. I am looking forward to being able to spend more time in God's presence and seek what His will is for me moving forward.

Please continue to pray for our Trustees and Eldership team as they lead our Church through these different, changing, and exciting times – It is a privilege to work and serve alongside them and the whole leadership team and they need your continuing prayerful, practical, spiritual, and emotional support.

Membership report

Alison Down

During 2022 we welcomed Tracey Royle into membership. We received the resignation of church membership from Jane Baker, who will be joining Christopher at New Life Church. We also received resignations from Peter & Pauline Wade; they had re-joined KBC while they were waiting for God to show them where they were called to serve. They now believe they are called to come alongside the congregation at King's Community Church in Letchworth. Our membership now stands at 64.

If you are not currently a Church Member but are interested in taking this next step of formal commitment to a local church, please talk to Alistair or one of the Elders.

Health and safety

Ian Tyler

The safety and wellbeing of anyone using the Church building is the responsibility of everyone who enters the building but ultimately, it is the overall responsibility and comes under the “watchful eyes” of the Trustees – they have the overall duty of care both morally and legally for anyone using our facilities.

We are pleased to report that the guidelines, policies, and procedures that have been put into place, whilst may sometimes seem onerous, are effective in making our Church a safer place to enter and be in.

Covid of course, still presents issues and risks for everyone and it is important that whilst we have reduced some of the “intensity” of some of the processes – the Trustees feel it is important at this time that we should remain diligent and maintain the current levels of procedures to reduce the risk of cross infection within the Church and it's fellowship – e.g. CO₂ monitors, ventilation, cleansing of surfaces (and logging the same) after each event etc.

The risk of cross contamination remains a high priority for any event and especially where foodstuffs are involved and handled. Great attention will continue to be given to ensure that precautions and actions minimise these risks and are carefully considered for each event – these will be clearly documented in the event Risk Assessment that is approved by the trustees prior to the event.

This highlights the need for the completion and review of a Risk Assessment for every event that is run in Church and it should be prepared in plenty of time prior to the event to

enable it to be fully reviewed by the Trustees.

Together, let's keep KBC a safe Church to be in.

Sadly, we have had one significant incident this year which resulted in someone requiring hospital treatment. I am pleased to say that they are making a good recovery and that the processes we had in place in terms of Risk Assessment, First Aid provision etc meant that there was nothing more that we could have done to prevent the incident from occurring – however, we should remain vigilant in ensuring that we do not become complacent due to our previous “good record” of no incidents.

Our vision is to maintain the Church as a safe and healthy place for people to meet and we will continue to review, improve, create whatever processes and procedures are required for us to meet our legal obligations and more! However, our aim is that this will be done where possible, for us not to produce a mountain of paperwork! That said, it is a sad reality in this modern world, that we are obliged to provide some written assessment of our risk management and these documents are something we have to produce as required and requested.

The Trustees are committed to being proactive, in investing and maintaining systems and procedures and will maintain our focus on our obligations - monitoring of any change in legislation for example, which may require changes in how and what we must implement.

As it says on the London Underground and on British Rail trains – *See it, say it, sorted!*

If you see something which you think is a H&S issue, say something to one of the Trustees or the person responsible (e.g. Property Deacon, Worship Deacon etc), and they will ensure it is sorted.

Safeguarding

Angela Clark

Our Designated Person for Safeguarding (DPS) is Dawn Addams; and our Trustee for Safeguarding is Angela Clark

The Core Sections of the Safeguarding Policy were updated, to be used against the other relevant Sections. This enables the policy to be more user-friendly. Any allegations will be appropriately addressed. We are all responsible to make sure that everyone in the church stays safe.

Risk Assessments and Lone Working now come under Health & Safety.

Two concerns were reported in 2022. No further action was required at that time.

Both Angie & Theo have stood down from being Trainers for Central Baptist Association for Levels 2 & 3 Safeguarding.

Most of the trustees, and Dawn who is our Designated Person for Safeguarding, attended Level 3 Safeguarding training at Biggleswade Baptist church in November.

We hope to host Level 2 training at KBC in 2023 for those who are due to have it.

We want to say a big Thank You to Dawn Addams who has been willing to take on responsibility as Designated Person for Safeguarding.

DBS Verification is now separate from Safeguarding, so thanks to Kevin How and Theo Clark who have undertaken this role in 2022.

DBS checks have now been extended to *five* years in line with current BUGB guidance.

Property and fabric report

Matt Wheatley

1. Church building

The last year has mainly been general maintenance and ongoing upkeep of the buildings. The big things done this year was replacing locks and keys in main church. This was done as the locks were wearing out and gave us an opportunity to check and re-issue keys for security. The CCTV system at church was installed.

2. Manse

Manse refurbishment

The manse had a lot of focus early in 2022 when we finally carried out the garage conversion, creating both a utility room and a study. At the same time we undertook the task to replace the kitchen.

There were a few delays but in the end we completed the project under budget.

Manse upkeep

In 2022 we put up a new shed at the manse, with the help of Matt, Ian, Dave, and Alistair.

Pastoral report

Angela Clark

Bereavements

We continue to pray for comfort for those who lost loved ones in 2022. In January, KBC hosted the Wake for Margaret P's son-in-law, Ian. Jane S's mother and Kevin H's brother passed away in the Spring. Jane B lost her mother in the summer and Ceri her sister. Ian T's dad, Helen W's brother, and Colin Pond died in the Autumn

We also hosted the funeral service for Eunice Thompson, Eileen Condor's sister, in October. Her family was very appreciative. Several previous and present members of KBC attended the funeral of Mick Racher at Biggleswade Baptist Church in December. Mick was previously a faithful and active member of KBC.

Weddings

We enjoyed celebrating the Wedding of Jonny and Alex on Saturday 5th November. It was a joyous time for all and we wish them both every blessing as they grow together.

Anniversaries

Tricia & Kevin and Theo & Angie celebrated their Sapphire (45th) Wedding Anniversaries, Rick & Mari, Geoff & Lesley, Andrew & Pauline and Ian & Vicky all celebrated Ruby wedding anniversaries. Tony & Margaret, Michael & Alison and Pam & Bernard all celebrated Golden wedding anniversaries.

We do not take the grace and provision of God for granted when it comes to our relationships and marriages, and continue to pray for protection and wisdom, especially for those relationships that are under pressure.

Birthdays

Peter, Pauline and Roger have all celebrated 70th birthdays, Doug his 80th and Neil C his 50th

House moves

Priscilla and her family moved into their new home. Thanks to all who assisted with the move in any way, or with childcare or meals. This was a great example of the Body of Christ working together.

Kevin & Tricia moved away to Ledbury and Kevin & Gill moved to Stratford Upon Avon. We will all miss them and thank them for all that they have contributed to life and ministry at KBC over many years.

General news

Angie prepared a list of current Housegroups, which was circulated. If you wish to attend a Housegroup, please speak to one of the Leadership Team. Our Pastoral Meetings always include a training element and the Pastoral Care List is updated. Alistair shared his vision for Pastoral Care at our March meeting. Thanks to everyone for your consistency in looking out for each other.

Covid continues to be among us. People from church have been giving practical support to those who need it. Thank you.

Thirteen people attended Ministry Team Training on 22 May and I am encouraged to see the increasing willingness of people to ask for prayer ministry following the services. If you would like specific prayer ministry at a deeper level than that available after the Sunday services, or anointing with oil for healing, please ask.

The Prayer Chain continues to be effective in providing support for anyone who asks for prayer – either for themselves or at the request of others. If

you would like to join this WhatsApp group, please ask Angie to add you and let you know the guidelines. We praise God for reports of breakthrough in the lives of our church family. Hallelujah!!

Several of our older members are becoming increasingly frail, have been in and out of hospital, or have entered residential care. Please continue to visit and pray for them.

‘Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God.’ (1 John 4:7)

Prophetic Development

Prophetic Development sessions were held in April and October. We have seen at least a dozen people attend these sessions. A different group of people came in October. We are learning that God is always speaking, and wants to encourage us all. We all need to learn to ‘tune in’ to His voice and have confidence to share what we sense He is saying. The 2nd session included a re-cap as well as new training material, as a different group of people attended. We have all been encouraged as we have flexed our spiritual muscles and also received prophetic input. We have already noticed an increasing willingness to give prophetic input in our prayer meetings and Sunday services, which is exciting.

‘The one who prophesies speaks to people for their strengthening, encouraging and comfort.’ (1 Corinthians 14:3)

Worship

Helen Wightwick

Our Worship Team has grown across 2022 to include another guitarist, more singers and several teenagers which has made it a truly inter-generational team and blessed us greatly. By the end of 2022 we had 3 guitarists, 2 bass guitarists, 1 drummer, 4 keyboard players, 5 singers and 7 people trained to operate the words/PA desk. Many of our team members have multiple roles within the team and other significant roles within the church, eg with the children and leading services, but we have always managed to have a small team available and sometimes a gloriously large one! I would like to offer my heartfelt thanks for all our team members’ flexibility and willingness to serve. We have also lost several members during the year, including Tricia who moved away and Jonny who got married and stepped back. We wish them every blessing.

We have had two main training events during the year, both involving Engage Worship, a Ministry led by Sam and Sara Hargreaves in Luton. In May Sam came to KBC and provided a bespoke training on Reliance on the Holy Spirit, while in November most of the team attended a conference in Luton where Sam and Sara explained the wider package of How Jesus would lead worship, which we all found inspiring.

We have had several team meetings and New Songs Practices across the year, and a very successful bring and share Barbecue at the Rolfe’s home in August, followed by an extended jamming session when we all made a joyful noise to the Lord and learnt 6 new songs in the process!

Encounter Worship

Angela Clark

Our first Encounter Worship evening since Covid took place on 27th November 2022. We invited people to attend from other congregations through our links with the small churches network. We all appreciated the opportunity to worship in a non-rushed environment and praise God that His power was present to heal among us.

‘Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.’ (James 4:8)

Wednesday morning prayer

Helen Wightwick

Every Wednesday morning we meet for 2 hours between 10 and 12 to offer prayers of thanksgiving and intercession. Attendance has been growing across 2022 to reach an average of about 12 people. Five people share the load of leading the group.

The format is usually to start with a Bible passage and 2 or 3 worship songs, then the remainder of the first hour usually focuses on activities and needs at KBC, followed by a coffee break at 11. The second hour often broadens the focus to pray for mission partners, such as Judy Cook in Thailand, the Dalit schools in India, the Need Project, and Christian Initiative to Schools.

Sometimes we focus on traumatic world events like the war in Ukraine, praying for our Christian brothers and sisters there.

In 2022 we introduced a video series on prayer: *Moving mountains*, by John Eldridge.

Wednesday evening prayer

Ian Tyler

The beauty of the Wednesday evening prayer meetings is that they are fluid in terms of their format and content. We are grateful that there are a faithful number of people who volunteer to run the weekly meetings, and who bring to each gathering different perspectives to share with us.

Dependent on what is going on in peoples’ lives, the Church, the world – the sessions focus on praying into the various situations. What is especially powerful in these meetings, is the way that God meets with us individually and as a Church.

The ‘usual’ format is a time of worship, some sharing, and reflection based on what God has put on the heart of the person leading the session and those attending – followed of course by prayer! We say the ‘usual’ format because, ultimately, we follow the lead of the Holy Spirit as He directs!

Since returning physically back in the Church building post Covid, there have been many times of just waiting and soaking in God’s presence which, with what is going on in everyone’s busy lives, has been a real blessing to us all.

The level of attendance at the meeting has not returned to pre Covid numbers and those who regularly attend, find it a time of blessing and enrichment and it would be encouraging if people could prayerfully consider whether the evening session could be a powerful and important part of their prayer life and Church fellowship.

There have been occasions where we have followed a “theme” for a number of weeks, which has brought specific focus and teaching, but the evening is not

intended to be a time of in-depth teaching but as the previous name for the evening prayer meetings – it is a time of “Going Deeper” with God.

Youth

Matt Wheatley

It was a great privilege to restart youth after such an absence. In 2022 we met on the second and fourth Sundays each month. On average we have 8 young people each time, although we have had as many as 12.

Over the last year we have been going through the *Youth Alpha Course* to help encourage and grow the young people in the basics of their faith and walk. It has been a blessing to have leaders and members of the church come out each time to assist. This has been a great help for the youth to meet adults in the church and leadership, as well as the adults seeing who they are and what the youth can bring to a growing congregation.

Our vision for the coming year would be to continue to grow and meet the youth where they need it, and possibly do the third Sunday too. For this to happen we need some more committed leaders to help.

King's Kids

Kathrin Sanders

We have had another fruitful year at King's Kids with a fantastic team seeking to bring the children of our church closer to God. It is also great to see the children getting to know each other better and we can see some friendships forming. Some of the children are more confident and outspoken, others prefer to sit quietly and take it all in. But all of them feel

settled and safe enough to share their ups and downs with each other.

We have 12 children attending fairly regularly, with an age range from 4 to 11 years of age. There are 7 more who attend occasionally. The numbers seem a bit lower than last year but that is because our 12+ youngsters have started going to their own youth group instead.

It is a great joy and challenge in equal measures to have a group of children that come from varying degrees of church background. Some already have a personal relationship with Jesus whilst others are still exploring the Bible and its teachings from a safe distance. It is important to us as a team to understand this and gently and respectfully lead each child individually closer to God.

Up until last Christmas we followed the *Urban Saints* curriculum. Their material was great in many ways but when the subscription came to an end we decided to try something else. In 2023 we are using a new curriculum called *Connected Hearts*. One of the most exciting aspects of this curriculum is that it allows the children to seek God and experience Him for themselves. What we want to avoid is to merely teach 'about' Christianity and God. We'd rather show the children how they can seek Him, talk to Him and hear from Him without us adults doing it on their behalf. Our prayer is that God would come, meet each one of the KK children, call them by name and show them how much they are loved.

We are blessed to have a fantastic and committed team of helpers but going forward we need more people willing to plan and lead some of the sessions. Currently Kathrin is leading most of them with Fran leading occasionally too.

Accelerate

Fran, Naomi, Lillian, Doug and Ceri

Accelerate continues to meet on Zoom on Tuesday evenings during term time. Although, initially, this group catered for Youngsters aged ten to thirteen, we now have an age range of eight to sixteen years. We are always asking Father God to inspire us with fresh, lively and creative ideas which reflect His amazing love for us.

All the Youngsters are encouraged to participate by choosing a worship song; designing a game or quiz, by reading from the Bible and by praying openly for one another. In the Summer term last year we explored new testament characters who had Encounters with Jesus, followed by old testament characters who were powerfully used by God. This was interspersed with our Bible Psalmathon! The Youngsters read the Psalms for about an hour non-stop. They were duly fed with pizza, salads and juice in massive amounts! The Congregation sponsored us and we donated half the money to Helimission and half to Transform Burkina. We concluded the term with a fabulous games night based on Taskmaster.

The Autumn term was based on Christian Lifestyle. Topics included Courage, Setting Priorities and decision making, Influence and Contentment. Our Youngsters need our prayers as they represent Jesus in our modern-day world. We held our usual Christmas Travelling Supper. This had to be postponed, due to snow and ice, from Christmas to the New Year. We thank Helen and Steve, Pam and Bernard and Jane and Gary for their generous hospitality.

This term we have been looking closely at the Lord's Prayer our aim being that

every Youngster will learn this by heart. Shrove Tuesday will be our annual Pancakes and Games night to which you are all invited. The rest of the term will be devoted to the Journey of Jesus leading up to Easter.

We need, and appreciate, your prayers week by week. Please smile at us; chat to us, ask us how our week has been! Jesus is our Role Model and you are our Cheer Leaders.

KBC Men

Matt Wheatley

Over the last year we have met most months, for fellowship. This has included breakfasts, films, a curry night, BBQs and Christmas meals. We get an average of 12 people attending.

The Christmas meal was well attended and we joined together with the men from our sister Baptist churches in Letchworth and Fairfield.

Going forward we would love to see more people attend, and we are aiming for people to feel open about bringing friends and neighbours along.

KBC Women

Dawn Addams

We restarted the Ladies' Breakfast in October 2022 and it has been going very well. We have around 8-12 people join us each time. We have a short talk and some fellowship time, along with our breakfast. We have been going to Wetherspoons in Letchworth. It's not as private as our previous venue, but it gets us chatting to other customers as we let them know we will be having a small talk. And you never know, they may hear something that will start them on their journey to God!

Each talk has been thought provoking and we learn something new every time!

In the New Year we will be trying different venues to try to accommodate different dietary requirements. It has been a joy to meet together again and we hope we have more new recruits in the New Year.

Small groups (1)

Doug and Ceri Deards

The house group we attend is held fortnightly at the home of Gary and Jane. Their address is available on Church Suite. We meet on Tuesday evenings at 7:45 p.m. till 9:00 p.m. so that our friends are free to attend the Prayer Meeting on Wednesday evenings.

We begin each evening with a time of fellowship over drinks and some of Jane's excellent baking. During this time we share experiences in our lives in a safe place which enables us to pray for one another in a special way. We aim to support one another practically throughout the week, not just on a Tuesday evening.

Doug opens in prayer and we open the Word of God. We have teaching and guided discussion on the passages for the evening and all are welcome to add their own insights or ask questions.

