

SUTTON IN THE ELMS BAPTIST CHURCH

Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statement for 2022

The Trustees present their Annual Report and
Financial Statements for 2022

Statutory Information

Registered Address 2 Sutton Lane
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Charity Registration Number: 1136715

Trustees	Jonathan Morley	Minister
	Heather Harris	Church Secretary
	Robert Foster	Treasurer
	Peter David Clissold	from March 2022
	Andrew Davies	
	Mark Wagstaff	until March 2022
	David Wheway	

Property Trustees The Baptist Union Corporation Limited
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Independent Examiner John Denney, Chartered Accountant

Charitable Object

The Charity, Sutton in the Elms Baptist Church, is governed by an Approved Governing Document (the Constitution) which states that the principal purpose of the charity is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination to include the advancement of education, community service and such other general charitable purposes in such parts of the United Kingdom and the world as the Church shall determine.

The Church occupies premises which are held by the Baptist Union Corporation Ltd, on Trusts which are entirely compatible with the above objective.

Organisational Structure and Decision-making processes

Members of the Church are accepted in accordance with the Constitution which requires them to be or to have been publicly baptised on the profession of faith in the Trinity, or based on their own public profession of faith.

The Members' Meeting normally takes place at least four times per year and has responsibility for the overall policy of the church. In accordance with the Constitution, the members appoint up to ten Trustees, including a Church Secretary and Treasurer who, together with the Minister, are collectively known as the Diaconate. They are responsible for the day to day running of the church's work and witness, and the financial and legal aspects of the charity. All members are encouraged to take an active part in the spiritual and practical tasks involved in the furtherance of the charitable objective.

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

Objectives and Activities

In order to achieve the principal objective which is set out above, the Church provides a variety of activities both for its membership and for the local community. The aim is to show the love of Jesus Christ in both word and deed and to bring people into a closer relationship with Him as living Lord.

Central to the work and witness of the Church is the act of regular public services of Christian worship. We seek to be a friendly and welcoming community and all are welcome to attend our services that take place each Sunday at 10.30 a.m. and on some Sundays at 6.00 p.m. There are also services at other times, in particular to celebrate Christmas and Easter; these are advertised on the Church's printed notice-sheet, by leaflet, social media and on our website, www.suttonelms.co.uk. There is

a programme for children and young people during services, as well as a crèche space available for use by pre-school children and their parents.

The Church runs a series of house groups (known as Small Groups) in the church building and in the homes of some members for the growth of faith, fellowship and discipleship. Further details of these can be obtained from the Trustees on request, or are available at the Sunday services of worship.

The Church is responsible for a “Mum and baby” group which runs on the premises on Tuesday mornings, as well as a longstanding Toddler Group, which meets on Thursday mornings. The purpose of both groups is to provide a safe place to develop friendships for local pre-school children and their parents/carers, demonstrating the love of Jesus Christ. The wellbeing café (Renew café) continues to be well attended each Wednesday lunchtime by a group of regulars, who meet to chat, undertake hobbies together and have an optional time of quiet reflection at the end of each weekly session. The group also take part in the village’s annual Christmas Tree festival, organised by the local Anglican church. The monthly Men’s Prayer breakfast continues to attract both young and old for a time of food, fellowship and prayer, with both local and invited speakers.

During 2022, we were able to return to holding all events and groups on the premises without the previous restrictions that had been put in place during the Covid-19 pandemic. In the winter, we opened up the premises as a “Warm Space” on Friday afternoons for a few months.

The Church usually runs various events for youngsters and families during the year which, in 2022, included an Easter trail, a Light Party (Halloween alternative), Bonfire party and various Christmas events. The purpose of these events is to provide enjoyable, entertaining and affordable activities for the children and their families, to build friendships and community and to introduce them to the Christian faith. In 2022, we also held a special family-friendly event to celebrate the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee.

