

# BONNY DOWNS BAPTIST CHURCH [NEWHAM LONDON]

England & Wales · Charity number 1136987

## Details

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Other names	BDBC
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2010-07-21
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

## Contact

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## Activities

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

**Activities:** We express our Christian values through public worship; small groups meeting in people's homes for prayer, bible study and mutual support; pastoral care; encouraging and supporting our members to take part in social action and mission according to their God given gifts and opportunities; relationships with and support of other churches and groups. Our meetings are open to all who wish to join us.

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNITED KINGDOM AND/OR OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD
- Newham

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£2,900	£336	-	-
2024-03-31	£0	£0	-	-
2023-03-31	£81,549	£59,015	-	-
2022-03-31	£113,651	£76,471	-	-
2021-03-31	£113,564	£92,321	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ANGELA ALLGOOD		2017-01-15
Dave Mann		2014-12-14
Philippa King		2020-01-06
Sally Ellen Mann		2014-12-14
Stacey Louise Cordery		2015-01-25

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# Accounts

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**Bonny Downs Baptist Church [Newham London]**

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**Report and Accounts**

**For the year ended 31 March 2023**

## Bonny Downs Baptist Church [Newham London]

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Governing Document	Constitution adopted by the members on 31st January 2010 as amended on 2nd October 2011
Status	The church is a Registered Charity and a member of the Baptist Union
Ministers	David Mann Sally Mann
Trustees	David Mann Sally Mann Stacey Cordery Angela Allgood Philippa King
Custodian Trustee	London Baptist Property Board Ltd
Bankers	London Baptist Property Board Ltd The Co-operative Bank Plc
Independent Examiner	Brian Dexter 172 Sandford Road East Ham London E6 3PX

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**BONNY DOWNS BAPTIST CHURCH [Newham London]**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR TO 31ST MARCH 2023**

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting their Report and Accounts for the year

**Objects of the charity**

Bonny Downs Mission was formed in 1908. In 1952 all deeds and conveyances were transferred to the London Baptist Property Board and the church became and remains Bonny Downs Baptist Church affiliated to the Baptist Union of Great Britain. The policy and operating decisions of the church rest with the Trustees (Leadership Team) who are nominated and appointed by members of the church. The motivation of the church is to see 'Jesus changing lives and transforming our community.'

Our Senior ministers are Sally Mann & David Mann, Community Chaplin Jonny Adams and Pastoral Leader Sarah Laing with Church Secretary & Treasurer responsibilities.

In 1998 Bonny Downs Baptist Church (BDBC) set up a separate charitable company called Bonny Downs Community Association (BDCA) to work in tandem with the church to fulfil more effectively its vision, both spiritual and practical. BDCA took on the lease from Newham Council of a shabby, neglected Community Centre close to the church. Church members worked hard to renovate the building now known as The Well Community Centre.

As a church we are proud of the work of this charity and the opportunities it affords for Christian witness and service. Many of our members remain involved on a day to day basis either as volunteers or in paid posts. Dave Mann is the Chair of BDCA and Sarah is the current managing director and feels passionate about offering pastoral support to staff members in order to help them to grow, develop and thrive.

In 2002, BDCA, again through the inspiration and vision of church members, took over responsibility for an overgrown nine-acre playing field locally. This is now a thriving Sports and Community centre with an excellent Pavilion facility. An area of the field has been nurtured into a Community Garden which provides opportunity for local people of many ethnic groups to come together to learn gardening skills, share recipes and grow produce as well as providing a space to organise and celebrate Interfaith events.

'The Bonny Downs Mission' was originally started at the beginning of the 20th century through Christian vision in response to the grim poverty that was evident in the area known as Bonny Downs. In this respect, the church, in conjunction with BDCA has come full circle and in June 2013 we saw the establishment within the church building of a Food Bank and community lunch which provides hot meals for vulnerable local residents each week during the foodbank hours. Church members and those from the local community volunteer their time and donate food and money to help keep this valuable service running. During these sessions, Jonny leads reflective discussions in order to provide opportunities for people to hear about and discuss the Christian faith in a safe, non-judgemental environment.