Over the past year we have explored 'The Kingdom of God' and the person of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

We conclude with a time of open prayer for the needs of our Church family and our own needs whether they be joys or sorrows.

Our hope is to continue to grow in our faith, to support one another as we walk with Jesus through our lives.

Small groups (2)

Michael & Alison Down

Although lock down prevented some of the scheduled meetings this year, we continued to meet on Monday mornings from 10am during school term times as soon as we were able.

We enjoyed a time of catching up together over coffee and then moved on to worship, prayer and Bible study. It's really good to hear everyone's thoughts and perspective on the subject chosen and to be encouraged and challenged by this and by praying for one another.

This year we have spent some time looking at Nicky Gumbel's *Bible in One Year* material and have enjoyed good fellowship in a small, safe, home environment.

Small groups (3)

Helen Wightwick

A small KBC House Group meets on Thursday afternoons. We take it in turns to host the meeting and also to lead Lifebuilder Bible Studies on topics chosen by the group, both books of the Bible and various topics – like what the Bible says about Motherhood. We “do life” together and provide a warm social space for those who perhaps live alone, and support one another pastorally through various difficult life events (relationship issues, anxiety etc). We also pray for one another and the wider church family. We would welcome new members.

Connect

Helen Backhouse

I set up the 'Connect' group in September 2017 with Zoe, a friend of mine who I first met at KBC Tiny Tots. There is very little support for parents of children with additional needs in this area, and at the time we knew that a support group for parents of autistic children in Biggleswade was closing down. We both know what it is like to feel isolated and overwhelmed and how much support groups had helped us, so we wanted to do something to help parents and carers in Stotfold and the surrounding area.

We started with just the two of us and a few other parents, and now have 666 members in our private Facebook group. In it we share useful articles and information, parents can share their situation or struggles (anonymously if they wish), gain tips and ideas and ask other parents for advice. It's great to see that people in the group are so supportive of each other, and it's such a relief for everyone to have a safe place where they can let off steam with others who 'get it'. People are often referred to us by other agencies who are now getting to know that we exist.

Our face to face meet up is held on the first Tuesday of each month in the church building during term time. We have up to 20 people attending this group, some regulars and often people who come for the first time. Occasionally we have representatives coming along from organisations such as Carers in Bedfordshire, Care for the Family etc. to offer advice and a listening ear. During the morning we chat, drink coffee, and eat homemade cake. Often people come along who just need to cry to let it all out. We offer a listening ear, tips and advice from our own experience and sources of

help and information. Sometimes we even have a laugh too! We have organised a few evening meet ups too - we enjoyed a pottery painting evening and approximately once a term we meet at Box of Cakes Cafe, where Emma kindly allows us to have the place to ourselves. In the near future we will also be meeting once a month in the evening in the church building so that those who work during the day can attend, and are planning to organise some talks too. We also offer a lending library.

When we started the group we wanted to meet somewhere that was a safe place for people to be themselves and to share with others. I strongly believe that it's no accident we are meeting in God's house and that he's ministering through us and the group, even though it isn't an outreach or Christian event. It enables me to share events that are happening in the church building as people are already familiar with it and they know that I attend KBC. I pray that God would use me and the Connect group to minister to these families in their difficult situations and bring many of them to know Him for themselves. Thank you to Alistair and the leadership team for allowing us the use of the building and for their continued invaluable support.

Works of Heart

Vicky Tyler

Getting back to church was a gentle process in 2022, but regardless of the 'challenges' God kept our little flock of crafters connected. Everyone has been impacted for all the obvious reasons, but not only did we 'craft' things, but trust and care were crafted too... not only through conversations, but in acts of kindness between members of our group.

We are only a small group, but still feel that it is not yet time to cease. I pray God will continue to draw in those who seek a gentle presence of encouragement, space and fun with others.

Father God, thank you for your inspiration and ideas, and for the simple gift of sharing our skills, and especially sharing our hearts for You through our actions. Bless us with Your guidance and wisdom in this year of 2023.

Balancing the Yoke (BTY)

Heather Chalmers & Jane O'Flanagan

For those new to our fellowship, BTY is a group for those in our fellowship whose husband or wife are not yet believers. We have been running for around 8 years now and have enjoyed a close loving, supportive fellowship together and many, many answered prayers along our journey on this unique and often heart-breaking road together. That said, God has remained faithful and we have experienced his goodness time and time again!

In 2022 we studied Joyce Meyer's book *Unshakable Trust*, meeting monthly to explore and go deeper into God's word and the promises of hope and what true surrender & trust look like in each of our lives and very different home environments.

We have remained supported and so encouraged by our church family in their prayerful interest in our husbands and wives, and in particular the powerful mountain moving, tearful requests brought before the Lord on Wednesday days of prayer for household salvation for all our families. Thank you, our dear prayer warriors—you know who you are.

We meet monthly and have a core group of six women, two from other fellowships, but recently two new members from our own fellowship joining us, praise God.

This year we are completing the *Lectio Divina* course available online through the 24/7 prayer movement. Session 1, *How to hear from God through his word*, has brought some interesting discussions and encouraging God revealing prayer. We look forward to growing in what God has for us in 2023 and in giving testimony to His greatness, while we continue to pray for the Lord to preserve the life of our loved ones and to reveal himself to them.

Warm Space

Kathrin Sanders

The 'Warm Space' is a new country-wide initiative in response to the rising heating bills. The initial idea was that people who couldn't afford to keep their heating on, would be invited to a weekly warm space, so they could enjoy the central heating there, along with some soup, bread, hot drinks and cake, all for free. The plan was to start at the beginning of December, when the temperatures dropped and have the last session at the end of February.

Helen W. was instrumental in organising all the various Warm Spaces in Stotfold and with a bit of coordination we managed to have a Warm Space on offer somewhere pretty much every day of the week. KBC opened their doors on a Wednesday afternoon from 1-4pm. Apart from free central heating we were able to offer bread and soup (provided by the Need Project) as well as hot drinks, cake and biscuits. There was usually a Puzzle on the go as well as various board games, arts and crafts and toys for the little

ones. A group of ladies rediscovered their passion for knitting and started creating baby clothes for orphaned babies around the world.

After a slow initial start the sessions got busier each week. It is hard to tell who was there because of financial difficulty. Some people simply needed a quick break from their caring duties at home, others needed a cheap afternoon out with the kids, but everyone appreciated the friendship and warm welcome they received.

We had a wonderful and dedicated core team of KBC volunteers who were willing to help with setting up, serving food and drinks, and tidying up at the end. We also had lots of Church members who joined us as often as they could to mingle, extend their friendship and offer a listening ear.

The official end of the Warm Space scheme came all too soon. Considering the friendships formed and the blessing this Wednesday space had become to everyone involved, we all agreed it needed to carry on. We were delighted when the Need Project offered to get more involved and work together with the KBC volunteers, continuing to provide this space on a Wednesday afternoon. So from the beginning of March 2023 the warm space became the 'Home from Home community space' headed up by Dawn.

It has been a real joy to be part of this project. We have created an environment where people feel safe, friendships are formed and conversations are becoming more meaningful.

Churches Together in Stotfold (CTS)

Helen Wightwick and Clare Kilby represent us with CTS—the following report for 2022 is by Rev. Graham Clark, Chair of CTS.

After two years of adapting our traditional Churches Together activities to the changing landscape of the pandemic, we were able to get back to a more normal pattern of events in 2022.

Our first event of the year was the service of Christian Unity in January 2022. My thanks to Graham and to all at the Methodist Church who led the very successful and well-attended service as well as providing refreshments.

In February, Churches Together hosted the Stotfold Town Council's Civic Service at St Mary's Church. The theme was "Strength in community". The service was very well received and the social time afterwards also provided valued community connection, with a positive witness from the churches.

In April, we returned to holding an Easter Morning Sunrise Service. There was an excellent attendance, and we were blessed with a beautiful morning. The Salvation Army band sounded great outside. Father Benny came too, representing St Francis Catholic Church in Shefford. As a result, we determined to include him in our minutes circulation and have now welcomed Denise as a member of our committee.

Open the Book (OtB) finally got back into schools in person shortly before Easter. I would like to pay tribute to the OtB team and particularly to Tricia who edited the 30 videos that were recorded and sent to schools during the pandemic. Both the Summer and Autumn terms saw OtB return to its normal pattern of 6 face to face sessions per term at St Mary's and Roecroft Academies. At the end of the summer term, we sadly had to say

goodbye to Tricia who has moved to Herefordshire but were very fortunate in recruiting two new volunteers. Our collaboration with the OtB team serving the two Fairfield Lower School sites has also continued. Our two teams now work more closely together, sharing resources and planning.

May saw Christian Aid week and this was another event that had largely returned to its normal pattern. Hazel reported that £2318 had been raised which was almost a £1000 increase on the previous year. The fundraising Committee will meet early in 2023 to formulate a plan of action for this year.

In the Summer of 2022, we sadly had to say goodbye to Nicola who has moved to a new post with the Salvation Army in Southend. I would like to record our thanks for all of Nicola's hard work for Churches Together over the past years. Given the departures of both Nicola and Tricia who had been such stalwarts of our Holiday Club we decided that we would not hold a Holiday Club this year but would look to holding one the following year.

In September, the nation was saddened to hear of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth. Once again Churches Together were able to provide a focus for our local community by holding a memorial service on the afternoon of Sunday 18th September. I was very impressed by the rapid response made by all our churches to ensure that our local community had an opportunity to express their sadness and gratitude at this most unprecedented time.

Later in September, we formally welcomed the new Salvation Army captains Adrian and Gemma to Churches Together and we look forward to

continuing our mission to the people of Stotfold alongside them.

In late October, given the cost-of-living crisis and in particular the spiraling energy costs, Churches Together convened a meeting at Kings Baptist Church with the Town Council, Stotfold Good Neighbours and the Need Project to discuss how we might coordinate a network of warm spaces in the town. As a result, from December we now have a network of warm spaces across Stotfold where people can keep warm and receive free refreshments. Another wonderful example of our churches leading a community initiative.

In November the Town's Remembrance service was led by Churches Together with the British Legion. The ceremony at the cenotaph was reimagined and Bill also updated the Remembrance Service in church. However, we were mindful that these are Civic events which also include those of other faiths.

In December we held Carols by torchlight outside at St Mary's Church with the Salvation Army band and the OtB drama group. We decided to go for an earlier, more family-friendly time. Once again this proved to be a very well attended and well received event despite the chilly conditions. Our collection this year was made in support of the Need Project and raised an excellent £266.78 which was £111 more than last year.

I'm filled with a feeling of gratitude and pride for all we have achieved together to the glory of God in this past year. My thanks go to all the clergy and Churches Together representatives who have made this year such a success and we look forward to working together to continue to be a beacon of Christ's light in our local community in the coming year.

Treasurer's report

Margaret Stanley

I started my first year as Church Treasurer with enthusiasm, and some trepidation, looking forward to changes and challenges. I have ended the year in the same way but with some additional knowledge and definitely with added wisdom. The Lord has shown me it is time to hand over the baton to another as my calling is elsewhere.

We started the financial year with the knowledge that our main challenge would be that of funding a new minister and with that, came the loss of income from renting out the manse. We were in the fortunate position of having a starting bank balance of £47,124 due mainly, I believe, to the two previous years of lockdown and not having a full-time minister. We also had £87,486 in the deposit account, held by the Baptist Union, and £15,804 in a Restricted Fund (Manse), also held by the Baptist Union.

The Manse needed some considerable refurbishment. The Trustees brought a £25,000 budget, for this work, to the Church Meeting, which voted in agreement. It was also agreed that £15,000 be put aside for repairs to the church spire.

We came under budget on the manse refurbishment by £1,800 but then had to pay the council a sign off fee of close to £1000. We still came under budget by £800 for which we Praise God. At that time, it was decided to transfer £26,000 from the Deposit Account and £15,804 from the Restricted Fund (Manse) to the church current account, in order to have all the funds readily available when needed. (Arranging the transfers was a rather lengthy and complicated process). At the year end, there is still £15,000 designated for the church spire repair in the current account, as getting quotes for that work has been difficult due to the nature of the materials needed.

Therefore, in April the Deposit Account held £61,486 and in June the Restricted Fund (Manse) was closed.

The Budget for the year showed Minister & Manse Costs at £34,065 and Church Running Costs at £46,387, totally £80,452. The expected Income from donations was £45,240 and with Gift Aid of £11,310 we budgeted an expected income of £56,550. We underspent on the budget so our End of Year shows:

KBC INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY 2022			
	General Fund	Reserves	Manse Fund
B/Forward: 1st Jan 2022	£ 47,124	£ 87,486	£ 15,804
Interest Received		£ 1,005	£ 57
Transfer for Spire	£ 15,000	£ (15,000)	
Transfer for Manse	£ 26,861	£ (11,000)	£ (15,861)
INCOME	£ 70,325		
EXPENDITURE	£ (96,336)		£ 27,267
Net Movement in Prepayments / Accruals	£ (11,839)		
Cash in Bank	£ 51,135	£ 62,491	Account Closed

We also expect to receive around £14,500 in Gift Aid for 2021 and £11,000 in Gift Aid for this year.

In the budget we allowed £500 for a (Designated) Hardship Fund, to help anyone in our church family who was in exceptional need. It soon became clear that £500 was not going to be enough and the Trustees decided that fundraising for a separate (Restricted) Hardship Fund was appropriate. A small fundraising effort was put in place and there is an end of year balance of £780 in the Restricted Hardship Fund. The Trustees are in the process of writing a policy for how the two Hardship Funds should be correctly accounted for and used.

Near the beginning of the year we, as a country, saw the start of the war in

Ukraine. We felt it right to give £1,000, from General Funds, to help with the work going on there and this was done through the Baptist Mission. Another fundraising effort took place, and we were able to give a further £1,900, (including the Gift Aid we are able to claim on the donations received).

We have had other fundraising effort take place; the Young People in the church raised £500 (including the Gift Aid we are able to claim on the sponsorship received) by reading the Psalms. £250 of this went to missionary work in Burkina Faso and £250 to Helimission.

We started up 'Warm Spaces' for the winter and received a grant of £500 towards the cost of running this, which has been gratefully received. We plan on

continuing what the Lord has started with this as He has shown us that there is a definite need for people to get together in a social setting.

Although our Expenditure continues to exceed our Income, we Praise God for His faithfulness and provision. We trust in Him for the future of the work being undertaken at King's Baptist Church in preaching the Gospel and making disciples of all people and in serving our community to the best of our ability.

King's Baptist Church

The Green, Stotfold

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King's Baptist Church

Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022

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Trustees	Theo Clark Angela Clark Alison Down Patricia How Jane Sprittles Margaret Stanley Ian Tyler Jonathan Whitmill	Stood down 28.04.2022 Appointed 28.04.2022 Resigned (Moved away) 21.07.2022 Appointed 12.02.2023 Stood down 28.04.2022
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Report of the Trustees

The trustees present their report and the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022.

The accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Church and of the surplus or deficit of the Church for that year.

In preparing those accounts, the trustees are required to:

- (i) Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
- (ii) Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- (iii) Prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Church will continue in business.
- (iv) Observe the methods and principals of the Charities SORP.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the Church and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Church and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing document

The Church's governing document is a constitution adopted on 29 April 2010. It was registered as a charity on 22 June 2010.

Appointment of trustees

New trustees are appointed by the membership and require 66% of eligible voters present.

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Report of the Trustees

Trustee induction and training

The trustees regularly review the procedures in place for trustee induction and training by reference to guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Organisational structure

The trustees set out the general policy of the Church. The day to day affairs of the charity are run by the minister (or in the absence of a minister the trustees).

Objects and Activities

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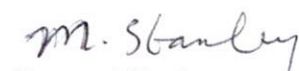
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	Depreciation		4,010	4,523
	Equipment (below £1,000)		1,369	31
	Gas, electricity and water		3,339	2,755
	Independent examination		564	552
	Insurance		2,220	2,265
	Membership, health and safety		661	2,678
	Miscellaneous running costs		1,382	3,750
	Printing, postage and stationery		1,340	2,008
	Telephone and internet		1,074	788
	Travel		501	619
			47,157	38,663
	Outreach		1,005	512
	Pastoral and training		3,742	3,028
	Grants to Missionary Organisations - Designated Fund	3	16,440	15,240
	Total Expenditure		100,346	65,470

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	<u>Institution</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	
	Baptist Union Home Mission	Church Support in the UK	3,000 3,000
	Bible Bookshop		50 600
	BMS World Mission	World Evangelism	3,000 3,000
	Christian Initiative to Schools	North Herts Christian Education in Schools	2,400 2,400
	Christian Institute		180 180
	Feed Up Warm Up		0 1,000
	Need Project (separate charity since 2017)		4,200 4,200
	Rolfe		150 800
	UCB		60 60
	BMS Ukraine	Effects of War Support	1,000 0
			14,040 15,240
	Grants to Missionary Organisations - Restricted Funds	2022 £	2021 £
	<u>Institution</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	
	BMS Ukraine (Ukraine)	Effects of War Support	1,900 0
	Burkina Faso (Psalmathon)	Church Support in BF	250 0
	Helimission (Psalmathon)	Support Helimission	250 0
			2,400 0
	Grants to Missionary Organisations - Total	16,440	15,240

4 **Staff Costs**

None of the trustees received any remuneration in respect of their role as a trustee, nor did they receive any expenses.