The Church operates systems to ensure that all people working with children and vulnerable adults are appropriately vetted with regard to the Disclosure and Barring Service with an up-to-date Safeguarding Policy in place and regular training provided by the East Midlands Baptist Association.

The church premises are normally well used by a variety of groups from the community during daytime and evenings, providing a variety of activities for both children and adults and the premises are also available to hire for private party bookings and other one-off events.

We are a Fairtrade Church, meaning that all tea/coffee provided on church premises is Fairtrade, we also request that all user groups also provide Fairtrade products.

Achievements and Performance

In February 2022 we opened “The Elms Café” in the hub area of the premises – this is a not-for-profit community café, run by volunteers, which is open 10 hours each week and serves cake, drinks and light lunches. The aims of the café are to provide a warm, welcoming meeting space for the local community, with good food, a friendly welcome and the opportunity to build relationships. This has proven to be very popular and has built up a good number of “regulars” over time.

At the request of a local member of the community, we have set-up a “Community Veg box” in the entrance to our premises, where people can donate or take any fruit or vegetables that have been donated. We also provide opportunities to give to a local Foodbank, through a regular donations box and we hold a special collection at our annual Harvest service.

The main church building underwent a refurbishment and redecoration during 2022 and we were thrilled to re-dedicate it to use for God’s glory in September 2022, with many visitors in attendance, including representatives from other local churches, user groups, community groups as well as previous ministers.

Whilst the success of the Church’s programmes can be indicated numerically, including financially, other less tangible measures of success such as strength of fellowship, quality of pastoral support and spiritual growth are equally important. The church continues to encourage all its members to support one another practically, pastorally and in prayer.

As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Through infant dedication we thank God for the gift of life, through baptism we celebrate faith in Jesus, in marriage public vows are exchanged with God’s blessing and through funeral services friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and to commend the person into God's keeping.

In 2022, sadly two of our most longstanding church members went to be with the Lord. We welcomed three new people into church membership during the year and, at 31st December 2022, the membership stood at 84. We celebrated the baptism of one of our church family in October 2022. We had a change of staffing at the end of 2022, with the church administrator and cleaner stepping down after several years each in their respective roles. A new cleaner has been appointed and we will seek to appoint a new administrator in 2023.

Financial Review

The Church continues to raise the funds it needs to carry on its activities from within its own membership and congregation.

In 2022, weekly offerings were very slightly above budget, expenditure was also up due to various one-off purchases as part of the redevelopment (e.g. AV equipment, chairs, CCTV and repairs to the roof). Funds continued to be raised from within the church, fundraising events and from external grant-making bodies in order to finance the redevelopment project.

The church financially supports a Sponsor Child in Colombia through Compassion UK, Tearfund's Children at Risk Programme, and has made donations to the work of Spurgeons' Child Care and other local health-related charities. The church also financially and prayerfully supports a previous minister and his family in their ministry in Cape Town, South Africa.

The Church expressed its part in the life of the wider church by making donations to national and international Christian organisations and societies with Christian aims and objectives compatible with the church's own charitable purpose, and also to some non-Christian charities, chosen by church members as of particular significance.

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

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

The Reserves Policy is set at four months of budgeted expenditure; such an amount would provide working capital to cover fluctuations in income and expenditure and to meet emergency calls on cash, for example for emergency repairs.

The Trustees are satisfied that there are sufficient reserves at the Balance Sheet date, together with anticipated continuing income, to enable the Church to function effectively in the coming year.