In 2013, Bonny Downs Church members Angie, Matthew and Jonny played a key role in bringing together local Christian leaders across the borough to form the Newway Project which was in response to the rising levels of homelessness in our area. By working together across denominational divides they launched an interchurch night shelter and advocacy service to support local rough sleepers throughout the coldest months of the year. Bonny Downs Church signed up to become one of the initial 7 host church venues during the pilot circuit and we have enjoyed serving as part of this project every winter since. In collaboration with BDCA a team of volunteers have opened up the old church hall for one night per week and provide a safe welcoming place to sleep, a nutritious meal and friendly conversation for our 15 homeless guests.

The night shelter is also linked to NEWday, a project which meets for 5 days throughout the week in order to help the guests to move on. They offer a range of free daytime services (including free showers, laundry facilities, life skills workshops and employment support) to help their guests increase their resilience, health, independence and wellbeing.

We also spend time during the week at 'Family Hub', a support group for families encountered during the pandemic who have NRPF. Each week families meet together within The Well - a safe place for them to get advice, participate in craft activities, prepare and cook lunch together and to generally 'share life'.

Bonny Downs is proud to be an officially inclusive Church and in February 2019 we became part of the 'Inclusive Church' which is a network of churches, groups and individuals uniting together around a shared vision:

"We believe in inclusive Church - church which does not discriminate, on any level, on grounds of economic power, gender, mental health, physical ability, race or sexuality. We believe in Church which welcomes and serves all people in the name of Jesus Christ; which is scripturally faithful; which seeks to proclaim the Gospel afresh for each generation; and which, in the power of the Holy Spirit, allows all people to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Jesus Christ."

Bonny Downs Church is also part of Red Letter Christians UK, finding ways to live out the words of Jesus. Staying true to the foundation of combining Jesus and justice, Red Letter Christians mobilises people into a movement of believers who live out Jesus' counter-cultural teachings. Our ministers, Dave and Sally are Co-Directors and founding trustees of RLC UK and are passionate about raising the voices of grassroots leaders and the work they're doing to live out God's kingdom in tangible ways.

In 2018 Sally published a book called 'Looking for Lydia' this includes Sally's and Dave's memoirs of over 20 years of church ministry in the East End of London and it recalls encounters with people who shaped how they began to understand the reach of the Gospel, the mission of the Church, and their own call as ministers. This book makes for an inspiring read and is available to buy on Amazon.

### **Urban Change Makers**

We are also part of Change makers which is led by Stacey Cordery who is one of our Trustees, this is an emerging young leader's programme that seeks to empower a new generation of urban young leaders, we look forward to seeing what will develop within our community because of this.

### **Bonny Downs Church**

Lockdown saw the introduction of our Church Prayer Walk's and Creative Worship within the community garden following which we decided as a Church to continue to meet in the Community Garden between the months of April and September and then return indoors again for the winter months.

We were delighted when 'Songs of Praise' visited to film both our walking Church and walking football, as part of this they interviewed some of those within our community who had started to attend and engage with us as a result of some of our midweek ministries.

The original Bonny Downs Church building is used for Sunday worship by two churches: The Redeemed Church of God (African), the Bonny Downs Portuguese Fellowship. A discretionary rent is charged where appropriate.

The church supports BDCA's three week Summer Holiday Scheme catering for up to 180 children per day for children aged 4 ½ to 14 and which provides an opportunity for our young people to take up work and training opportunities. This includes us helping to lead start of the day talks in order to encourage and support our young leaders to be the best versions of themselves whilst at the same time providing opportunities for them to reflect, some of these young leaders have then gone on to help lead our Sunday School classes.

To nurture faith during the week, there are fellowship and support groups that meet regularly to discuss the word of God, provide opportunities for connection & friendship and to support mental health & wellbeing, this includes The Life Support Group, Kintsugi group and bible study group. There are also a variety of online activities to help people connect and reflect, including our Virtual worship Face Book page and morning Reflections which include weekly daily contemplative prayer on our virtual church Facebook page.

Bonny Downs also host a weekly choir 'East Ham Voices' that meet fortnightly in the original Bonny Downs Church Building led by a singing tutor and talented pianist who also regularly plays the piano at Bonny Downs Church on a Sunday Morning. The multicultural community choir was set up in order to bring people together to learn songs from around the world in a variety of languages in order to celebrate the unique diversity in the borough of Newham and encourage cross-cultural friendships.