The staff costs were:	2022 £	2021 £
Wages and salaries	26,004	6,501
Other pension costs	2,924	969
	28,928	7,470

The average weekly number of staff employed by the charity during the year was 1 (2021 - 1)

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5	Fixed Assets		Freehold land and buildings £	Furniture etc £	Total £
	Cost	Balance at 01.01.22	690,000	31,177	721,177
		Additions	0	0	0
		Disposals	0	0	0
			-----	-----	-----
		Balance at 31.12.22	690,000	31,177	721,177
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	Depreciation	Balance at 01.01.22	0	15,982	15,982
		Depeciation	0	4,010	4,010
		Disposals	0	0	0
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		Balance at 31.12.22	0	19,992	19,992
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	Net Book Value	At 31.12.22	690,000	11,185	701,185
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		At 01.01.22	690,000	15,195	705,195
			-----	-----	-----
6	Debtors: Due within one year			2022 £	2021 £
	Income tax recoverable			25,671	14,131
	Prepayments			1,863	1,960
				-----	-----
				27,534	16,091
				-----	-----
7	Creditors: Due within one year			2022 £	2021 £
	Accruals			267	630
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8	Designated Funds	Brought Forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Carried Forward £
	Mission	0	0	14,040	14,040	0
	Projects	87	20	0	0	107
	Spire	0	0	0	15,000	15,000
	Hardship	0	0	500	500	0
	Manse Refurbishment	0	0	24,191	24,191	0
		87	20	38,731	53,731	15,107

Mission

The Church sets aside a minimum of 10% of its General Fund receipts for mission purposes. The Church makes grants to other organisations whose charitable objectives complement its work.

Projects

For any project agreed by the Church Members Meeting

Spire

Agreed by the Church Members Meeting for repairs to the spire

Hardship

Relief of hardship

Manse Refurbishment

Agreed by the Church Members Meeting for refurbishment of the manse

9	Restricted Funds	Brought Forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Carried Forward £
	New Building	200	0	0	0	200
	Pre-school	45	0	0	0	45
	Hardship	0	1,180	400	0	780
	Daughters of the King	0	306	306	0	0
	Psalmathon	0	500	500	0	0
	Ukraine	0	1,900	1,900	0	0
		245	3,886	3,106	0	1,025

New Building

Provision of a larger church building

Pre-school

Pre-school club

Hardship

Relief of hardship

Daughters of the King

Ladies Event

Psalmathon

Sponsored Event

Ukraine

Relief from the effects of war

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10	Endowment Funds	Brought Forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Carried Forward £
	Manse	305,804	57	0	-15,861	290,000
	Church	400,000	0	0	0	400,000
		<u>705,804</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>-15,861</u>	<u>690,000</u>

Manse Church Provision of accommodation for minister
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11 **Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds**

	General Funds £	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds	Total Funds £
Tangible assets	11,185	0	0	690,000	701,185
Net current assets	814,761	15,107	1,025	-690,000	140,893
	<u>825,947</u>	<u>15,107</u>	<u>1,025</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>842,078</u>

12 **Related party transactions**

There were no related party transactions in the year that required disclosure.

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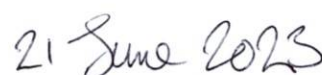
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As minuted by the trustees at their meeting.



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Trustees



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Date

King's Baptist Church

The Green, Stotfold

Registered Charity number: 1136519

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Structure, Governance and Management

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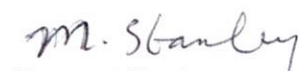
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	Computer hardware and software		1,831	1,397
	Depreciation		4,010	4,523
	Equipment (below £1,000)		1,369	31
	Gas, electricity and water		3,339	2,755
	Independent examination		564	552
	Insurance		2,220	2,265
	Membership, health and safety		661	2,678
	Miscellaneous running costs		1,382	3,750
	Printing, postage and stationery		1,340	2,008
	Telephone and internet		1,074	788
	Travel		501	619
			47,157	38,663
	Outreach		1,005	512
	Pastoral and training		3,742	3,028
	Grants to Missionary Organisations - Designated Fund	3	16,440	15,240
	Total Expenditure		100,346	65,470

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3	Grants to Missionary Organisations - Designated Fund	2022 £	2021 £
	<u>Institution</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	
	Baptist Union Home Mission	Church Support in the UK	3,000
	Bible Bookshop		50
	BMS World Mission	World Evangelism	3,000
	Christian Initiative to Schools	North Herts Christian Education in Schools	2,400
	Christian Institute		180
	Feed Up Warm Up		0
	Need Project (separate charity since 2017)		4,200
	Rolfe		150
	UCB		60
	BMS Ukraine	Effects of War Support	1,000
			0
			14,040
			15,240
	Grants to Missionary Organisations - Restricted Funds	2022 £	2021 £
	<u>Institution</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	
	BMS Ukraine (Ukraine)	Effects of War Support	1,900
	Burkina Faso (Psalmathon)	Church Support in BF	250
	Helimission (Psalmathon)	Support Helimission	250
			2,400
			0
	Grants to Missionary Organisations - Total	16,440	15,240

4 **Staff Costs**

None of the trustees received any remuneration in respect of their role as a trustee, nor did they receive any expenses.

The staff costs were:	2022 £	2021 £
Wages and salaries	26,004	6,501
Other pension costs	2,924	969
	28,928	7,470

The average weekly number of staff employed by the charity during the year was 1 (2021 - 1)

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5	Fixed Assets		Freehold land and buildings £	Furniture etc £	Total £
	Cost	Balance at 01.01.22	690,000	31,177	721,177
		Additions	0	0	0
		Disposals	0	0	0
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		Balance at 31.12.22	690,000	31,177	721,177
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	Depreciation	Balance at 01.01.22	0	15,982	15,982
		Depeciation	0	4,010	4,010
		Disposals	0	0	0
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		Balance at 31.12.22	0	19,992	19,992
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	Net Book Value	At 31.12.22	690,000	11,185	701,185
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		At 01.01.22	690,000	15,195	705,195
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6	Debtors: Due within one year			2022 £	2021 £
	Income tax recoverable			25,671	14,131
	Prepayments			1,863	1,960
				-----	-----
				27,534	16,091
				-----	-----
7	Creditors: Due within one year			2022 £	2021 £
	Accruals			267	630
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				267	630
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8	Designated Funds	Brought Forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Carried Forward £
	Mission	0	0	14,040	14,040	0
	Projects	87	20	0	0	107
	Spire	0	0	0	15,000	15,000
	Hardship	0	0	500	500	0
	Manse Refurbishment	0	0	24,191	24,191	0
		87	20	38,731	53,731	15,107

Mission

The Church sets aside a minimum of 10% of its General Fund receipts for mission purposes. The Church makes grants to other organisations whose charitable objectives complement its work.

Projects

For any project agreed by the Church Members Meeting

Spire

Agreed by the Church Members Meeting for repairs to the spire

Hardship

Relief of hardship

Manse Refurbishment

Agreed by the Church Members Meeting for refurbishment of the manse

9	Restricted Funds	Brought Forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Carried Forward £
	New Building	200	0	0	0	200
	Pre-school	45	0	0	0	45
	Hardship	0	1,180	400	0	780
	Daughters of the King	0	306	306	0	0
	Psalmathon	0	500	500	0	0
	Ukraine	0	1,900	1,900	0	0
		245	3,886	3,106	0	1,025

New Building

Provision of a larger church building

Pre-school

Pre-school club

Hardship

Relief of hardship

Daughters of the King

Ladies Event

Psalmathon

Sponsored Event

Ukraine

Relief from the effects of war

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10	Endowment Funds	Brought Forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Carried Forward £
	Manse	305,804	57	0	-15,861	290,000
	Church	400,000	0	0	0	400,000
		<u>705,804</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>-15,861</u>	<u>690,000</u>

Manse Church Provision of accommodation for minister
Place of worship

11 **Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds**

	General Funds £	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds	Total Funds £
Tangible assets	11,185	0	0	690,000	701,185
Net current assets	814,761	15,107	1,025	-690,000	140,893
	<u>825,947</u>	<u>15,107</u>	<u>1,025</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>842,078</u>

12 **Related party transactions**

There were no related party transactions in the year that required disclosure.

Kings Baptist Church

Geoff Mann FCIE
Geoff Mann Limited
Dee House
Highworth Avenue
Cambridge, CB4 2BQ

Dear Geoff

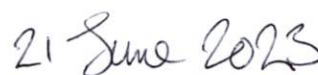
We confirm to the best of our knowledge and belief, and having made appropriate enquiries of other trustees, the following representations given to you in connection with your independent examination of the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022.

- 1 We acknowledge as trustees our responsibilities for preparing accounts which give a true and fair view and for making accurate representations to you. All the accounting records have been made available to you for the purpose of your independent examination of the accounts and all the transactions undertaken by the Church have been properly reflected and recorded in the accounting records. All other records and related information have been made available to you.
- 2 The trustees have not had, or entered into, at any time during the year any arrangement, transaction or agreement to provide credit facilities (including loans, quasi-loans, or credit transactions) for the members of the board of trustees or to guarantee or provide security for such matters.
- 3 The trustees are not aware of any breaches of law or regulations which would have a material impact on the accounts.
- 4 Except as detailed in the accounts, we are not aware of any significant transactions with related parties which would require disclosure, whether under Financial Reporting Standard 102 or otherwise. To the best of our knowledge and belief, the disclosures given in the accounts regarding control are correct.
- 5 The trustees confirm that in their opinion the Church will continue as a going concern for a period in excess of twelve months from the approval of these accounts.

As minuted by the trustees at their meeting.



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Trustees



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Date

KING'S BAPTIST CHURCH

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Report from the Elders

At the end of another difficult year for us as a country, individuals and as a Church, we can take a look back at what has been achieved through these challenging times.

Covid-19 of course, has dominated the news. It has affected our ability to meet as a Church fellowship, altered the way we interact with one another and it still continues to be hard for some people in our fellowship and community.

Once again, on behalf of the Elders, Trustees and Deacons, we would like to say a big thank you to all the membership and fellowship for your continued support, prayers and encouragement throughout the year and once again as a Church we have worked tirelessly to support each other, maintain as much 'normality' as we could through the changing regulations and sought to keep as many activities going as best as we could whilst keeping people safe.

There have been the usual activities which bring us together not only as a fellowship but also as a community. The Christmas Carol service, Accelerate on Zoom, the outreach articles on Facebook and the Light Stall to name a few. Space does not allow us to list them all nor to applaud all the people who plan, run and attend them, but we trust that you will accept our grateful thanks for all that you do to contribute to life at KBC.

Despite some initial teething problems whilst we got to grips with our new technology, Zoom from Church has been a positive way of bringing Church together whether in the building or not. It has been a real joy to see people on Zoom who for whatever reason were not previously able to be in the building pre Covid-19 but have been regularly joining us. Also, now that we have started to reuse the building, the number of people joining us in person or on Zoom is encouraging as we continue to 'find our feet.'

The return to Church could not have been possible without the continued diligence of the Return to Church Team who have painstakingly digested the latest guidelines, interpreted them to be able to produce the policies and procedures to keep us all safe. It has been a mammoth and thankless task as they had to implement and maintain the regulations, not only to keep us safe, but to keep us on the right side of the law. Special thanks must go to Theo, Matt, Vicky, Joel and latterly Jonny.

We of course give thanks to God for the arrival of Alistair, Kathrin, Noah, Nathan, Alex and Aimee Sanders to KBC. We were given the prophecy that it would be a long time before a new Minister would be appointed and we are now blessed to have them join the KBC family in the Autumn. Again, we give thanks to the Search Team. For the period of the interregnum they have sifted through profiles, prayed and deliberated over them, and spent hours on Zoom meetings discussing them. Finally, last summer, making all the arrangements for the 'preach with a squint,' continued interviews with Alistair Sanders, the 'preach with a view', bringing him to a Special Church meeting on 1 August. This resulted in him joining us on an initial part time basis in September and then full time from November. We celebrated his Induction on the 5th December.

Due to the changes within the Settlement Team, reflecting the changes within the leadership team, the Elders feel it important to specifically acknowledge the whole team; Alison, Jane Baker, Dawn, Tricia, Keith, Theo, Jonny & Ian. However, without your prayerful support, their work would not have been possible, thank you.

We should also record our thanks to Andrew Gale as our moderator for the period we were without a minister. He provided us with guidance and counsel on a number of occasions.

Please continue to pray for Alistair and the whole family as they settle into KBC life and our community, remembering that as a family all they have undergone in terms of moving home, moving Church, leaving friends, starting a different education style and starting a new ministry. We pray blessings over the whole family as they bless us every week.

During 2021 there have been changes within the Eldership who are part of the Trustees. Keith Turner stood down at the AGM in April 2021 after serving as Treasurer. He kindly agreed to continue supporting the Trustees until the end of 2021 while a replacement was found. At the Members' Meeting in November Margaret Stanley was elected to take over as Treasurer in January 2022 after a handover period. We thank Keith for all the work he has done as Elder and Treasurer. Also at the AGM in April Patricia How was appointed as an Elder and we welcomed her as she joined the Trustees.

Our God is a faithful God, and we have constantly seen His hand on people's lives. The blessings continue as we see how people are maturing in their walk and their faith in God as He does wonderful things in their lives. We pray for much continued growth through the new chapters of KBC with Alistair as our Minister, We have already seen strong and challenging teaching sessions to shape our thinking about how we move the Kingdom of God out of the Church building and into our community. Our prayers and requests echo the same as last year; please continue to pray with us as we continue to seek God's face in all that we do in His name and that His presence is felt amongst us. We pray that as we continue to do God's will for His Church and Community, we remain focussed on serving Him in the Love of Jesus Christ.

As Christians, we have a responsibility to share the good news of Jesus Christ with others. Why should we hide from them what He has done for us and the faith we have in what He will do for us in the future? Let our words and actions demonstrate the power and love of Jesus Christ working in our lives each and every day. Matthew 5:16 says 'In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.' Let our testimony be not just what we say but what we do, in His name, and tell others of what He has done and is doing in our lives. God Bless.

Theo Clark, Patricia How, Ian Tyler, Jonny Whitmill
The Elders

Membership

During 2021 we welcomed Peter Wade, Pauline Wade, Margaret Stanley, Priscilla Bones, Steve Backhouse, Neil Carter, Nicky Carter Alistair Sanders and Kathrin Sanders into membership. We received resignations of Church Membership from Christopher Baker, Lisa Turner, Lesley Fabron and Geoff Fabron. Sadly two members passed away during the year, Peter Hornett and Eileen Condor. Our membership now stands at 66. If you are not currently a Church Member but are interested in taking this next step of formal commitment to this church, please talk to one of the Elders.

Alison Down

Church Secretary

Annual Report on the Central Baptist Association

We have received continued support from the Central Baptist Association (CBA) as we considered names of possible candidates for our new minister. They have monitored our progress, taken feedback and advised the Settlement Team. We thank them for their support.

Theo and Angie Clark have continued to be involved with the CBA's Safeguarding Group, led by Stephen Copson. The CBA's Safeguarding Officer, Joy Cheang, is also part of this group and has been a useful reference point when needed. The CBA's programme for providing Safeguarding training was curtailed due to the onset of Covid-19 last year. In January 2021, an online video was produced by the Baptist Union as an interim measure, but the full Level 2 and 3 courses are not due to resume until 2022.

The Annual General Meeting took place by Zoom on Saturday 26 June 2021. Theo Clark represented the Church.

The Church continues to contribute to the Home Mission Fund, which provides funding for the Baptist Union and for new church developments across the country. The CBA makes decisions about funding local developments, which currently includes Letchworth Community Church, Jacksons Estate, Letchworth.

A local 'cluster' of ministers and church leaders meet on a monthly basis. Those attending represent Baptist Union churches from the surrounding area. This has been very useful during Covid-19. Although we were not able to meet in person until September, and had to depend on Zoom, it has been a very useful setting for sharing how we cope with the uncertainties which have faced us all.

Theo Clark

Elder and Trustee

Property

This last year has mainly been up keep on the church building. We have spent time making sure the building was safe to reuse after Covid 19 in accordance with the Baptist Union report. We installed a full fire alarm system. With the appointment of Alistair, we got the manse back from rental. It was in good condition but general maintenance required before they could move in. Thank you everybody that has lent a hand this year, and we are always happy for more help.

Matt Wheatley

Property Deacon

The Book Club

The Book Club started meeting on 19 February 2021 and we meet once a month for about an hour via zoom to discuss our current book. Each book is recommended by one of the group, and we try our best to purchase our copies as cheaply as we can, with some buying a Kindle edition. We then attempt to read the book of the month in time, sometimes not quite achieved, but that's OK!

We have looked at a wide range of titles including *Seven Dangers Facing Your Church* by Juan Sanchez, which described a modern application to the letters addressed to the seven churches in Revelation. An early read was *Kisses from Katie* by Katie Davis, another exciting read was *Supernatural Breakthrough* by Rachel Hickson, whilst *The Jesus I Never Knew* by Philip Yancey was challenging.