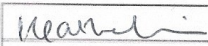


Sutton in the Elms Baptist Church		1136715		CC16a
Receipts and payments accounts				
For the period from	01-Jan-2022	To	31-Dec-2022	

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Incoming resources from generated funds	17,998	5,943	-	23,938	20,580
Voluntary income	85,251	123,285	-	208,536	96,541
Activities for generating funds	6,698	-	-	6,698	533
Investment income	47	28	-	75	485
Incoming resources from charitable activities	18,139	-	-	18,139	290
Other incoming resources	3,770	7,874	-	11,644	53,041
Total Income	131,901	137,130		269,031	171,449
A2 Payments					
Charitable activities	60,090	-	-	60,090	44,581
Governance costs	38,388	-	-	38,388	21,740
Other resources used	12,002	186,364	-	198,366	515,300
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditure	110,480	186,364		296,844	581,601
Gains / losses on investment assets	333,903	-	-	333,903	54,319
Net Income / (Expenditure)	355,324	- 49,234		306,090	- 355,833
Gross transfers between funds - in	60,674	42,212	-	102,886	187,571
Gross transfers between funds - out	- 73,950	- 28,836	-	- 102,886	- 187,571
Net Movement in Funds	342,048	- 35,958		306,090	- 355,833
Total Funds Brought Forward	2,325,861	- 215,003	-	2,110,858	2,456,692
Total Funds Carried Forward	2,667,909	- 250,961	-	2,416,948	2,110,858

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash in Hand	188	-	-
	Current Account	13,813	961	-
	Deposit - Nationwide	-	-	-
	Deposit - Hinckley & Rugby	-	-	-
	Deposit - Kingdom Bank	-	-	-
	Reserve Account	75,926	-	-
	Organisation Accounts	1,122	-	-
	Total cash funds <small>(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))</small>	91,059	961	-
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Church Buildings	ASSET	-	2,228,850
	Church Manse	ASSET	-	325,000
	Car Park Land	ASSET	-	12,500
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Loan	Redevelopment	237,500	2022-2032
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
			HANNAH HARRIS	05/01/2023
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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

SUTTON IN THE ELMS BAPTIST CHURCH

On accounts for the year
ended

31 DECEMBER 2022

Charity no
(if any)

1136715

Set out on pages

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Respective responsibilities
of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 43 of the 1993 Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent
examiner's statement

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

Independent examiner's
statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *)

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act have not been met; or

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

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

Signed:

J. W. Denney

Date: **14 MARCH 2023**

Name:

John Warner Denney

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

Fellow, Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

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Sutton in the Elms Baptist Church, Broughton Astley Receipts and Payments Account
Financial Statement for the Year 2022 Version No. 2 December 2022