Bonny Downs Church and BDCA work closely together in supporting the elderly within our community who attend the many social activities which take place within The Well Community Centre, including a Coffee Morning, Exercise and Dance classes, Bowls, Darts, an Art Group and an Advocacy service. Some of our members also volunteer as befrienders offering companionship and support to Elders within our community who would otherwise be socially isolated.

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There is also a strong network of support beyond the social activities that occur within The Well and there are a number within Bonny Downs Church who are committed to pastoral visiting which includes anyone living locally with a need.

We are always pleased to see people whom we visit in the community coming to join us for worship on a Sunday and it is always an added joy when they come to faith.

### **Bonny Downs Abbey**

Bonny Downs Baptist Church is working with Bonny Downs Community Association and Newway project to redevelop the old Bonny Downs Church Hall which although well used and much loved by local people is in an extremely poor state of repair. We want to redevelop it to create a useful and beautiful building 'Bonny Downs Abbey' that will benefit the community for years to come.

We want the new building to provide a small number of housing units for community living above a ground floor community space. This will be used in the daytime for services to those facing homelessness or food poverty.

As part of this redevelopment we **Bonny Downs Baptist Church (Newham London)** became a CIO. Our new legal name became **Bonny Downs Baptist Church** and the Charity Commission registered the CIO under Charity Number **1197719**. The date of the transfer was **31 May 2022**.

Our vision is for Bonny Downs Abbey to be an intentional community bringing together people from different backgrounds who are committed to sharing life with and supporting one another, united by a common goal of tackling poverty. The residents will be a mix of community workers and people moving on from homelessness who have low support needs and would benefit greatly from a peaceful place to stay for 2-3 years so they can rebuild a new life.

This project has been led by Philippa one of our Trustees who has helped to secure almost £140,000 in funding from the GLA via [Community Led Housing London](#) to develop this project and has worked with [Panter Hudspith Architects](#) on a feasibility study.

We will partner with a small housing association that shares our vision, called J49, to develop this project and manage the affordable rented accommodation.

We are looking forward to seeing our vision become reality!

### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**The majority of the church's assets were transferred to the newly registered CIO during the year.** The total transferred was £746,730 which breaks down as follows:

Church Bulding	£	487,495	insurance re-instatement valuation
Equipment	£	38,778	insurance re-instatement valuation
Restricted funds cash and bank	£	102,203	
General funds cash and bank	£	118,254	

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The church sets aside 10% of its total receipts in a 'Giving Fund' in order to support other charitable organisations and to contribute to meeting other needs both locally and abroad.

We don't hold weekly money collections during the Sunday service, instead we encourage donors to make regular contributions through Stewardship.

At the year end the church held £6,572 in its current account which after any final expenses will be transferred to the new CIO in 2023/24.

### TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

Charity Law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or other irregularities and to provide reasonable assurances that:

- 1 The church is operating efficiently and effectively
- 2 Its assets are safeguarded against unauthorised use or disposition
- 3 Financial information used within the church or for publication is reliable
- 4 The church complies with relevant laws and regulations

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf on the 28/1/2024 by:

Stacey Cordery



Trustee

Bonny Downs Baptist Church  
Charity Registration No. : 1136987

Independent Examiner's Report  
To the Trustees of  
Bonny Downs Baptist Church [Newham London]

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 March 2023.

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

*BJ Dexter*  
Brian Dexter ACMA

January 2024

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**BONNY DOWNS BAPTIST CHURCH [Newham London]**

**Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st March 2023**

	Notes	2023			2022		
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021
<b>Receipts</b>							
Giving to the Church	2	55,608	-	55,608	58,521	-	58,521
Bank Interest		432	681	1,113	93	-	93
Hall Lettings		17,900		17,900	21,855		21,855
Other Receipts		6,928		6,928	5,689		5,689
Grants Received		-	-	-	-	27,494	27,494
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>80,868</b>	<b>681</b>	<b>81,549</b>	<b>86,157</b>	<b>27,494</b>	<b>113,651</b>
<b>Payments</b>							
<b>Charitable Activities</b>							
Church Costs		52,960	-	52,960	46,221	21,101	67,323
Grants paid		6,055	-	6,055	7,588	1,560	9,148
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>59,015</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>59,015</b>	<b>53,810</b>	<b>22,661</b>	<b>76,471</b>
Net receipts/(Payments) before Transfers		21,853	681	22,534	32,347	4,833	37,180
Transfer to New CIO		118,254	102,203	220,457	-	-	-
Transfers between Funds		-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net Movement In Funds</b>		<b>- 96,401</b>	<b>- 101,522</b>	<b>- 197,923</b>	<b>32,347</b>	<b>4,833</b>	<b>37,180</b>
Balances 1st April 2022		102,973	101,522	204,495	70,626	96,690	167,315
<b>Balances 31st March 2023</b>		<b>6,572</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6,572</b>	<b>102,973</b>	<b>101,522</b>	<b>204,495</b>