However, *Slow Down, Show Up & Pray* by Ruth Rice was the one, in my opinion, which left the most impression on the group. We have been challenged by Ruth's desire to establish 'Renew Well-Being' centres around the country. They are now working with over 150 churches. So, not surprisingly, there are many copies of these books now gathering dust. If you would like to borrow one, do get in touch. If you would like to join this happy bunch of bookworms, even just to visit and try us out, you would be most welcome. We normally meet on the last Friday morning of the month at 9.00 am.

Patricia How

Elder and Trustee

Covid-19 Report

On the 20 March 2020 the United Kingdom Government, in response to the World Health Organisation's declaration of the worldwide Covid-19 coronavirus pandemic, took action and declared the first lockdown. This was followed by a series of measures designed to slow the spread of Covid-19, including local and national restrictions. At the beginning of 2021 we were again in a further lockdown followed by the 'Road to Recovery' while the vaccination programme (involving two injections) which began in January took effect. Although most restrictions were lifted by 18 July 2021, by the Autumn the Delta variant had become dominant, with an increase in infections. The

vaccination booster programme, which had already been introduced, was accelerated and young adults and then teenagers were offered the vaccine. The Government's Plan B had to be introduced at the end of December 2021 as a further variant, Omicron began to spread rapidly. This required everyone (except children under 11 years and those with health reasons) to wear masks in indoor social settings, including places of worship. The Government produced instructions and guidance for places of worship. The Baptist Union, along with other denominations and religious groups, prepared clear guidance on what needed to be done to make buildings safe for activities to resume (given that most had been closed since March 2020) and guidelines (based on legal advice) on how activities should be conducted and what was permissible.

How has this affected us as a Church, the body of Christ?

The work on preparing King's Baptist Church's building to re-open began in 2020, following the guidance issued by the Baptist Union. This work also identified the need to review the fire arrangements and, although not directly covid related, the proposal to install a fire alarm system was brought to the Church Meeting for agreement. Also, to allow for services to take place in the Church's building and to involve people on Zoom, the technology in the building needed to be updated. It also required people on the pa desk to learn how to use the new technology. This was also brought to the Church Meeting for approval. This work was not completed until July 2021. The period up to July was also used to carry out other necessary work in the building.

The Return to Church Group prepared the guidelines on how the building could be used safely, often having to balance several sets of guidance for places of worship, funerals, refreshments (eating places), children, meetings of Trustees and offices. This also included the use of screens, signage around the building and the one-way systems! The guidance also continued to change during the year meaning that updated advice was given to the Church as needed.

Apart from two funerals at the beginning of the year, when only a maximum of thirty people could attend and no refreshments could be offered, and some services broadcast from the building, meetings in the building did not resume until July. During August, due to difficulties in staffing, the Sunday services and activities continued to be held on Zoom.

The Week of Prayer in September was held in the Church's building (with the exception of 1 slot) and services, prayer meetings, Works of Heart, business meetings, music practises and King's Kids resumed in the building. The need to minimise the risk of infection and leaving space between events has meant that many other events have been put on hold until the potential risk decreases.

We have learned a lot from this very difficult situation, which is not over yet. There are things that will remain in place well past the end of the Covid-19 pandemic, such as the

use of the small glasses during communion. However, it is going to be questions such as, how do we care for each other? Or, what is Church? Or, how can we work in new ways and cope with change? These are the kind of things that will have the greatest impact on who we, as a Church, are.

Thank you everyone for being willing to accept the restrictions that have been put in place to protect each other. It has not been easy for anyone. Please continue to be gracious to one another and understand the range of views held within the body of Christ. I want to thank those in the Church who have made this possible. For Vicky Tyler, Joel Mitchell (and then Jonny Whitmill) and Matt Wheatley for negotiating the requirements to keep the Church (you) safe over the last year as part of the Return to Church Group, and Ian Tyler, Keith Turner, Joel Mitchell and Jonny Whitmill for making the Zoom and IT systems meet our demands for maintaining communication and fellowship during this time. Many others have also contributed to and supported this in a variety of ways, including those who have been on the Welcome Team and those who have carried out the additional cleaning requirements. Thank you everyone.

Theo Clark

Elder and Trustee

Safeguarding

The Church's Safeguarding Policy requires that issues raised concerning the safety of children, young people and adults who may be at risk should be raised with the Designated Person for Safeguarding or the Safeguarding Trustee and the situations been examined to see if further action is required. Two situations have been reported during the year 2021 which have been looked into. Neither has required further action. We thank God for His protection during this time.

At the Annual General Meeting in April, a second Designated Person for Safeguarding, Dawn Addams, was appointed by the Church members, joining Angela Clark in this role. Also at the Annual General Meeting, the Church's Statement on Safeguarding was read out and everyone confirmed their commitment to their joint responsibility to care for each other, and particularly for those who are vulnerable and at risk.

As the Church returned to using its building, we were also able to resume the children's work, including King's Kids and Accelerate. As a result, two Safeguarding sessions were held in October and November. Twenty-three people have been trained on the Baptist Union's hybrid video course at level 2/3. This covered safeguarding for both children and adults who may be at risk. Thank you to everyone who attended and gave up their time. In 2022, Leaders will be required to do a level 3 course after the AGM. Remember that Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

We have also restarted the process of carrying out DBS checks for existing workers and new volunteers. At the end of 2021 we are up to date with people who are known to

require a DBS to work with children and adults who may be at risk, although everyone working with children are required to be checked, volunteers working with adults are only required to have a DBS for specified reasons. When new activities are being planned, or people are being taking on as new volunteers, please notify the Safeguarding Trustee as early as possible so that the necessary checks and training can be completed.

Theo and Angela Clark have given training for the church and for the Central Baptist Association for many years. The BU now requires that all trainers be retrained, due to the two year gap in providing training sessions because of Covid-19. Theo & Angela have decided to stand down. This means that they will no longer be able to provide Baptist Union accredited training at Level 2 and 3 for King's Baptist Church.

Theo Clark

Safeguarding Trustee

Wednesday Morning Prayer Meetings

First of all, I want to say a very big 'thank you' to Jane Baker who very ably led and co-ordinated this up until September. Jane had done so since Judie Hare handed over when she and Ian moved to Streatham, London. Jane also stood down from the roster for leading the prayer meetings in the Autumn. Her wise and thoughtful leading will be missed.

At the end of 2021, there were four people on the roster, Doug and Ceri Deards, Helen Wightwick, Patricia How and myself with Angela. Each of us has a slightly different approach to leading and the variety appears to be appreciated. Thank you to those who lead and the prayerful preparation put into each session.

From January to the end of August, the prayer meetings were on Zoom, returning to face to face meetings after the Week of Prayer in September. We also returned to meeting for up to two hours, with a refreshment break half way through after the Week of Prayer.

Each meeting was different. Areas covered included a time of worship, repentance, praying for people within the Church with specific needs, praying for Church activities, the Need Project, CIS, people from the Dalit caste in India, Judy Cook in Thailand (BMS), current national and world issues and praying for each other. The meetings have been well attended. If you have not attended before, you are very welcome to join us for as long (or as little) as your plans allow.

Theo Clark

Elder and Trustee

Wednesday Evening Prayer Meetings

Firstly, I would like to record my thanks to all of the people who have contributed to running these sessions. At the time of writing this report, including new members into fellowship, the team stands at a staggering 15 people who have given their time to leading us in prayer. Thank you so much! This has two benefits, the first one is the reduced frequency at which people have to lead, thereby allowing others a more regular opportunity to be fully immersed in prayer. Secondly, the different personal styles of leading the meetings means that there is always an interesting and diverse meeting every week.

At the start of the interregnum (outside of the time period for this report!) there was a “loose” programme of topics suggested to give the person preparing and leading the sessions some pointers to base the sessions on. However, this soon developed into more of a “freestyle” format where the leaders brought to the meeting whatever they felt the Lord was placing on their heart; local, national and international issues. The most obvious ones, of course, were praying for guidance and wisdom regarding a new Minister, the Covid-19 pandemic and those affected by it and for each other.

Initially held via zoom and now back into the Church building, the meetings are regularly well attended, with numbers fluctuating week by week based on personal ability to attend which is of course natural and wholly acceptable. These are powerful times of prayer as we are blessed by the presence of the Holy Spirit. If you would like to share time of prayer with us, irrespective of how long you are able to attend, please do come along and join us. Refreshments are usually available at some time during the session in order to have some fellowship as well! :-)

Ian Tyler

Elder and Trustee

Churches Together Stotfold

2021 was very much a year of adapting our traditional Churches Together activities to the changing landscape of the pandemic. One of our first actions was to wind up the Churches Together in Stotfold Covid-19 Support Group which had achieved its objective of offering support to Stotfold residents who were in need during the height of the pandemic.

King's Baptist Church hosted the service of Christian Unity again, this time via Zoom. Many thanks to all who took part.

Christian Aid week was another event that had to be reimagined. The use of the e-envelope allowed us to raise £1397.

Due to various restrictions, the Open the Book group was only able to visit our local schools in person in September and October. However, for the rest of the year, the group teamed up with Fairfield to produce story videos which were shared with St

Mary's and Roecroft academies together with the two Fairfield lower schools. These were then gratefully shared by class teachers with individual classes.

With the very uncertain outlook due to the pandemic, we decided not to run a Holiday Club this year. The Remembrance service had also looked in doubt but was able to go ahead with a gathering at the war memorial followed by a service in St Mary's Church.

Possibly the highlight of our year was the reimagined Carols by Candlelight service in December which became Carols by Torchlight. The service really showed what is possible when we work together as Christians. Many felt that we had reached more deeply into our community by holding a more informal service outside. It was also a good opportunity to see Alistair publicly welcomed into the wider Christian community.

We look forward to working together to be a beacon of Christ's light in our local community in the coming year.

Helen Wightwick and Patricia How

KBC Representatives on the Churches Together Committee

Works of Heart

We have had an interesting year. Initially, meeting up was not easy but we managed to embrace the alternative option of meeting on zoom.

The first few months were less about crafts and more about re-establishing support and fellowship with each other. We even managed to organise a surprise Baby Shower for one of our members in March. We did a lot of 'show and tell' with our individual craft ideas, but also shared our hearts and prayed along the way.

God provided us with lots of great conversations about faith, especially with all the ongoing challenges of Covid-19 that were being experienced.

Myself and other lovely contributors managed to do Zoom demos too which were well received. This coming year we pray God will continue to guide and inspire us. He has protected us despite the adjustments we had to make and for that we are very grateful.

Many thanks to all who have encouraged and supported over 2021. Finally, my personal massive thanks go to Gill Roberts who has been an amazing helper and great contributor of craft ideas since our group formed. Gill has moved on and we do miss her but wish her and her hubby every Blessing for the future.

Vicky Tyler

Works of Heart Leader

Accelerate

We started 2021 with another lockdown so we continued meeting with the children on Zoom for XLR8, which has been Father God's provision during this pandemic.

Ceri, Doug, Fran and Lillian covered a range of topics with the children, encouraging them to contribute by reading Bible passages, leading us in prayer, choosing worship songs and organising games. They had opportunities to ask questions and learn from each other too. During this time we were joined by a couple of children from other parts of the country! This is the beauty of zoom!

Our numbers grew and we often had 10-12 children joining online; it has been an absolute joy to watch Father God at work in the lives of the Young People. This was a mix of ages, a greater spread than the 8-12 years group when it had been 'in person' in the hall, and it became a vital part of keeping the children seeing each other when so much else had stopped. Despite the unusual format we felt the presence of God in the gatherings, the discussions, and the worship.

XLR8 has continued all year on Zoom, with Naomi Nikiema joining the leadership team in the Autumn term to help Ceri and Doug to lead while the Rolfe family were away in the USA. We enjoyed learning about the wonder of God's Creation. On one occasion we had an inter-county, international Accelerate session as the Sanders family tuned in from Essex and the Rolfes tuned in from USA!! It was such fun!

Fran Rolfe

Children's Ministry Deacon

King's Kids

The relationships forged on Zoom have eased the transition back to face-to-face meetings on Sundays as King's Kids. Making use of the warm summer weather we opened Tricia and Kevin How's garden, opposite the church building, on Sunday mornings for an extended King's Kids covering the whole service. This allowed us to reduce the Covid risks and make returning to meeting up as 'normal' as possible. It was such a joy to meet in person again, and such fun under Tracey's gazebo!

We hung out in the Park and in gardens over the summer holidays; having picnics and doing games and crafts. It was important to meet together and redevelop friendships again.

In the Autumn term of 2021 we restarted Kings Kids in the building again, learning about God's promises to us. Kathrin, Ceri, Jane, Doug, Tracey and Laura ably led the children, with Kathrin taking the lead to organise the rota and activities. We started using 'Urban Saints' as a resource and have found it to be very helpful.

At Christmas time after the rigour of Risk Assessment and much prayer we had an in-person Christmas Supper. Usually we travel from house to house but this year we traveled around the church building. Starters in the prayer room, mains in the church and pudding in the hall interspersed with fun games. Kathrin does a mean game with Brussels sprouts!

At the Nativity service all the children were involved in the retelling of the storybook 'Jesus' Christmas Party'. It was so wonderful to see all the ages working together, and gazing at the baby Jesus.

Father God is growing the group of children in our church and for this we give him all the praise and glory. We thank Vicky for her regular prayers for us every week.

Fran Rolfe, Children's Ministry Deacon

On behalf of Kathrin, Ceri, Doug, Naomi, Jane, Tracey, Laura and Lillian.

Pastoral Care and Ministry Team

As I write this in February 2022, we are just beginning to emerge from another year of lockdowns and restrictions due to Covid-19. Even though many of our relatives and friends have become infected, thankfully, on the whole, infections have become less serious now – due partly to the success of the UK Vaccination programme and also due to lessening severity of the currently circulating variants.

2021 gave us cause once again to be thankful for the WhatsApp Prayer Chain. It has continued to be an important source of communication and support. We give thanks and praise for all the answers to prayer. There are currently 48 participants. Please make your wishes known to Angie if you wish to be added. A big thank you also goes out to those who have offered Pastoral Support in any form, both those on the Pastoral Care Team and others – phone calls made, visits (socially distanced, outdoor or in person), coffee meet ups and walks, meals and cakes made, lifts to church services or hospital appointments, and service at the wakes of those we have lost. Never underestimate the importance of small acts of support and love offered in Jesus' name.

2021 saw us say 'goodbye' to some of our relatives and friends: Peter Hornett and Eileen Condor both died in February. and Peter Bones died in November. Please continue to pray for those who continue to grieve and come alongside them as they share memories of their loved ones.

We also continue to pray for those amongst us who are becoming increasingly frail, who are waiting for surgery or suffering long-term illness. Heather Chalmers, Kevin How and Kevin Roberts have entered the world of the retired. We pray for them as they are used by the Lord in new ways. We also rejoice at new birth as Kevin and Patricia How have become Grandparents again. Several church family have also had significant birthdays. We give thanks for the new people who have joined us this year and look forward to getting to know them better.

As we return to services in church, please feel free to ask for prayer in person for healing, concerns, for equipping or refilling of the Holy Spirit and release into His gifts.

We have a trained Ministry Team and aim to refresh ourselves and train new members in the Spring.

These words continue to be appropriate this year:

May His favour be upon you, and a thousand generations

And your family and your children and their children, and their children

May His presence go before you, and behind you, and beside you

All around you, and within you He is with you, He is with you

In the morning, in the evening. In your coming, and your going

In your weeping, and rejoicing He is for you, He is for you. Amen

(Taken from The UK Blessing)

In line with Data Protection Regulations, personal details in this report have been limited to major life events for the year 2021.

Angela Clark

Pastoral Care Coordinator

Outreach

Well, what can we say about outreach in 2021? I think we all agree that it was a difficult year and our 'classic' outreach services and activities were seriously hindered by the pandemic. But I do believe that we have learned an important lesson that outreach is not just about the big events or services we organise. It is a heart attitude to care for others where we are with what we have. This is where 'outreach' crosses over other areas of our church life.

With the help of Pauline Wade and Fran Rolfe, we designed and distributed our Easter Gardens to our local friends and neighbours. These were well received and provided an opportunity to have a conversation about Easter.

Although technically I am no longer the 'outreach deacon' now I am an Elder, I will always have a passion to see people hear the good news of Jesus.

Patricia How

Outreach Deacon up to our AGM April 2021.

Elder and Trustee

Hospitality

This last year has been far from predictable but none the less we have so much to be thankful for. Having become more established back in the church building, the Welcome Team and Refreshments Gang have done a sterling job. Not only have they dealt sensitively and professionally with the extra Covid-19 needs, they have been very patient and understanding when plans and rotas or policies have had to change at a moment's notice. Due to the massive influence of the government and the Baptist Union guidelines and our commitment as a church to care for the church family, we have not been able to hold many events.

However, by doing certain events outside, we did manage not only a well-attended Light Stall on 31 October but food was also prepared outside and shared after the Carols by Candlelight. Also last year it was made possible to bless families both inside and outside of our fellowship with support as they had 'Life Celebrations' for their loved ones. This was only possible due to some team members going over and above where others, including myself, were unable to help. Big thanks go to one and all who did what was needed and blessed all who were in attendance. Moving forward, we are hopeful that as 2022 progresses, our prayers will be truly answered and we will be able to 'open up,' more both in the community and for the fellowship.