		<u>2022</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>% of Bud</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>Note</u>
Receipts	B.M.S./Home Mission	£100	£0	0.0%	£90	
	Bank Interest	£42	£360	11.6%	£445	1
	Church Activities	£14,843	£8,150	182.1%	£3	2
	Contra	£0	£0	0.0%	£0	
	Donations	£1,636	£100	1636.4%	£0	3
	Donations	£394	£200	197.0%	£54	
	Fees: Weddings etc	£546	£320	170.6%	£0	
	Fellowship Fund	£0	£0	0.0%	£0	
	Hall Lettings	£6,153	£10,000	61.5%	£533	
	Income Tax Refund	£11,478	£12,460	92.1%	£11,459	4
	Offerings	£55,286	£54,893	100.7%	£52,823	
	Organisations	£3,296	£0	0.0%	£287	
	Sundry	£3,770	£200	1884.8%	£2,394	5
	TEAR Fund/Compassion UK	£722	£516	139.9%	£498	
	Receipts Total:	£98,265	£87,199	112.7%	£68,585	
PAYMENTS						
Charitable Activities	B.M.S.	£4,002	£3,902	102.6%	£3,600	
	Catering	£686	£500	137.3%	£569	
	Charities	£2,576	£1,800	143.1%	£1,500	6
	Evangelism	£13,054	£12,400	105.3%	£1,717	7
	Fellowship Fund	£0	£200	0.0%	£50	
	Home Mission	£3,902	£3,902	100.0%	£3,579	
	Junior Church	£136	£230	59.2%	£96	
	Ministers Expenses	£713	£1,120	63.7%	£578	
	National Insurance	£0	£0	0.0%	£0	
	Organisations	£2,316	£0	0.0%	£243	
	Pension Contributions	£5,353	£6,952	77.0%	£6,773	8
	Pulpit Supply	£415	£500	83.0%	£0	
	Salaries: Minister	£25,483	£25,122	101.4%	£24,858	
	Small Groups	£8	£0	0.0%	£43	
	TEAR Fund/Compassion UK	£782	£520	150.4%	£552	
	Travel & Training	£590	£1,700	34.7%	£260	
	Youth Work	£73	£100	72.5%	£143	
	Charitable Activities Total:	£60,090	£58,948	101.9%	£44,561	
Governance Costs	Heating/light/water	£3,579	£7,660	46.7%	£2,728	9
	Insurances	£2,744	£3,000	91.5%	£2,458	
	Maintenance	£18,621	£5,855	318.0%	£3,375	10
	Manse: Council Tax & Water	£2,734	£2,775	98.5%	£2,610	
	Manse: Expenses	£810	£1,545	52.4%	£1,313	
	Office Expenses & Telephone	£1,151	£1,170	98.4%	£893	
	Salaries: Admin & Cleaning	£8,750	£8,785	99.6%	£8,361	
	Governance Costs Total:	£38,388	£30,790	124.7%	£21,740	
Other Resources Used	A.V. & Worship Group	£8,103	£840	964.6%	£868	11
	Contra	£0	£0	0.0%	£0	
	Sundries	£3,899	£910	428.5%	£3,341	12
	Other Resources Used Total:	£12,002	£1,750	685.8%	£4,209	
	Payments Total:	£110,480	£91,488	120.8%	£70,510	
Totals	Surplus (Deficit) for the year:	(£12,215)	(£4,289)	284.8%	(£1,925)	13
	Redev. Surplus / Deficit:	(£115,958)	(£155,826)	74.4%	(£13,568)	
	Loans Outstanding:	£237,500	£225,000	105.6%	£330,000	
	Loan Pledges:	£21,126	£22,640	93.3%	£22,341	
	Balance brought forward:	£210,411	£210,411	100.0%	£290,564	
	Balance carried forward:	£90,098	£50,296	179.1%	£210,411	
	TOTAL Surplus (Deficit):	(£120,313)	(£160,115)	75.1%	(£80,152)	

Funds Summary

Fund	BFWD	Receipts	Trans In	Trans Out	Payments	CFWD	Change
Elms Café	£0.00	£14,773.58	£9,736.86	£9,736.86	£11,249.57	£3,524.01	£3,524.01
Fellowship	£835.20	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£835.20	£0.00
General	£57,336.58	£79,705.79	£24,664.08	£24,198.69	£96,914.85	£40,592.91	-£16,743.67
Maintenance	£13,276.04	£0.00	£0.00	£13,276.04	£0.00	£0.00	-£13,276.04
Memorial	£381.13	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£381.13	£0.00
Ministry Monies	£944.06	£3,295.69	£465.39	£930.78	£2,315.61	£1,458.75	£514.69
Mission	£300.58	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£300.58	£0.00
Redev Loans	£22,340.75	£33,626.14	£39,761.28	£39,761.28	£12,500.00	£43,466.89	£21,126.14
Redevelopment	£114,996.95	£57,130.11	£154,889.33	£141,613.29	£186,364.28	(£961.18)	-£115,958.13
Sabbatical	£0.00	£500.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£500.00	£500.00
Totals	£210,411.29	£189,031.31	£229,516.94	£229,516.94	£309,344.31	£90,098.29	-£120,313.00