This report would not be complete without a mention and hearty thanks to our Flower Team. Thank you for the lovely flowers that have helped to lift the church building and also blessed all who have received them as a gift; God's paint palette of nature, blessing many. These last two years have been an opportunity for us all to re-invent and change our approach to Hospitality. There will be new things ahead and as we ease into all God has for us, I pray we will hear and see where he is leading and step out in faith as his will is truly done. Many thanks and more to all who have served to make our church a welcoming and colourful place, in every way. Be blessed as you have blessed myself and others.

Vicky Tyler

Hospitality Deacon

Ladies' Breakfasts

We started the year continuing to meet via Zoom and we had regular support. The ladies who came along were very encouraging and each virtual Breakfast was much appreciated. As soon as we were able to meet in person, and because of the Covid-19 regulations at church, it was felt that to meet at The Two Chimneys, Stotfold Road, Letchworth would be the better option. We have met there ever since and it has been wonderful to be back together in person! The Two Chimneys provides a good breakfast at a reasonable price and we get the chance to use part of the bar area in one of the corners so we have a degree of privacy. Many thanks to all who come along to enjoy a meal, fellowship and a time to pray together, it truly is a precious time together.

Patricia How

Elder and Trustee

Men's Ministry

In the early part of the year we met monthly via Zoom. In May we then transitioned to meeting at The Two Chimneys in Letchworth as it was not possible to prepare food and meet in church due to Covid-19 restrictions. This proved very popular, with as many as 10 guys attending. We meet from approx 8:30-10:00 am. normally on the third Saturday morning each month. A variety of the men brought an apt word and it was a good forum and time for sharing. Being a budget pub it was possible to get a decent cooked breakfast and hot drink at the Two Chimneys for under a fiver! Sadly we were unable to

run any curry and film nights this year, however plans are afoot to do this again in early 2022. We ran a joint Christmas meal for twenty of us, again at the Two Chimneys, along with King's Community Church which was organised by David Wheatley and ourselves. The food was really good and the fellowship even better. The staff worked hard to serve the food hot but were surprised when we tipped them, apparently this doesn't happen much these days. We look forward to more activities in 2021 as restrictions hopefully relax further...and as we know that real men enjoy sharing real food and real fellowship, perhaps you know of a guy you could personally invite to join us! Also hopefully sometime in 2022 we may be back at church for breakfasts.

Kevin How and Matt Wheatley

Worship

2021 was another great year within KBC's worship team and God has continued to show his grace and provision to us. We have had a mixed year together in many ways, combining and adapting how we worship together. Joel Mitchell has been our Worship Deacon for several years and has continued to serve the church until September 2021, so the vast majority of what is contained within this report is thanks to Joel. Since Joel moved on, I have taken up the responsibility of heading up the worship department with Laura Wheatley until we get a new Worship Deacon. The year started off in another lockdown and our worship was largely shared over Zoom. However, during this time, we saw a real increase in the sharing of different worship videos and ideas, both home-made and professional within the congregation which boosted so many spirits during those tough months.

The community aspect of worship flourished as certain restrictions were still in place. We then stepped into a phased return to services being held within the church building which introduced new challenges for the worship team, but everyone chipped in and pulled together to serve God with humility and grace. We changed the layout of the stage and the number of musicians, but God's presence was still felt with so many of us expressing our joy to be back in our house of God where we can sing praises in fellowship together. We have had a fair bit more training within the team with new folks stepping up to learn PA and words. I want to take a moment to especially thank Joel Mitchell for all of his tireless work and support with all things worship for the large majority of 2021. I would also like to thank Laura Wheatley for helping lead the team and keeping our CCLI function running. I would also like to thank Ian Tyler for his ongoing support with managing the technical side of the worship team and the endless hours of effort that this requires. Thank you to all the team for continuing to serve and grow in all the ways that God has laid on your heart. 2022 looks to be an exciting year as we delve further into who God is calling us to be.

Jonny Whitmill

Elder and Trustee

Sunday Morning Services

Continuing the idea started in 2018 of a small team meeting to discuss the Sunday Morning sermon subjects, Jonny, Ian and myself met to plan the overall subjects. I was then tasked to find preachers for each Sunday. We were very fortunate to have had a wide variety of speakers who either preached via Zoom or, later in the year, in the church building. We looked at a variety of subjects such as *Learning from the Master* which considered various conversations Jesus had, *Being a People of Influence* and *The Acts of the Early Church*. Many thanks go to all our preachers, we really were blessed by those who were able and willing to step up in our time of need.

Patricia How

Elder and Trustee

Balancing the Yoke

Balancing the Yoke is a group within KBC fellowship where its members whose partner is not yet a believer meet to chat, pray, worship, study God's Word and read relevant Christian books. The group is led & hosted by Jane O'Flanagan at her home & co-led by Heather Chalmers. We currently have 6 regular members and meet monthly, with an active prayer WhatsApp group supporting one another in between meetings. We have seen God move very powerfully both in individual lives and collectively as a group. Heather is very diligent at recording prayer requests and answered prayers, which has been a great encouragement for us all. We create a safe informal space where we can very honestly share the often difficult details we face every day in our marriages and homes due to our steadfast faith in our Lord. I am often so very humbled by the way in which my sisters walk a path of Peace & Gentleness & faithfulness in often restrictive and anti-faith environments. The Lord has shown us repeatedly that we must put on our God given armour and only fight with the weapons HE GIVES, as any other battle tactic ends in painful defeat.

We continue to stand firm declaring God's victory through Jesus' death on the cross over our lives and those of our loved ones. As always we could not continue to stand without God's strength and that of our church family, lifting our arms and heads in intercessory prayer. Thank you BTY sisters in Christ and KBC prayer warriors for your Love, support and faithful prayers throughout the past year. We look without fear of the future, keeping our eyes fixed on the author and perfecter of our faith, staying in the boat with our eyes fixed on Jesus and not the waves.

Jane O'Flanagan and Heather Chalmers

Finance

As I reflect on 2021 I can't help but Thank God for his blessings. At the start of 2021 we were still dealing with the tail end of Covid-19 lockdowns. Our budget predicted going into a deficit by the end of the year. The budget included significant expense to replace the metal roof. Back in January 2020 I gave my notice to stand down as treasurer at

2021 AGM. Thus at the AGM 2021 I stood down both as Treasurer and as Elder with the commitment to carry out year end for 2021. Mid year (June/July) we were asked if we wanted to negotiate a new energy contract for when the current contract ended. Thankfully Kevin Roberts took lead on negotiating the contract and getting a favourable deal for the trustees to agree. At that time, we were not to know that negotiating a new contract some 10 months before our current one ended would provide us with a better deal than negotiation a new one early 2022. Thank You Kevin for all your hard work in sorting the deal out.

Around June/July Margaret Stanley was approached and asked to prayerfully consider if God was calling her to stand as treasurer. Thankfully she agreed to stand and was voted in as Treasurer at the November Members' Meeting to commence 1 January 2022. Thank You for taking on the responsibility Margaret, it was a pleasure to pass on the baton to you.

The Annual Reports are compiled whilst the year end figures are with the Independent Checker. Thus the following figures are indicative and have not been ratified. For the ratified figures you need to read the finance report that is published under separate cover. Over the year we have continued to support our regular missions; The Need Project, Christian Initiative to Schools, BMS & Home Mission. In addition, we made contributions to support the Rolfe family as they embark on work with Heli Mission and also our Christmas appeal raised £1,000 which went to Feed Up Warm Up. Our total mission giving was £15,240, which equated to about 17.9% of our income. The income into the General Fund for the year was £84,959. We had budgeted for an income of £71,700. Our expenditure for 2021 was £65,471 compared to a budgeted figure of £81,240 (approximately £16,000 of this was for work on the metal roof and not used). Thus instead of a deficit of some £9,000 we made a surplus over the year.

However, we cannot become complacent with our finances as we move into 2022. Over the last few years, I have aired the caution that whilst we didn't have a minister, we had the luxury of an income from the manse whilst not having to provide a stipend. At the tail end of 2021 that all changed. In September we were blessed to have Alistair take up his post as our new Minister. This triggered our serving notice to the tenants of the manse. We now have to provide a stipend to Alistair and at the same time have lost the benefit of an income from letting the manse.

As we move into 2022 I ask that you use the annual reports as a trigger to review your giving and pray that you support the trustees, in particular Margaret, as they manage the church finances for the forthcoming year. Thank you for supporting me during my role as treasurer. May the Lord bless you.

Keith Turner

Report from our Minister

I am delighted to be able to bring you my report for 2021 as minister of KBC, even though it will be by necessity quite brief. On 1 August 2021 I was called to be pastor of King's Baptist Church in Stotfold, and in September I started my ministry on a part-time basis, as we hadn't yet moved. We made the round-trip journey from Essex each week to worship with the congregation of KBC. As the church already had a preaching programme in place for the period up to the end of November, I preached only occasionally during this time. By God's grace and in answer to prayer, we were able to move into the manse at the end of October. I want to say a big Thank You to everyone who made us feel welcome in our new church and our new home, to everyone who demonstrated real Christian love in kindness and generosity. My ministry became full-time from November, and before long Advent and Christmas had arrived.

One big highlight that really stood out for me was the Carols by candlelight service. It was very powerful to hear the testimonies that were shared along with the hymns and the readings. There is nothing as powerful as our own simple testimonies to God's goodness and grace. I believe one of the reasons we often find it difficult to share our stories with people outside the church, is because we are not in the habit of sharing those stories with one another. Paul wrote to the Corinthians describing how, "When you come together, each one has a hymn, a lesson, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation..." (1 Cor, 14:26). But if we cannot manage that, at the very least we can hope to come together with a testimony, a celebration, a thanksgiving, a word of praise or worship.

As I began to pray and prepare to preach in 2022, I believe the Lord laid on my heart that we explore what it means for us to be a church. Part of that is to prioritise being both a visionary and missional people. In terms of vision, it is vital that we create a culture or atmosphere of hope, faith, optimism and expectation. Many Christians seem to live without hope, pray without faith, and serve without joy. Others are bitter over disappointments from the past, paralysed by indecision in the present, and despondent regarding the future. God calls us to be a people of faith, who can see potential in every person, and opportunity in every situation. In terms of mission, each of us must own the personal responsibility to find, befriend, engage, and walk alongside unbelievers. These are the people whom we already know, that we live with or work with, those who already are our neighbours. We need grace and patience to walk with them as true friends—quick to listen, slow to speak, being present when needed, always showing Christian love. I believe Jesus wants us to be a people that are outward-looking, who have a passion to use our gifts and talents as we are led by the Spirit, so that we are confident and competent to minister to others—wherever we find them.

I believe Jesus wants us to be like Esther, a woman "for such as time as this" (Esther 4:14), and like David, who "fulfilled the purposes of God in his generation" (Acts 13:36). I believe Jesus would remind us that there is a harvest right now, not at some obscure

future date (John 4:35). I also believe Jesus would encourage us that “God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind” (2 Timothy 1:7). And I believe we should encourage one another that “we’re not quitters who lose out. Oh, no! We’ll stay with it and survive, trusting all the way” (Hebrews 10:39 The Message version). May we all know the comforting presence and the life-changing power of God with us all, always.

Alistair Sanders

Minister

King's Baptist Church

The Green, Stotfold

Registered Charity number: 1136519

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Year Ended
31st December 2021***

King's Baptist Church

Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021

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Trustees	Theo Clark Alison Down Patricia How Margaret Stanley Ian Tyler Jonathan Whitmill
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Minister (and trustee)	Rev Alistair Sanders
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Address	The Green Stotfold SG5 4AN
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Charity Registration Number	1136519
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Independent Examiner	Geoff Mann FCIE Geoff Mann Limited Dee House Highworth Avenue Cambridge CB4 2BQ
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Bankers	Barclays
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Custodian Trustee	Baptist Union Corporation Ltd
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Report of the Trustees

The trustees present their report and the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021.

The accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Church and of the surplus or deficit of the Church for that year.

In preparing those accounts, the trustees are required to:

- (i) Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
- (ii) Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- (iii) Prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Church will continue in business.
- (iv) Observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the Church and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Church and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing document

The Church's governing document is a constitution adopted on 29 April 2010. It was registered as a charity on 22 June 2010.

Appointment of trustees

New trustees are appointed by the membership and require 66% of eligible voters present.

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Report of the Trustees

Trustee induction and training

The trustees are currently reviewing the procedures in place for trustee induction and training by reference to guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Organisational structure

The trustees set out the general policy of the Church. The day to day affairs of the charity are run by the minister (or in the absence of a minister the trustees).

Objects 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.

Achievements and Performance, Financial Review and Future Developments

These are covered by the Church's Annual Report.

This report was approved by the trustees on 21 April 2022 and signed on their behalf.



Keith Turner
Acting Treasurer

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Independent Examiner's Report

To the Trustees of King's Baptist Church

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on pages 4 to 11.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Church's trustees 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 Church's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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

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

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the Church as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 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.

Geoff Mann FCIE
Geoff Mann Limited
Dee House
Highworth Avenue
Cambridge
CB4 2BQ

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Statement of Financial Activities

	Notes	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	2021 Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds £	2020 Total Funds £
Income							
Giving by Church Members and Visitors		58,715	875	0	0	59,590	51,197
Gift Aid Tax Recoverable		14,145	212	0	0	14,357	12,089
Investment Income		228	0	0	34	262	225
Manse Rent Receivable		11,871	0	0	0	11,871	15,600
Total Income	1	84,959	1,087	0	34	86,080	79,111
Expenditure							
Charitable Expenditure							
Ministry Costs		8,027	0	0	0	8,027	0
Church running costs		38,663	0	0	0	38,663	53,166
Outreach		512	0	0	0	512	1,722
Pastoral and training		3,028	0	0	0	3,028	1,902
Grants to Missionary Organisations	3	0	15,240	0	0	15,240	14,136
Total Expenditure	2	50,230	15,240	0	0	65,470	70,926
Net Income/(Expenditure)		34,729	-14,153	0	34	20,610	8,185
Transfers Between Funds		-9,662	14,240	-200	-4,378	0	0
Net Movement in Funds for the Year		25,067	87	-200	-4,344	20,610	8,185
Reconciliation of Funds							
Total Funds Brought Forward		139,834	0	445	710,148	850,427	842,242
Total Funds Carried Forward		164,901	87	245	705,804	871,037	850,427

Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses

There were no recognised gains or losses for 2021 or 2020 other than those included in the Statement of Financial Activities

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Balance Sheet

	Notes	£	2021 £	£	2020 £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible assets	5		705,195		709,718
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Total Fixed Assets			705,195		709,718
Current Assets					
Debtors	6	16,091		13,670	
Cash at bank and in hand		150,381		128,040	
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Total Current Assets		166,472		141,710	
Liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	630		1,001	
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Net Current Assets			165,842		140,709
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Net Assets			871,037		850,427
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The Funds of the Church					
General Funds			164,901		139,834
Designated Funds	8		87		0
Restricted Funds	9		245		445
Endowment Funds	10		705,804		710,148
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Total Charity Funds			871,037		850,427
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The accounts were approved by the trustees on 21st April 2022 and signed on their behalf.

Keith Turner
Acting Treasurer

Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021**Notes to the Accounts****1 Accounting Policies****(a) Basis of Preparation of Accounts**

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the financial reporting standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

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

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

(b) Income

Giving by Church Members and Visitors and Gift Aid Tax Recoverable are accounted for when receivable.

Investment income is included in the accounts in the year in which it becomes payable.

(c) Expenditure

Includes all expenditure incurred in pursuing the charity's objectives, other than that which has been capitalised.

(d) Fixed Assets

Freehold land and buildings

The Manse and the Church building are included in the accounts at trustees' valuations which are reviewed annually.

Furniture and fittings, storage equipment and electronic equipment

Prior to January 2009 all assets were written off on purchase. The policy since then is to only capitalise those items with a value over £1,000

Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021**Notes to the Accounts****(e) Depreciation**

Freehold land and buildings

No provision has been made as the assets are included at a valuation which is reviewed annually.

Furniture, fittings and storage equipment	10% straight line basis
Electronic equipment	20% straight line basis

(f) Debtors

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

(g) Creditors and Provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

(h) Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity. Endowment funds exist where there is a capital fund with no power to convert the capital into income.

(i) Going Concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern.

The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

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2	Expenditure	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
	Ministry Costs	Gross salaries	6,501	0
		Pension costs	969	0
		Other	557	0
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			8,027	0
			-----	-----
	Church Running Costs	Building maintenance	17,297	26,654
		Computer hardware and software	1,397	5,987
		Depreciation	4,523	2,803
		Equipment (below £1,000)	31	831
		Gas, electricity and water	2,755	3,591
		Independent examination	552	540
		Insurance	2,265	2,246
		Membership, health and safety	2,678	5,202
		Miscellaneous running costs	3,750	1,783
		Printing, postage and stationery	2,008	2,567
		Telephone and internet	788	962
		Travel	619	0
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			38,663	53,166
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	Outreach		512	1,722
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Notes to the Accounts

3	Grants to Missionary Organisations		2021 £	2020 £
	<u>Institution</u>	<u>Purpose</u>		
	Baptist Union Home Mission	Church Support in the UK	3,000	2,748
	Bible Bookshop		600	600
	BMS World Mission	World Evangelism	3,000	2,748
	Christian Aid		0	700
	Christian Initiative to Schools	North Herts Christian Education in Schools	2,400	2,900
	Christian Institute		180	180
	Feed Up Warm Up		1,000	0
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	Balance at 01.01.21	690,000	31,177	721,177
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11 Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

	General Funds £	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds	Total Funds £
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Net current assets	149,706	87	245	15,804	165,842
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Net assets	164,901	87	245	705,804	871,037
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12 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year that required disclosure.

King's Baptist Church

The Green, Stotfold

Registered Charity number: 1136519

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Year Ended
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King's Baptist Church

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Trustees	Theo Clark Alison Down Patricia How Margaret Stanley Ian Tyler Jonathan Whitmill
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Minister (and trustee)	Rev Alistair Sanders
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Address	The Green Stotfold SG5 4AN
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Charity Registration Number	1136519
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Independent Examiner	Geoff Mann FCIE Geoff Mann Limited Dee House Highworth Avenue Cambridge CB4 2BQ
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Bankers	Barclays
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Custodian Trustee	Baptist Union Corporation Ltd
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Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021

Report of the Trustees

The trustees present their report and the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021.

The accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Church and of the surplus or deficit of the Church for that year.

In preparing those accounts, the trustees are required to:

- (i) Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
- (ii) Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- (iii) Prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Church will continue in business.
- (iv) Observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the Church and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Church and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing document

The Church's governing document is a constitution adopted on 29 April 2010. It was registered as a charity on 22 June 2010.

Appointment of trustees

New trustees are appointed by the membership and require 66% of eligible voters present.

Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021

Report of the Trustees

Trustee induction and training

The trustees are currently reviewing the procedures in place for trustee induction and training by reference to guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Organisational structure

The trustees set out the general policy of the Church. The day to day affairs of the charity are run by the minister (or in the absence of a minister the trustees).

Objects 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.

Achievements and Performance, Financial Review and Future Developments

These are covered by the Church's Annual Report.

This report was approved by the trustees on 21 April 2022 and signed on their behalf.



Keith Turner
Acting Treasurer

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Independent Examiner's Report

To the Trustees of King's Baptist Church

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on pages 4 to 11.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Church's trustees 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 Church's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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

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

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the Church as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 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.

Geoff Mann FCIE
Geoff Mann Limited
Dee House
Highworth Avenue
Cambridge
CB4 2BQ

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Statement of Financial Activities

	Notes	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	2021 Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds £	2020 Total Funds £
Income							
Giving by Church Members and Visitors		58,715	875	0	0	59,590	51,197
Gift Aid Tax Recoverable		14,145	212	0	0	14,357	12,089
Investment Income		228	0	0	34	262	225
Manse Rent Receivable		11,871	0	0	0	11,871	15,600
Total Income	1	84,959	1,087	0	34	86,080	79,111
Expenditure							
Charitable Expenditure							
Ministry Costs		8,027	0	0	0	8,027	0
Church running costs		38,663	0	0	0	38,663	53,166
Outreach		512	0	0	0	512	1,722
Pastoral and training		3,028	0	0	0	3,028	1,902
Grants to Missionary Organisations	3	0	15,240	0	0	15,240	14,136
Total Expenditure	2	50,230	15,240	0	0	65,470	70,926
Net Income/(Expenditure)		34,729	-14,153	0	34	20,610	8,185
Transfers Between Funds		-9,662	14,240	-200	-4,378	0	0
Net Movement in Funds for the Year		25,067	87	-200	-4,344	20,610	8,185
Reconciliation of Funds							
Total Funds Brought Forward		139,834	0	445	710,148	850,427	842,242
Total Funds Carried Forward		164,901	87	245	705,804	871,037	850,427

Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses

There were no recognised gains or losses for 2021 or 2020 other than those included in the Statement of Financial Activities

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Balance Sheet

	Notes	£	2021 £	£	2020 £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible assets	5		705,195		709,718
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Total Fixed Assets			705,195		709,718
Current Assets					
Debtors	6	16,091		13,670	
Cash at bank and in hand		150,381		128,040	
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Total Current Assets		166,472		141,710	
Liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	630		1,001	
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Net Current Assets			165,842		140,709
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Net Assets			871,037		850,427
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The Funds of the Church					
General Funds			164,901		139,834
Designated Funds	8		87		0
Restricted Funds	9		245		445
Endowment Funds	10		705,804		710,148
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Total Charity Funds			871,037		850,427
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The accounts were approved by the trustees on 21st April 2022 and signed on their behalf.

Keith Turner
Acting Treasurer

Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021**Notes to the Accounts****1 Accounting Policies****(a) Basis of Preparation of Accounts**

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the financial reporting standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

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

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

(b) Income

Giving by Church Members and Visitors and Gift Aid Tax Recoverable are accounted for when receivable.

Investment income is included in the accounts in the year in which it becomes payable.

(c) Expenditure

Includes all expenditure incurred in pursuing the charity's objectives, other than that which has been capitalised.

(d) Fixed Assets

Freehold land and buildings

The Manse and the Church building are included in the accounts at trustees' valuations which are reviewed annually.

Furniture and fittings, storage equipment and electronic equipment

Prior to January 2009 all assets were written off on purchase. The policy since then is to only capitalise those items with a value over £1,000

Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021**Notes to the Accounts****(e) Depreciation**

Freehold land and buildings

No provision has been made as the assets are included at a valuation which is reviewed annually.

Furniture, fittings and storage equipment	10% straight line basis
Electronic equipment	20% straight line basis

(f) Debtors

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

(g) Creditors and Provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

(h) Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity. Endowment funds exist where there is a capital fund with no power to convert the capital into income.

(i) Going Concern

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2	Expenditure	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
	Ministry Costs	Gross salaries	6,501	0
		Pension costs	969	0
		Other	557	0
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			8,027	0
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	Church Running Costs	Building maintenance	17,297	26,654
		Computer hardware and software	1,397	5,987
		Depreciation	4,523	2,803
		Equipment (below £1,000)	31	831
		Gas, electricity and water	2,755	3,591
		Independent examination	552	540
		Insurance	2,265	2,246
		Membership, health and safety	2,678	5,202
		Miscellaneous running costs	3,750	1,783
		Printing, postage and stationery	2,008	2,567
		Telephone and internet	788	962
		Travel	619	0
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3	Grants to Missionary Organisations		2021 £	2020 £
	<u>Institution</u>	<u>Purpose</u>		
	Baptist Union Home Mission	Church Support in the UK	3,000	2,748
	Bible Bookshop		600	600
	BMS World Mission	World Evangelism	3,000	2,748
	Christian Aid		0	700
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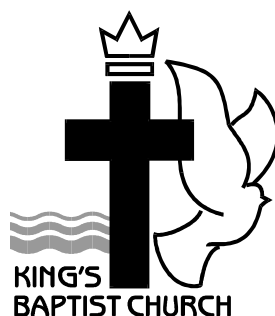
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Message from the Elders

Well, what a year 2020 was! Who would have been able to predict the changes we would have to make as individuals, a Church, a nation and the world? 12 months ago, we thought Zoom was how you made the image larger on your camera, Covid sounded like a covert operation and furlough was a term only used in farming.

Covid-19 has had a dramatic effect on everyone's lives and we at KBC have and still are, being affected in many ways – both personally and as a fellowship.

As we said in last year's report – Church life continues as "normal" albeit in many different ways, so it is appropriate and as important as ever, to start with a big thank you. On behalf of the Elders, Deacons and Trustees, we would like to say a big thank you to all the membership and fellowship for your continued support, prayers and encouragement throughout the year.

As ever, there has been an army of people within the fellowship who have made the wheels of Church life continue to turn efficiently – one phrase that has been used time and time again through the year is "Team KBC!" – we have had many activities which have required the teamwork of many to make them happen. The Christmas Carol service, the fellowship ploughman's meal that followed it, Accelerate on Zoom, Pop up Easter, the outreach articles on Facebook and the Light Stall to name a few, demonstrates that the "team" continue to be as creative and hard at work as ever. There are others we could mention and apologies that space does not allow.

Fellowship during the Coffee & Chat Zoom sessions, the time before and after the Sunday

services all continue to be a great opportunity to learn more about each other – and indeed ourselves. There have been some interesting conversations about people's lives and their history – it is fascinating what you can learn – what is the saying? "Every day is a school day!" These discoveries about each other sit neatly with the previous words of knowledge about our relationships with each other and also with Him.

We have become adept at having meetings over Zoom and whether we like or loath it as a medium for Church life, it is here to stay in some shape or form for some time to come. As a Church we are extremely fortunate to have been able to upgrade the technology within Church to enhance what we have – this is to allow us to provide good and high-quality streaming of Services from Church. We are now in the latter phases of testing and the efforts of the people involved are evident – some of the initial teething problems are becoming less and less week by week and this future proves our technology for years to come.

We also recognise the hard work and dedication of the "Return to Church" team (Theo, Joel, Vicky & Matt) who have been looking at how we can safely return to Church once restrictions are eased – we are blessed to have a diligent team whose primary focus is for the safety of our fellowship and following (the ever changing) rules and regulations to allow us to use the Church building as soon as practicable.

The Trustees are very conscious of the desire to be able to meet in Church as soon as possible, but they also have the responsibility to ensure it is safe and legal to do so. It is a difficult balance in discerning what is the best way to accommodate the use of the building, the requirement to be able to still use Zoom for those who are unable to attend Church

(for whatever reason) and have the increased resources required to facilitate all of this. With all these factors comes the additional requirement of being able to provide the relevant support and training – please continue to pray that as we appear to be moving into the next phase of the restrictions being lifted, that the decisions made are robust and honouring to God and that members will volunteer to help share some of the workload.

Our God is a faithful God, and we constantly see His hand on people's lives. The blessings continue as we see how people are maturing in their walk and their faith in God as He does wonderful things in their lives. We pray for their and our continued growth through these unprecedented times.

Moving forward, we plan for the reopening of Church, to provide strong and challenging teaching sessions, to grow the relationships with each other, develop, support and grow the fellowship to take the Lord into the community. Please pray as we continue to seek God's face in all that we do in His name that His presence is felt amongst us.

We pray that as we continue to do God's will for His Church and Community, we remain focussed on serving Him in the Love of Jesus Christ. We still seek His revelation of the new Minister to serve at KBC and we give thanks that through the review of the profiles that we have received, the search team remain unanimous in terms of the decisions that have been made and the qualities of the person they believe God wants to bring into our fellowship.

We give thanks to God for how He has faithfully carried us through the last 12 months and may we take comfort from the words from Galatians 6:9, "Let us not become weary in doing good,

for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." We are in this together, we are team KBC, the harvest is not for our benefit but for the Kingdom of God. Be encouraged that every prayer and act of witness counts. Every person in the fellowship is a silent witness and ambassador for Christ.

Finally, as you will remember, the terms of office for some of the Elders and Deacons were due to come to an end last year (2020) and they all agreed to serve for an additional year due to Covid. Please pray for the positions that come vacant this year and for those who will be nominated and elected at the AGM in April – please pray and support them as they grow into their positions and settle into their responsibilities to serve the Church.

Bless you all for your servant and serving hearts. May God walk close with you today and every day.

Ian Tyler, Keith Turner, Jonny Whitmill and Theo Clark

The Elders

Membership Report

During 2020 we received resignations of church Membership from Sharon Cumberbatch and Paul Coombs. Our membership total is now 63. If you are not currently a Church Member but are interested in taking this next step of formal commitment to a local church, please talk to one of the Elders.

Alison Down

Church Secretary and Trustee

Pastoral & Ministry Team Report

Who would have known when we entered 2020, what a year it was going to be as the UK battled

increasing numbers of Covid-19 cases and the whole country went in and out of lockdowns and various tier restrictions in order to safeguard the NHS from becoming overwhelmed. Several church members were working on the front line in various capacities and we thank God for their service.

We give thanks for all on the WhatsApp Prayer Chain. It has become an important source of communication and support as we have not been able to meet one another in person. We now have 44 participants.

A big thank you also goes out to those who have offered Pastoral Support in any form – phone calls made, socially distanced doorstep visits, coffee meet ups and walks, meals and cakes made, lifts to hospital appointments, emergency overnight stays. You know who you are (!) and we all give thanks for you.

As the pandemic developed, we became increasingly thankful for the words of Psalm 91 and also the opportunity to sing the Numbers 6 blessing ('UK Blessing version') over one another was very powerful. We do not take Father God's protection over us for granted, and continue to pray for one another.

In 2020, several friends and loved ones passed away. January 2020 saw us celebrating the life of Barry Grant, Lorna's husband, who had died in December. Hugh Avery, previously a deacon also died in January. In the Spring, Kevin Roberts' mother died. In the summer Vicky Tyler said 'Goodbye' to her step-mother, Sally, and Difa to her mother. Olwyn Salter lost her brother, and Laura Wheatley her grandad. Clare Kilby's sister died in the Autumn, as did Heather Lombard's nan. Jane O'Flanagan also lost her nephew. In December, we were sad to hear of the death of a previous Church Secretary, Brian Lee and also Angela Brown's nan.

In the Summer, we rejoiced with Jane and Declan O'Flanagan as they celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary. Alongside this, over the course of the year, several church members celebrated significant birthdays.

New life always brings celebration. Theo and Angie Clark, Ian and Vicky Tyler, Bob and Hazel King, Geoff and Lesley Fabron and Jane and Christopher Baker all celebrated the birth of new grandchildren in 2020.

Further afield, we were able to bless 200 staff in the ICU at the Lister hospital with goody bags of toiletries, etc. Thank you, Ceri Deards and her team, for organising this.

Please remember in your prayers several church members who are fighting serious illnesses, some life-limiting, and others are becoming increasingly frail.

In line with Data Protection Regulations, personal details in this report have been limited to major life events for the year 2020.

*May His favour be upon you, and
a thousand generations,
and your family and your children
and their children, and their
children. May His presence go
before you, and behind you, and
beside you.*

*All around you, and within you He
is with you, He is with you
In the morning, in the evening. In
your coming, and your going
In your weeping, and rejoicing He
is for you, He is for you.*

Amen

(Taken from The UK Blessing)

Angie Clark

Pastoral Care Deacon

Central Baptist Association

We have received continued support from the Central Baptist Association (CBA) during the interregnum, initially from Geoff Colmer and more recently from Stephen Copson. As the Church has considered names of possible candidates for a new minister, they have monitored our progress, taken feedback and advised the Settlement Team. We thank them for their support.

Theo and Angie Clark have continued to be involved with the CBA's Safeguarding Group, led by Stephen Copson. The CBA's Safeguarding Officer, Joy Cheang, is also part of this group and has been a useful reference point when needed.

With the Covid-19 restrictions, all face-to-face Baptist Union safeguarding training had to cease in March. As a result, no Level 2 (all who work with people who may be at risk) and Level 3 (for leaders, Ministers and Safeguarding leads) accredited training has taken place since March.

The Annual General Meeting took place by Zoom on Saturday 27 June 2020. Theo Clark represented the Church. Geoff Colmer has been elected, and is now President elect of the Baptist Union from the Annual General Meeting in 2021. The Church continues to contribute to the Home Mission Fund, which provides funding for the Baptist Union and for new church developments across the country. The CBA makes decisions about funding local developments, which currently includes Letchworth Community Church, Jackson's Estate, Letchworth.

Theo Clark
**Elder and Safeguarding
Trustee**

Treasurer's Report

What a year we've had in 2020. To create a budget for 2021 I have to go back through the year to help me make informed decisions to identify where we are likely to spend money. I also look at how well I did in predicting the previous budget. Based on a bountiful previous year I expected a slight drop in income and budgeted on a regular giving income of £78,000 plus £11,800 from the Manse giving a total of £89,800 income. Our unratified actual regular giving income for 2020 was £63,285. Only 81% of what we (I) had budgeted. Of course, some of this was because we were unable to meet from the first lockdown. Based on the previous year's income Loose giving was down 78%. Envelope giving down 40% and Standing Orders down 16%. Although we did get a little more than budgeted from the Manse because my prediction was wrong and we didn't lose that income in September.

Despite the low income we have made full use of the funds received. As a result of Covid restrictions our use of the church building diminished. This allowed for a number of improvements & repairs to be implemented. We spent over £26,000 on building expenditure (Church & Manse) and around £6,000 on computer equipment. Expenses such as Copyright Licensing and Health and Safety increased as we started to prepare for meeting post outbreak of the pandemic.

Even with the lower than budgeted income and the large expenses the books show that we had a surplus of about £8,144. We have maintained our commitment to mission. Our mission giving was £14,136 which equates to 17.9% of our income. During the Pastoral Vacancy we have been able to increase the funds in the Deposit Account to be about 1 year's expense budget. However, the note of caution is that should we employ a minister and thus lose the income from the manse there

would be a net difference of about £50,000 (£35K additional expense and £15K loss of income).