Bank Accounts Summary

Account	BFWD	Receipts	Trans In	Trans Out	Payments	CFWD	Change
Cash in Hand	£60.17	£19,065.06	£1,331.63	£20,032.10	£226.34	£198.42	£138.25
Closed Accounts	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Dummy Account	£0.00	£1,500.00	£1,500.00	£1,500.00	£1,500.00	£0.00	£0.00
Ministry Monies	£607.57	£3,295.69	£0.00	£465.39	£2,315.61	£1,122.26	£514.69
Santander Com Res	£182,850.20	£75.42	£57,447.32	£164,447.32	£0.00	£75,925.62	-£106,924.58
Santander Current	£26,893.35	£165,095.14	£169,237.99	£43,072.13	£305,302.36	£12,851.99	-£14,041.36
Totals	£210,411.29	£189,031.31	£229,516.94	£229,516.94	£309,344.31	£90,098.29	-£120,313.00

Summary of Assets and Liabilities

Item	Open Bal	Closing Bal	Difference	Change
Assets - Car Park Land	£12,500.00	£12,500.00	£0.00	0.0%
Assets - Church Manse	£267,976.00	£325,000.00	£57,024.00	21.3%
Assets - Church Property	£1,949,971.00	£2,226,850.00	£276,879.00	14.2%
Assets - Cash in Hand	£60.17	£198.42	£138.25	229.8%
Assets - Closed Accounts	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.0%
Assets - Organisation Monies	£607.57	£1,122.26	£514.69	84.7%
Assets - Santander Com Res	£182,850.20	£75,925.62	-£106,924.58	-58.5%
Assets - Santander Current	£26,893.35	£12,851.99	-£14,041.36	-52.2%
Liabilities - Loan	-£250,000.00	-£237,500.00	£12,500.00	-5.0%
Liabilities - Loan Interest Free	-£80,000.00	£0.00	£80,000.00	-100.0%
Grand Total :	£2,110,858.29	£2,416,948.29	£306,090.00	14.5%

Open Offerings 2022

Month	Weeks	Budget	Average	Total	Average	Gift Aid	Average
January 2022	5	£4,574.40	£914.88	£4,656.00	£931.20	£3,910.00	£782.00
February 2022	4	£4,574.40	£1,143.60	£4,324.00	£1,081.00	£3,591.00	£897.75
March 2022	4	£4,574.40	£1,143.60	£4,301.10	£1,075.28	£3,558.10	£889.53
April 2022	4	£4,574.40	£1,143.60	£5,205.04	£1,301.26	£4,302.00	£1,075.50
May 2022	5	£4,574.40	£914.88	£5,422.93	£1,084.59	£4,205.00	£841.00
June 2022	4	£4,574.40	£1,143.60	£4,546.00	£1,136.50	£3,838.00	£959.50
July 2022	5	£4,574.40	£914.88	£4,292.10	£858.42	£3,263.60	£652.72
August 2022	4	£4,574.40	£1,143.60	£5,297.43	£1,324.36	£4,306.43	£1,076.61
September 2022	4	£4,574.40	£1,143.60	£3,722.80	£930.70	£3,078.30	£769.58
October 2022	5	£4,574.40	£914.88	£4,605.00	£921.00	£3,356.00	£671.20
November 2022	4	£4,574.40	£1,143.60	£4,444.00	£1,111.00	£3,563.50	£890.88
December 2022	4	£4,574.40	£1,143.60	£4,470.00	£1,117.50	£3,707.00	£926.75
Totals	52	£54,892.80	£1,055.63	£55,286.40	£1,063.20	£44,678.93	£859.21

Account Comments

1. Bank Interest

Variance due to lower bank balances and low interest rates.

2. Church Activities

Higher due to Elms Café income being considerably higher, £14.5k cf £6.5k budget.

3. Donations

Higher due to funeral and sabbatical donations.

4. Income Tax Refund

Lower due to lower Gift Aided donations.

5. Sundry

Higher due to hub furniture grant and AV equipment refund.

6. Charities

Higher as includes Prostate Cancer (Men's Breakfast) and Ukraine Appeal donations.

7. Evangelism

Elms Café higher (£11.2k against £6.5k budget), remainder lower due to slow recovery from COVID restrictions and building works.

8. Pension Contributions

Contributions lower due to reduction in pension fund deficit contributions.