Creating a budget is, I believe, one of the hardest parts of being a treasurer. It requires you to consider what the future might hold. As we have seen over the year things can change very quickly and we need to be prepared to change as God prompts us. To make the changes we need to review where we are and where we think God is taking us. As I write this, I am aware that some of you may well be filling in Tax Returns and reviewing your finances over the last year. As you do so I would encourage you to check your Gift Aid status to ensure that you don't need to change it. (I did have a call from someone during 2020 who realised they were in danger of exceeding their ability to Gift Aid. Thankfully we were able to change their Gift Aid status before they did.) Each April, at the start of the tax year, I take the time to review my personal giving as I complete my tax return for the previous year. Circumstances change often and it's good to do a review of our own finances at least annually. I encourage you to do the same. Don't forget to notify the Treasurer of any changes, especially if they involve a change in Gift Aid status.

As I have grown in the treasurer role, I have become increasingly aware of the fact that there is a risk in only one person understanding the day-to-day processes. I was also aware that the Treasurer role could be restrictive to the conscientious Treasurer as they would have to find a replacement before they moved on. It was with this in mind that God prompted me in January 2020 to announce that I would only commit to being treasurer until April 2021. Later in the year I also recommended the creation of a post of assistant treasurer such that if for whatever reason the treasurer became

incapacitated someone could temporarily carry the baton. As I reflect back over the year, I am aware that whilst God had the plan, I was ignorant to it. Little did I know back in January 2020 what lay ahead of me for 2020 and the beginning of 2021. My personal circumstances have changed such that I need to pass on the baton to a new treasurer. I have found the role of treasurer both challenging, enlightening and somewhat satisfying. It doesn't take an accountant to do it. It takes someone who can interpret accountant speak and then translate it to the language many others can understand. I want to thank those who have encouraged me and given me their support whilst I have held on to the baton. I pray that whoever takes it from me gets your full support and encouragement. I wish you all God's peace and blessings.

Keith Turner
Elder & Treasurer

Sunday Service Themes and the Preaching Rota

We started the year with a short series on *Spiritual Warfare* before launching into the challenge behind King Solomon's words in 1 Kings 8:27 *'Will God really dwell on the earth?'* We looked at the Garden, the Tabernacle, the Temple, and Jesus himself before considering the work of God in our hearts today as He dwells in us. In the summer we looked at what it takes to *Step out of the Boat* and this gave some an opportunity who don't normally preach the chance to do so.

We then went *Digging Deep* for the treasure that is found when we pray and reflect on God's Word and worship Him. In the autumn we started a series that took us into 2021, with a look at the book of *Hebrews*, how it helps

us to stand firm on what we believe and not to allow opposition to take us out of the race.

We are very grateful for all who have taken part in our services in 2020. My personal thanks go to Ian Tyler and Jonny Whitmill with whom I have met on occasions to discuss and share with each other the way forward with the subjects we cover on Sunday mornings. We are very blessed with the number of speakers we have from within our own membership, thank you for your help at this time.

To God we give thanks, praise His Name!

Patricia How
Outreach Deacon

Worship

So, in last year's AGM report I finished off by saying 2020 was the year we were going to go digital, however by digital I didn't mean Zoom and not being able to use the church building, but I guess we have achieved it nonetheless. We have had to very quickly adapt the way we bring worship to all events at KBC in 2020 but as a church we have all come together and shared different experiences which has been great to see. People have recorded stuff themselves, we have had to understand the rules around using worship songs online and towards the end of the year we started coming back into church and doing worship without the congregation. Although a lot had to stop, it has been a very busy time for the worship team as a whole, with new people leading worship on Sunday mornings and lots of new equipment being purchased to help us get back to church. So, what has happened behind the scenes, well a lot really, we have a new PC which is capable of running Zoom, words and YouTube, a new high spec mixing desk, a new amp, too many display screens to count and of course our fancy new cameras

which we are grateful for. Although it has taken some time towards the end of the year, we are finally getting the hang of a larger and revamped PA corner and some shiny new iPads so we can finally start going digital. I would also like to say a special thank you to Matt Wheatley, Ian Tyler and Jonny Whitmill for all the time they have spent in getting the new equipment installed, tested and retested again. Without their help none of this would have been possible and would have taken a lot longer to sort out. I am sure 2021 will still be an odd year for the worship team and church as a whole, however it is great to start getting back into church and seeing how things will progress. We have so many things to look forward to and we will wait with great expectation.

Joel Mitchell
Worship Deacon

King's Kids

In the last year children's work has been difficult as we haven't been able to meet in person, and Zoom doesn't work so well with really little people!

Helen Backhouse stepped back to take a break for family reasons, and I took on the role in the summer holidays.

In September, together with Ceri and Doug, we have got XLR8 up and running weekly on Zoom. We now have 8 children regularly attending and are planning the spring sessions. We aim to build faith and develop relationships through reading the Bible, worship, praying and talks, plus lots of games and jokes. Lillian has just taken on a youth leader role in the group.

I am aiming to support parents with raising faith in their own children while living under the restrictions, until we are able to meet at church again. To this end

I have distributed Veggie Tales DVDs and pre-school Christian music CDs to parents with little ones, leaflets about 'talking faith' at the dinner table and devotional advent calendars. I am trying to speak to parents regularly and offer support where I can.

Tricia and I gave out activity packs/tracts to young families outside church at Halloween. The remaining packs were given to our church families.

Lillian wrote her own Covid nativity show which we acted out in costume at XLR8, then tweaked and used with adults for the church Zoom nativity service. It was great fun! Please pray for our young people and families. Thank you.

Fran Rolfe, acting as
Children's Ministry Deacon

Accelerate

In March 2020 we decided that we could no longer meet at Church for Accelerate. This was a disappointment for us all but a very necessary course of action to keep everyone safe. Our Youngsters have been inventive and courageous throughout these uncertain times.

For some time, Doug and Ceri had been asking God for another Leader to help us. In September Father God answered our prayers and sent Fran and her family to come alongside and so XLR8 ZOOM was launched!

In March 2020 we were learning about the whole armour of God. When we resumed, we continued to study this practical part of the Bible in Ephesians 6 to equip the Youngsters to stand secure in Jesus. We had several guest speakers who either made videos or made guest appearances. Declan O'Flanagan came, Ian Palmer, Emma Mitchell and Jonny aka A.J. with their dog Zion our star canine. Lillian is now a Junior

Leader and certainly blessed us with her topical and beautifully written Nativity play which we all enjoyed being part of.

Our numbers have increased as the Youngsters have no need to travel to and from Church but can log in in the comfort of their own homes. This has resulted in a wondrous mixture of ages. It is beautiful to see the older members encouraging the younger ones whilst we all grow together as part of the family of God in this place. We stand in amazement as we watch the Youngsters acting as Co-Hosts, sharing their screens, designing graphics, quizzes, brilliantly invented games and of course choosing worship sets, reading from the Bible and leading us all in prayer. We missed seeing everyone at Pancakes and Games but again we still went ahead in our own homes eating pancakes and playing games which the Youngsters had planned and thought-out.

We thank our Father God for His favour on this season of XLR8. We value your prayers for all the Youngsters as they navigate through all the changing pressures they are experiencing. We pray that they will know the strong arms of our Faithful God holding them safe.

Doug and Ceri Deards
Fran Rolfe and Lillian Rolfe

Church Premises

We have made the most of the church building not being open over the last year and have got on with updating and refreshing the building for when we can start using it again. Some of the big jobs that have been carried out include:

Rewriting the main church lighting and installing LED lighting throughout. Installing emergency lights, replacing carpets.

Rebuilding the entire PA desk to

enlarge it for the new equipment needed, including cameras and stage alterations. The Foyer has been decorated with new wipe clean notice boards.

The Main office has been reconfigured and tidied up as well as decorated. There is now a data rack in the corner to keep the server and backups all safe.

The metal spire has had some temporary repairs.

I would like to thank everyone for their help with these jobs.

Matt Wheatley
Property Deacon

Youth

Over the last year very little has happened with the youth group. We have one youth that is still active in helping other groups that we keep in contact with. We have tried to keep in contact with the other few but get very little response back from them.

Emma Mitchell &
Matt Wheatley.

Works of Heart

Our usual craft group has had an interesting year. It has changed and deepened our friendships and helped people open up more. You could say, instead of crafts that are making 'things,' we have been crafting relationships. Due to no meetings in the hall, we put our feelers to see if a Zoom session once a month appealed. The clear answer was a resounding yes. Since then, we have had some great sessions, more chat and supportive moments have occurred. The crafts have been done in a relaxed way and we now have a good element of 'show and tell,' that is both great for inspiration and conversation.

We also have a prayer at the end of each session which everyone seems to welcome. In the midst

of all life is throwing at the moment, God is still leading the way and helping us as a group to keep positive. 'Praise God from whom all Blessings Flow'

Vicky Tyler

**Welcome & Hospitality
Deacon**

Arise & Shine

We started 2020 with every intention of continuing Arise and Shine as we had done previously. However, with only January and February meetings done we decided it would be best to stop them in the light of the pandemic.

We very much miss the fellowship all our guests enjoy each month and we hope to resume them as soon as we are able to.

*Helen Wightwick,
& Patricia How.*

Over 50s' Luncheon Club

The over 50s' luncheon club met on the second Thursday of each month at The Five Bells, Henlow at 12.15pm for a 12.30pm meal until the dreaded lockdown and then we were not able to meet at all.

When we were able to meet around 15-20 of us gathered together and it was a great time with church members, husbands and friends enjoying each other's company in an informal setting. It provided an opportunity for Christians and non-Christians to meet together in a way which allows Jesus to be shared over a meal in much the same way He shared with his friends.

We hope that in the near future we will be able to resume this meeting, but until then we wait for God to provide the opportunity for us to meet as we did before.

Many thanks to all of you, who have attended and made it such a special time.

Doug Deards

Men's Ministry

In February 2020 we enjoyed a curry and film night (*The Martian* starring Matt Damon was shown – thanks to Ian) and we really appreciated Vicky's catering!

In early 2020 we also continued with the regular prayer breakfasts at church. However, because of the first lockdown, from April we moved to Zoom breakfasts which have proved popular, with an average of eight to ten attending, and including a short time of worship, a 'thought for the day' followed by a meaningful prayer time.

Apart from individual prayer needs there has been a rightful focus on prayers for the nation, those struggling with unemployment or reduced incomes, those with mental health challenges plus wisdom for our leaders and government.

It has been good to have a variety of people involved in leading these events, normally on the third Saturday of the month. We also feel that despite only seeing each other 'on screen' the sense of caring and sharing has deepened. We do miss our previous regulars and look forward to sharing a meal soon.

Kevin How & Matt Wheatley.

Ladies' Breakfasts: Daughters of the King

At the start of 2020 we were meeting as usual in the church building once a month, normally the first Saturday from 08:30 until around 10:00.

Since the Covid-19 lockdown in March we have been meeting via Zoom. I am delighted to report that the group has slowly gathered a wider following and we have steadily grown in number, attracting participants from members and non-members.

We have a time of worship and then open in prayer to pray as we feel led. If you would like to join us anytime, please do let me know. It will be interesting to see where God leads us when we can meet back in the building at some point in the future.

I am grateful for all the ladies who have come along and helped to make this group as special as it is, thank you!

Patricia How
Outreach Deacon

Churches Together Stotfold

In March 2020 our *Churches Together Stotfold* Representatives encouraged the new Chair, Rev Graham Claydon Knights, to convene a special meeting to discuss what the churches could do to help the local community cope with lockdown. We decided, very quickly, that providing a shopping service for those isolated without family support would be useful, and this was up and running by April. It was used quite a lot during the first lockdown and several customers continued to use it as the year progressed, until we decided to pass the responsibility back to Stotfold Good Neighbours at the end of the year. It was a really good example of moving cooperation between the churches to a new level, and we are waiting on God to see what He wants us to do together next.

The challenge facing the *Open the Book* team, of which Patricia is a member, was to record the drama and then create a video to send

to the schools. We have been doing this now for the remainder of 2020, sending six different videos per term to St. Mary's, Roecroft and both Fairfield Schools.

Following this trail-blazing video work, the OTB team were asked to consider if they could create a Holiday Club using Facebook. We chose a theme of *The Five Senses* and created a 15-20 minute video for each of the five days. We created a team consisting of Steve Hardman and Graham Clarke, both from St. Mary's, along with Fran Rolfe, Lillian Rolfe, Nathan Rolfe, Pauline Wade with Patricia How in the role of co-ordinator. The videos were then uploaded to a closed Facebook page in August where the children and parents could watch them at a time to suit them. We received very favourable comments following this.

*Helen Wightwick &
Patricia How*

**Churches Together Stotfold
Representatives.**

Balancing the Yoke

A very unique year for us all, our BTY Balancing the Yoke was no exception!

Thanks to tech savvy members we continued to meet via Zoom on a monthly basis throughout the year, with a few off us that were not shielding having some social distanced get together over the summer months between lockdowns. We have continued to Share, Declare, Pray and support one another in each of our unique situations, struggles and victories, mountain tops and Valleys. Our private members group WhatsApp has been a great immediate way of lifting our shields of prayer over each other, our husbands and our families, with incredible results, instant in some cases. We have learnt to step into the God given authority of Christ and his

faithful promises to us. We have been so encouraged by our church family support and prayers and a new member who recently joined us within our fellowship. We thank God for 2020-2021 and all his faithfulness, protection and wisdom and trust Him in the year ahead to strengthen us in Standing in the Gap for our husbands and family members, asking him to Preserve their lives and Reveal himself in Power.

Thank you, dear family, for standing with us all in Prayer & Love.

*Jane O'Flanagan &
Heather Chalmers*

Fair Trade



King's Baptist Church made the commitment to being a Fairtrade registered Church many years ago now, during the time when Philip Amos was the Minister. One of the implications of this registration is that the Church promised to only use fairly traded products where possible but specifically tea, coffee and sugar.

During the last year we have been unable to meet in person in the Church building to share refreshments. However, the principles of Fairtrade are very much applicable to individuals and families, not just the Church. Many products are freely available in all the major supermarkets. Just this week, I bought some Easter flowers for a friend and they were fairly traded. Look out for the familiar logo.

Please talk to me if you would like to know more, or would be willing to assist me with promoting Fairtrade. When livelihoods and lives have been affected and

stricken world-wide during the Corona virus pandemic, it is even more important that we support Fairtrade where possible.

Thank you.

Jane Baker

CIS Report



When last year's report on the ministry of Christian Initiative to Schools (CIS) was written, the Covid-19 Pandemic was still in its infancy. We were at that point still involved in running regular lunch-time clubs each week and also taking assemblies. A month later and the country was in Lockdown.

With schools only open for the children of key workers and those who were vulnerable, the work that CIS was involved in went on hold, including the cancellation of the Easter and Christmas Journeys at St. Paul's. When would we be able to return to working with children and young people in assemblies, lessons, lunchtime clubs and within the area of pastoral care and chaplaincy, as well as supporting staff? Obviously, there were a lot of unknowns, so for that first part of Lockdown I found myself finally completing the SPACE Mat Resource, a resource that CIS had borrowed from the St. Albans Education Project, better known as STEP, a number of times in previous years. This hands-on resource enables pupils to look at the relationship they have in 4 specific areas; relationship with themselves, their community, the world and with God. Guided via audio tracks (there is no teacher/leader input at all), pupils have an opportunity to take some space to think about these areas of their lives.

Here are some responses from pupils who have taken part from Etonbury Academy:

'SPACE made me realise how lucky I am. The identity zone made me think about who I am.'

'SPACE made me feel relaxed and comfortable. The spirit station was my favourite because I could relate to it in many ways and it wasn't just thinking but doing stuff as well.'

'SPACE made me feel a bit more chilled out. The God station was my favourite because it told me I could be forgiven.'

'SPACE made me think about God and how he influences people in the world. It made me so grateful for what I have and made me think people wanted me! The spirit zone was my favourite area because the plasma balls made a good example for God.'

We're looking forward to rolling this out in schools as soon as restrictions are finally lifted. After the completion of SPACE, it was a case of asking, what now? At that point not all pupils were back within the school environment. Home schooling continued to be the norm for most pupils.

The Summer term is normally the *It's Your Move* term, but this year CIS were only able to deliver the books to the schools. Unfortunately, we were unable to do any presentations in any of the Junior Schools with Year 6 pupils, which was a big disappointment.

The Summer break arrived with many uncertainties concerning what would happen in September. Would schools reopen as normal and would visitors be able to return to work in them? September arrives and the answer from most schools was 'No.' Visitors were still unable to go in. However, recorded or virtual assemblies would be appreciated. I then went on a steep learning curve on how to film and edit assemblies. Having recorded a sermon for New Life

Church in Letchworth during August and edited it, I began the process of learning these new skills. Although it takes longer to do it has meant that CIS now has a library of recorded assemblies to send to schools on various themes. One of the first ones created was around the theme of Accepting of our Differences/Tolerance for Etonbury Academy which was very positively received by staff and pupils, as were the ones on Remembrance and Christmas.

Other schools use the Zoom or Microsoft Teams platforms. Although it means the assembly is 'live' and pupils' faces are visible on the screen at the beginning, it is very hard to gauge how they're responding, particularly when your screen is being shared and the only image is that of the person speaking. However, assemblies are going out in whatever format and the Good News of Jesus is still being proclaimed. Amidst all the restrictions that are in place I have been able to maintain good relationships with schools that CIS has regular involvement in. As a ministry we are longing for the day when we can once more be physically present in them and to be the witness to Jesus that we are called to be. Thank you for your continued prayerful and practical support for the work of Christian Initiative in Schools.