9. Heating/light/water

Lower due to not using Church building for part of the year due to the redevelopment.

10. Maintenance

Higher as includes chairs (£10,610), CCTV (£1,820) and roof repair (£1,876).

11. A.V. & Worship Group

Higher due to purchase of new AV equipment (£7,316).

12. Sundries

Higher as includes purchase of hub furniture covered by a grant.

13. Surplus (Deficit) for the year:

Deficit higher than budget but due to one-off items costing £21,662).

Redevelopment Statement for the Year 2022**31-Jan-23****Funds as at 31 Dec 2022 (100%)**

	Receipts	Payments	Budget	
<u>Redev Loans</u>				
Donations - Loans	£27,103.00	£0.00	£20,094.00	134.9%
Interest	£5.14	£0.00	£0.00	
Tax Refund	£6,518.00	£0.00	£4,236.00	153.9%
Loan Repayments	£0.00	£12,500.00	£25,000.00	
<u>Redev Loans Totals</u>	<u>£33,626.14</u>	<u>£12,500.00</u>		
Net Movement		£21,126.14		
Opening Balance		£22,340.75		
Closing Balance		£43,466.89		

Redevelopment

Donations	£123,285.03	£0.00	£20,000.00	616.4%
Fund Raising	£2,873.94	£0.00	£0.00	
Grants	£5,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	
Interest	£28.47	£0.00	£0.00	
Tax Refund	£5,942.67	£0.00	£0.00	
Transfers	£13,276.04	£0.00	£0.00	
Development Expenses	£0.00	£186,364.28	£17,500.00	064.9%
Loan Repayments	£0.00	£80,000.00	£0.00	
<u>Redevelopment Totals</u>	<u>£150,406.15</u>	<u>£266,364.28</u>		
Net Movement		(£115,958.13)		
Opening Balance		£114,996.95		
Closing Balance		(£961.18)		

SUTTON IN THE ELMS BAPTIST CHURCH

Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statement for 2022

The Trustees present their Annual Report and
Financial Statements for 2022

Statutory Information

Registered Address 2 Sutton Lane
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Charity Registration Number: 1136715

Trustees	Jonathan Morley	Minister
	Heather Harris	Church Secretary
	Robert Foster	Treasurer
	Peter David Clissold	from March 2022
	Andrew Davies	
	Mark Wagstaff	until March 2022
	David Wheway	

Property Trustees The Baptist Union Corporation Limited
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Bankers Santander, Bootle, Merseyside

Independent Examiner John Denney, Chartered Accountant

Charitable Object

The Charity, Sutton in the Elms Baptist Church, is governed by an Approved Governing Document (the Constitution) which states that the principal purpose of the charity is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination to include the advancement of education, community service and such other general charitable purposes in such parts of the United Kingdom and the world as the Church shall determine.

The Church occupies premises which are held by the Baptist Union Corporation Ltd, on Trusts which are entirely compatible with the above objective.

Organisational Structure and Decision-making processes

Members of the Church are accepted in accordance with the Constitution which requires them to be or to have been publicly baptised on the profession of faith in the Trinity, or based on their own public profession of faith.

The Members' Meeting normally takes place at least four times per year and has responsibility for the overall policy of the church. In accordance with the Constitution, the members appoint up to ten Trustees, including a Church Secretary and Treasurer who, together with the Minister, are collectively known as the Diaconate. They are responsible for the day to day running of the church's work and witness, and the financial and legal aspects of the charity. All members are encouraged to take an active part in the spiritual and practical tasks involved in the furtherance of the charitable objective.

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

Objectives and Activities

In order to achieve the principal objective which is set out above, the Church provides a variety of activities both for its membership and for the local community. The aim is to show the love of Jesus Christ in both word and deed and to bring people into a closer relationship with Him as living Lord.

Central to the work and witness of the Church is the act of regular public services of Christian worship. We seek to be a friendly and welcoming community and all are welcome to attend our services that take place each Sunday at 10.30 a.m. and on some Sundays at 6.00 p.m. There are also services at other times, in particular to celebrate Christmas and Easter; these are advertised on the Church's printed notice-sheet, by leaflet, social media and on our website, www.suttonelms.co.uk. There is

a programme for children and young people during services, as well as a crèche space available for use by pre-school children and their parents.

The Church runs a series of house groups (known as Small Groups) in the church building and in the homes of some members for the growth of faith, fellowship and discipleship. Further details of these can be obtained from the Trustees on request, or are available at the Sunday services of worship.

The Church is responsible for a “Mum and baby” group which runs on the premises on Tuesday mornings, as well as a longstanding Toddler Group, which meets on Thursday mornings. The purpose of both groups is to provide a safe place to develop friendships for local pre-school children and their parents/carers, demonstrating the love of Jesus Christ. The wellbeing café (Renew café) continues to be well attended each Wednesday lunchtime by a group of regulars, who meet to chat, undertake hobbies together and have an optional time of quiet reflection at the end of each weekly session. The group also take part in the village’s annual Christmas Tree festival, organised by the local Anglican church. The monthly Men’s Prayer breakfast continues to attract both young and old for a time of food, fellowship and prayer, with both local and invited speakers.

During 2022, we were able to return to holding all events and groups on the premises without the previous restrictions that had been put in place during the Covid-19 pandemic. In the winter, we opened up the premises as a “Warm Space” on Friday afternoons for a few months.

The Church usually runs various events for youngsters and families during the year which, in 2022, included an Easter trail, a Light Party (Halloween alternative), Bonfire party and various Christmas events. The purpose of these events is to provide enjoyable, entertaining and affordable activities for the children and their families, to build friendships and community and to introduce them to the Christian faith. In 2022, we also held a special family-friendly event to celebrate the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee.

The Church operates systems to ensure that all people working with children and vulnerable adults are appropriately vetted with regard to the Disclosure and Barring Service with an up-to-date Safeguarding Policy in place and regular training provided by the East Midlands Baptist Association.

The church premises are normally well used by a variety of groups from the community during daytime and evenings, providing a variety of activities for both children and adults and the premises are also available to hire for private party bookings and other one-off events.

We are a Fairtrade Church, meaning that all tea/coffee provided on church premises is Fairtrade, we also request that all user groups also provide Fairtrade products.

Achievements and Performance

In February 2022 we opened “The Elms Café” in the hub area of the premises – this is a not-for-profit community café, run by volunteers, which is open 10 hours each week and serves cake, drinks and light lunches. The aims of the café are to provide a warm, welcoming meeting space for the local community, with good food, a friendly welcome and the opportunity to build relationships. This has proven to be very popular and has built up a good number of “regulars” over time.

At the request of a local member of the community, we have set-up a “Community Veg box” in the entrance to our premises, where people can donate or take any fruit or vegetables that have been donated. We also provide opportunities to give to a local Foodbank, through a regular donations box and we hold a special collection at our annual Harvest service.

The main church building underwent a refurbishment and redecoration during 2022 and we were thrilled to re-dedicate it to use for God’s glory in September 2022, with many visitors in attendance, including representatives from other local churches, user groups, community groups as well as previous ministers.

Whilst the success of the Church’s programmes can be indicated numerically, including financially, other less tangible measures of success such as strength of fellowship, quality of pastoral support and spiritual growth are equally important. The church continues to encourage all its members to support one another practically, pastorally and in prayer.

As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Through infant dedication we thank God for the gift of life, through baptism we celebrate faith in Jesus, in marriage public vows are exchanged with God’s blessing and through funeral services friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and to commend the person into God's keeping.

In 2022, sadly two of our most longstanding church members went to be with the Lord. We welcomed three new people into church membership during the year and, at 31st December 2022, the membership stood at 84. We celebrated the baptism of one of our church family in October 2022. We had a change of staffing at the end of 2022, with the church administrator and cleaner stepping down after several years each in their respective roles. A new cleaner has been appointed and we will seek to appoint a new administrator in 2023.