Christopher Baker
Schools Worker
Christian Initiative to Schools



Another amazing unexpected all together bizarre year for the Project. How did we do? Well, due to lockdown our staffing was a major issue limiting numbers and distancing and all the other things that came along with the virus, it

made it very difficult to operate but it was also necessary for us to be safe. The team did and are still doing an amazing job just keeping up with demand and an increase in further demand of our service every month. We continue to get great support from many sources for example schools, supermarkets, churches, temples other Foodbanks and so so many individual people whose kindness and support truly humbles me.

We started a best before give away session at the centre in Stotfold which has been so successful and made it possible for us to reach out to the community and help those who are struggling a little and get to know and become friends with them at this time of uncertainty.

Sometimes it's nice just to chat outside the centre masked up at a distance because people need to and want to chat.

Lockdown this year has been so difficult, so frustrating and frankly at times I've found it mind numbing but we have to be safe and I do thank all the people who gave guidance and advise on working and Covid safe practices. We have been doing parcels and Christmas hampers for well over 12 years now but this Christmas it was off the scale!!

Christmas is always very busy and every year we learn a bit more and tweak how we do things. It has changed a little each year but this year we had to start again, which I have to say pushed me beyond normal and I genuinely had to seek spiritual guidance for my frustrations from an outside source and spent time locked in prayer...

BUT....THANKFULLY...

It worked out brilliantly and my attitude was changed and I would love to say we breezed it but we didn't. We had so many issues to deal with but God was front and centre and got us through it.

Our figures for December speak for themselves:

Normal food parcels for

December = 196.

Christmas hampers = 907.

Christmas gifts with a value of between £5 and £40: Over £2,400.

Supermarket food vouchers: £2,400. Funding parties and presents at two Women's Refuges in our area. Truly unbelievable. THANK YOU JESUS!

Two years ago we averaged 117 parcels a month. In 2020 it was 297 and rising. If I wasn't totally confident in God's favour on this project, I would be so much more fearful of the future. To say I'm not worried would be untrue but this I do know: God has blessed us in so many ways and continues to show us favour beyond question and for that I will praise Him at all times.

Please pray as we seek guidance for our future. It is a very exciting time to be in a servant ministry. As we seek to serve, He will bring to us those who we are to serve, we just need to be available.

Praise God always.

Gordon Hamilton
Project Leader

Welcome & Hospitality

As I write this report, I have a heart filled with love and admiration. My usual tasks have been made 'redundant' for now but that's fine. This unusual season has brought out love and care in an expressive way from our fellowship, that has shown a whole new Hospitable heart. As a result, people from the community and church 'family' have been blessed. Cakes have been baked in vast quantities. Flowers have been given. Hearts, conversations and even tears have been shared. Angels have

walked the streets, literally and metaphorically :-)

Shopping and errands galore. Food, gifts and so much more have been donated and distributed for so many. Even our Christmas Meal was a triumph over circumstances and made a Special event even more Special. The ploughman's meal 'take away' was wonderful. Finally, Thank-you is such an inadequate word but I pray all who have done anything BIG or SMALL that you will receive my heartfelt thanks. May we move forward in the 'full assurance' of Faith and keep showing our 'Heart Lights,' clear and bright.

Vicky Tyler

Welcome & Hospitality Deacon

Outreach Report

I felt like a rabbit caught in the headlights when the Covid-19 lockdown stopped everything I was working on! It took me a while to catch my breath before thinking and praying as to how we could reach out at this strange time. On a personal note, I started delivering for The Need Project, taking leftover perishables out into the community and to our local care home. Other avenues opened up with Churches Together, see the separate report covering this.

It's interesting to think about this retrospectively as there became a strong link between outreach and pastoral care. We all seemed to be keen to look out for each other as we were looking out for those in our community; a natural outreach if you like. This is much the best way to share the good news!

The encouragement continues, but on a practical note I started to work out how to make videos! My first real attempt was for our Pentecost Praise at the end of May in which over twenty people contributed recordings from which I made a video to show at our morning service on 31 May. We included cake ingredients in order to 'share' a church Cake and we

also shared our opinions of the Holy Spirit. Not quite what I was expecting when I booked The Green for a 2020 outreach event, but I know God won't waste anything. A big thank you to all involved!

We did a Halloween give-away in October and this resulted in some timely conversations outside church. Thanks to Fran and Lillian we were able to give away several goodie bags and share some love.

Fran, Lillian and Nathan were super kind and supportive when they offered to prayer walk with me during my 'Christmas Blessings' walk around Stotfold dressed as an angel. I had several conversations, looks of amazement, a bit of heckling too but a lot of laughter and smiles. It was important to let people know that we wanted to bless them and remind them that Christmas is a time to remember God's love come down to us.

Outreach is both individual and corporate. 2020 has been a bit low on the corporate outreach but I feel sure that our individual contributions will bear fruit at some point in the future.

Patricia How

Outreach Deacon

Safeguarding Report

At the Church Meeting in January we announced that there would be Safeguarding training, which took place on Monday 9 March. However, we were not to know that within days, a new disease, a coronavirus called Covid-19, would affect society in such a dramatic way!

As a result, all the normal Church activities planned for 2020 had to be drastically changed, with Zoom being used as the online media used for Sunday services, Prayer Meetings, Weeks of Prayer, children's activities, leaders' meetings, Church Meetings and

other events. We moved from lockdown, school shutdowns, "catch it, kill it, bin it," food boxes for those isolating ("Boris boxes"), loosening of restrictions to wearing masks to Tiers and again a lockdown and school closures. Gone were meetings with family and friends, hugs, handshakes and touch in any form and in came social distancing and restrictions on the numbers of people able to meet and where they could do so.

The Baptist Union trainers have not been able to provide face to face training sessions during the Covid-19 period mid-March to December 2020, although an online version will be available in 2021.

Only one situation has been brought to our attention during 2020, This did not require further action.

Safeguarding issues did not go away. It may have changed and become hidden behind closed doors and some types of abuse reduced because of lack of opportunity. However, in other areas the risks have seriously increased, particularly online and within the home.

Theo Clark

Safeguarding Trustee

Angie Clark

Designated Person

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King's Baptist Church

Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020

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Report of the Trustees

The trustees present their report and the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020.

The accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Church and of the surplus or deficit of the Church for that year.

In preparing those accounts, the trustees are required to:

- (i) Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
- (ii) Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
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Keith Turner
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Independent Examiner's Report

To the Trustees of King's Baptist Church

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on pages 4 to 11.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Church's trustees 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 Church's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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

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

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Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020

Statement of Financial Activities

	Notes	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	2020 Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds £	2019 Total Funds £
Income							
Giving by Church Members and Visitors		51,197	0	0	0	51,197	66,622
Gift Aid Tax Recoverable		12,089	0	0	0	12,089	15,159
Investment Income		159	0	0	66	225	572
Manse Rent Receivable		15,600	0	0	0	15,600	15,600
Total Income	1	79,045	0	0	66	79,111	97,953
Expenditure							
Charitable Expenditure							
Ministry Costs		0	0	0	0	0	0
Church running costs		53,166	0	0	0	53,166	46,753
Outreach		1,722	0	0	0	1,722	1,051
Pastoral and training		1,902	0	0	0	1,902	7,389
Grants to Missionary Organisations	3	0	14,136	0	0	14,136	15,486
Total Expenditure	2	56,790	14,136	0	0	70,926	70,679
Net Income/(Expenditure)		22,255	-14,136	0	66	8,185	27,274
Transfers Between Funds		-14,111	14,136	-25	0	0	0
Net Movement in Funds for the Year		8,144	0	-25	66	8,185	27,274
Reconciliation of Funds							
Total Funds Brought Forward		131,690	0	470	710,082	842,242	814,968
Total Funds Carried Forward		139,834	0	445	710,148	850,427	842,242

Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses

There were no recognised gains or losses for 2020 or 2019 other than those included in the Statement of Financial Activities

Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020

Balance Sheet

	Notes	2020		2019	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible assets	5		709,718		702,929
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Total Fixed Assets			709,718		702,929
Current Assets					
Debtors	6	13,670		17,115	
Cash at bank and in hand		128,040		123,205	
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Total Current Assets		141,710		140,320	
Liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	1,001		1,007	
		-----		-----	
Net Current Assets			140,709		139,313
			-----		-----
Net Assets			850,427		842,242
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The Funds of the Church					
General Funds			139,834		131,690
Designated Funds	8		0		0
Restricted Funds	9		445		470
Endowment Funds	10		710,148		710,082
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Total Charity Funds			850,427		842,242
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The accounts were approved by the trustees on 08 April 2021 and signed on their behalf.

Keith Turner
Trustee

Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020

Notes to the Accounts

1 Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of Preparation of Accounts

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the financial reporting standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

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

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

(b) Income

Giving by Church Members and Visitors and Gift Aid Tax Recoverable are accounted for when receivable.

Investment income is included in the accounts in the year in which it becomes payable.

(c) Expenditure

Includes all expenditure incurred in pursuing the charity's objectives, other than that which has been capitalised.

(d) Fixed Assets

Freehold land and buildings

The Manse and the Church building are included in the accounts at trustees' valuations which are reviewed annually.

Furniture and fittings, storage equipment and electronic equipment

Prior to January 2009 all assets were written off on purchase. The policy since then is to only capitalise those items with a value over £1,000

Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020**Notes to the Accounts****(e) Depreciation**

Freehold land and buildings

No provision has been made as the assets are included at a valuation which is reviewed annually.

Furniture, fittings and storage equipment	10% straight line basis
Electronic equipment	20% straight line basis

(f) Debtors

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

(g) Creditors and Provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

(h) Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity. Endowment funds exist where there is a capital fund with no power to convert the capital into income.

(i) Going Concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern.

The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020

Notes to the Accounts

2	Expenditure	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
	Ministry Costs			
	Gross salaries		0	0
	Pension costs		0	0
	Other		0	0
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			0	0
			-----	-----
	Church Running Costs			
	Building maintenance		26,654	32,082
	Computer hardware and software		5,987	1,462
	Depreciation		2,803	2,549
	Equipment (below £1,000)		831	35
	Gas, electricity and water		3,591	2,630
	Independent examination		540	528
	Insurance		2,246	2,171
	Membership, health and safety		5,202	586
	Miscellaneous running costs		1,783	2,053
	Printing, postage and stationery		2,567	1,870
	Telephone and internet		962	737
	Travel		0	50
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			53,166	46,753
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	Outreach		1,722	1,051
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	Pastoral and training		1,902	7,389
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	Grants to Missionary Organisations	3	14,136	15,486
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	Total Expenditure		70,926	70,679
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Notes to the Accounts

3	Grants to Missionary Organisations		2020 £	2019 £
	<u>Institution</u>	<u>Purpose</u>		
	Air Ambulance		0	100
	Baptist Union Home Mission	Church Support in the UK	2,748	2,748
	Bible Bookshop		600	900
	BF Harvest Gift		0	0
	BMS World Mission	World Evangelism	2,748	2,748
	Christian Aid		700	0
	Christian Initiative to Schools	North Herts Christian Education in Schools	2,900	2,400
	Christian Institute		180	180
	Compassion		0	500
	KCC		0	1,000
	Matthew Dear	China	0	500
	Need Project (separate charity in 2017)		4,200	4,200
	Tear Fund		0	150
	UCB		60	60
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			14,136	15,486
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4 Staff Costs

None of the trustees received any remuneration in respect of their role as a trustee, nor did they receive any expenses.

The staff costs were:	2020 £	2019 £
Wages and salaries	0	0
Other pension costs	0	0
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	0	0
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The average weekly number of staff employed by the charity during the year was 0 (2019 - 0)

Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020

Notes to the Accounts

5	Fixed Assets		Freehold land and buildings £	Furniture etc £	Total £
	Cost	Balance at 01.01.20	690,000	21,585	711,585
		Additions	0	9,592	9,592
		Disposals	0	0	0
			-----	-----	-----
		Balance at 31.12.20	690,000	31,177	721,177
			-----	-----	-----
	Depreciation	Balance at 01.01.20	0	8,656	8,656
		Depeciation	0	2,803	2,803
		Disposals	0	0	0
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		Balance at 31.12.20	0	11,459	11,459
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	Net Book Value	At 31.12.20	690,000	19,718	709,718
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		At 01.01.20	690,000	12,929	702,929
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6	Debtors: Due within one year			2020 £	2019 £
	Income tax recoverable			11,863	15,915
	Prepayments			1,807	1,200
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				13,670	17,115
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7	Creditors: Due within one year			2020 £	2019 £
	Accruals			1,001	1,007
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				1,001	1,007
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Notes to the Accounts

8	Designated Funds	Brought Forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Carried Forward £
	Mission	0	0	14,136	14,136	0
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		0	0	14,136	14,136	0
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	Mission	The Church sets aside a minimum of 10% of its General Fund receipts for mission purposes. The Church makes grants to other organisations whose charitable objectives complement its work.				
9	Restricted Funds	Brought Forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Carried Forward £
	New Building	400	0	0	0	400
	Pre-school	45	0	0	0	45
	College	25	0	0	-25	0
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		470	0	0	-25	445
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	New Building	Provision of a larger church building				
	Pre-school					
	College					
10	Endowment Funds	Brought Forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Carried Forward £
	Manse	310,082	66	0	0	310,148
	Church	400,000	0	0	0	400,000
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		710,082	66	0	0	710,148
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	Manse Church	Provision of accommodation for minister Place of worship				

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Notes to the Accounts

11 Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

	General Funds £	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds	Total Funds £
Tangible assets	19,718	0	0	690,000	709,718
Net current assets	120,116	0	445	20,148	140,709
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Net assets	139,834	0	445	710,148	850,427
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King's Baptist Church

The Green, Stotfold

Registered Charity number: 1136519

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Year Ended
31st December 2020***

King's Baptist Church

Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020

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Charity Registration Number	1136519
Independent Examiner	Geoff Mann FCIE Geoff Mann Limited Dee House Highworth Avenue Cambridge CB4 2BQ
Bankers	Barclays
Custodian Trustee	Baptist Union Corporation Ltd

Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020

Report of the Trustees

The trustees present their report and the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020.

The accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)

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Charity law requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Church and of the surplus or deficit of the Church for that year.

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Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020**Notes to the Accounts****(e) Depreciation**

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Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020

Notes to the Accounts

2	Expenditure	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
	Ministry Costs			
	Gross salaries		0	0
	Pension costs		0	0
	Other		0	0
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			0	0
			-----	-----
	Church Running Costs			
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	Christian Initiative to Schools	North Herts Christian Education in Schools	2,900	2,400
	Christian Institute		180	180
	Compassion		0	500
	KCC		0	1,000
	Matthew Dear	China	0	500
	Need Project (separate charity in 2017)		4,200	4,200
	Tear Fund		0	150
	UCB		60	60
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			14,136	15,486
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4 Staff Costs

None of the trustees received any remuneration in respect of their role as a trustee, nor did they receive any expenses.

The staff costs were:	2020 £	2019 £
Wages and salaries	0	0
Other pension costs	0	0
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	0	0
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The average weekly number of staff employed by the charity during the year was 0 (2019 - 0)

Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020

Notes to the Accounts

5	Fixed Assets		Freehold land and buildings £	Furniture etc £	Total £
	Cost	Balance at 01.01.20	690,000	21,585	711,585
		Additions	0	9,592	9,592
		Disposals	0	0	0
			-----	-----	-----
		Balance at 31.12.20	690,000	31,177	721,177
			-----	-----	-----
	Depreciation	Balance at 01.01.20	0	8,656	8,656
		Depeciation	0	2,803	2,803
		Disposals	0	0	0
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		Balance at 31.12.20	0	11,459	11,459
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	Net Book Value	At 31.12.20	690,000	19,718	709,718
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		At 01.01.20	690,000	12,929	702,929
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6	Debtors: Due within one year			2020 £	2019 £
	Income tax recoverable			11,863	15,915
	Prepayments			1,807	1,200
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				13,670	17,115
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7	Creditors: Due within one year			2020 £	2019 £
	Accruals			1,001	1,007
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				1,001	1,007
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8	Designated Funds	Brought Forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Carried Forward £
	Mission	0	0	14,136	14,136	0
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		0	0	14,136	14,136	0
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	Mission	The Church sets aside a minimum of 10% of its General Fund receipts for mission purposes. The Church makes grants to other organisations whose charitable objectives complement its work.				
9	Restricted Funds	Brought Forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Carried Forward £
	New Building	400	0	0	0	400
	Pre-school	45	0	0	0	45
	College	25	0	0	-25	0
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		470	0	0	-25	445
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	New Building	Provision of a larger church building				
	Pre-school					
	College					
10	Endowment Funds	Brought Forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Carried Forward £
	Manse	310,082	66	0	0	310,148
	Church	400,000	0	0	0	400,000
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		710,082	66	0	0	710,148
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	Manse Church	Provision of accommodation for minister Place of worship				

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11 Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

	General Funds £	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds	Total Funds £
Tangible assets	19,718	0	0	690,000	709,718
Net current assets	120,116	0	445	20,148	140,709
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Net assets	139,834	0	445	710,148	850,427
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