Financial Review

The Church continues to raise the funds it needs to carry on its activities from within its own membership and congregation.

In 2022, weekly offerings were very slightly above budget, expenditure was also up due to various one-off purchases as part of the redevelopment (e.g. AV equipment, chairs, CCTV and repairs to the roof). Funds continued to be raised from within the church, fundraising events and from external grant-making bodies in order to finance the redevelopment project.

The church financially supports a Sponsor Child in Colombia through Compassion UK, Tearfund's Children at Risk Programme, and has made donations to the work of Spurgeons' Child Care and other local health-related charities. The church also financially and prayerfully supports a previous minister and his family in their ministry in Cape Town, South Africa.

The Church expressed its part in the life of the wider church by making donations to national and international Christian organisations and societies with Christian aims and objectives compatible with the church's own charitable purpose, and also to some non-Christian charities, chosen by church members as of particular significance.

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

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

The Reserves Policy is set at four months of budgeted expenditure; such an amount would provide working capital to cover fluctuations in income and expenditure and to meet emergency calls on cash, for example for emergency repairs.

The Trustees are satisfied that there are sufficient reserves at the Balance Sheet date, together with anticipated continuing income, to enable the Church to function effectively in the coming year.

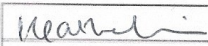


Sutton in the Elms Baptist Church		1136715		CC16a
Receipts and payments accounts				
For the period from	01-Jan-2022	To	31-Dec-2022	

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Incoming resources from generated funds	17,998	5,943	-	23,938	20,580
Voluntary income	85,251	123,285	-	208,536	96,541
Activities for generating funds	6,698	-	-	6,698	533
Investment income	47	28	-	75	485
Incoming resources from charitable activities	18,139	-	-	18,139	290
Other incoming resources	3,770	7,874	-	11,644	53,041
Total Income	131,901	137,130		269,031	171,449
A2 Payments					
Charitable activities	60,090	-	-	60,090	44,581
Governance costs	38,388	-	-	38,388	21,740
Other resources used	12,002	186,364	-	198,366	515,300
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditure	110,480	186,364		296,844	581,601
Gains / losses on investment assets	333,903	-	-	333,903	54,319
Net Income / (Expenditure)	355,324	- 49,234		306,090	- 355,833
Gross transfers between funds - in	60,674	42,212	-	102,886	187,571
Gross transfers between funds - out	- 73,950	- 28,836	-	- 102,886	- 187,571
Net Movement in Funds	342,048	- 35,958		306,090	- 355,833
Total Funds Brought Forward	2,325,861	- 215,003	-	2,110,858	2,456,692
Total Funds Carried Forward	2,667,909	- 250,961		2,416,948	2,110,858

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash in Hand	188	-	-
	Current Account	13,813	961	-
	Deposit - Nationwide	-	-	-
	Deposit - Hinckley & Rugby	-	-	-
	Deposit - Kingdom Bank	-	-	-
	Reserve Account	75,926	-	-
	Organisation Accounts	1,122	-	-
	Total cash funds <small>(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))</small>	91,059	961	-
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Church Buildings	ASSET	-	2,228,850
	Church Manse	ASSET	-	325,000
	Car Park Land	ASSET	-	12,500
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Loan	Redevelopment	237,500	2022-2032
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
			HANNAH HARRIS	05/01/2023
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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

SUTTON IN THE ELMS BAPTIST CHURCH

On accounts for the year
ended

31 DECEMBER 2022

Charity no
(if any)

1136715

Set out on pages

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Respective responsibilities
of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 43 of the 1993 Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent
examiner's statement

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

Independent examiner's
statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *)

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act have not been met; or

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

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

Signed:

J. W. Denney

Date: **14 MARCH 2023**

Name:

John Warner Denney

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any):

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