The notes on pages 11-13 form part of these accounts

**BONNY DOWNS BAPTIST CHURCH**

**Statement of Assets and Liabilities 31st March 2023**

**1 Fixed Assets**

The insurance re-instatement values of the assets owned by the church in 2023 were:

	£	
	Church Building	Other Equipment
As at 1 april 2022	487,495	38,778
Transfer to New CIO	-487,495	- 38,778
Balance	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

For the year ended 31 March 2023	2023	2022
	£	£

**2 Debtors**

Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid	-	-
Other debtors and prepayments	-	2,170
	<u>-</u>	<u>2,170</u>

**3 Bank balances**

Bank operating accounts	6,572	94,605
Deposits	-	109,835
Petty cash	-	55
	<u>6,572</u>	<u>204,495</u>

**4 Liabilities**

Creditors- from general funds	1,625	1,522
Creditors- from restricted Funds	-	8,615
Accruals	400	400
	<u>2,025</u>	<u>10,537</u>

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Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf on the 24<sup>th</sup> of January 2024 2 by:

Stacey Cordery

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Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st March 2023.

**Notes to the accounts**

**1 Accounting Policies**

The accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis with a Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

	2023			2022		
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022
<b>2 Giving to the Church</b>						
Gift Aided Donations	20,894	-	20,894	27,745	-	27,745
Tax Recovered	2,060	-	2,060	2,842	-	2,842
Weekly offerings	4,966	-	4,966	3,380	-	3,380
Other regular Giving	22,988	-	22,988	16,867	-	16,867
Other gifts and donations	4,700	-	4,700	7,687	-	7,687
Grants	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>55,608</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>55,608</b>	<b>58,521</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>58,521</b>
<b>3 Church Costs</b>						
Staff Costs	34,417	-	34,417	36,148	8,531	44,679
Secondment costs	199	-	199	-	-	-
Ministers Expenses & Training	1,709	-	1,709	-	-	-
Teaching Aids	30	-	30	287	-	287
Youth and Childrens' Work	160	-	160	808	-	808
Loan payments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Professional Fees	-	-	-	-	12,234	12,234
Subscriptions	574	-	574	1,351	-	1,351
Church Activities	3,958	-	3,958	729	336	1,065
Other Expenses	60	-	60	16	-	16
Light, heat, water	3,672	-	3,672	2,212	-	2,212
Insurances	1,279	-	1,279	1,183	-	1,183
Bank Charges	-	-	-	-	-	-
Repairs and Maintenance	-	-	-	892	-	892
Equipment repairs and purchases	1,328	-	1,328	194	-	194
Hire of rooms	4,524	-	4,524	793	-	793
Computer costs	234	-	234	135	-	135
Post and Stationery	517	-	517	1,174	-	1,174
Governance costs	300	-	300	300	-	300
	<b>52,960</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>52,960</b>	<b>46,221</b>	<b>21,101</b>	<b>67,323</b>
<b>4 Grants Paid</b>						
Open Doors	80	-	80	-	-	-
Forgotten People project	1,175	-	1,175	1,460	-	1,460
Casa Haralul, Romania	980	-	980	1,460	-	1,460
GIV United WO	-	-	-	1,568	-	1,568
Ukrainian Evangelical support	-	-	-	-	1,560	1,560
Other < £500	3,820	-	3,820	3,100	-	3,100
	<b>6,055</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,055</b>	<b>7,588</b>	<b>1,560</b>	<b>9,148</b>

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**Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st March 2023.**

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**6 Staff & Trustees**

All the charities staff were transferred under TUPE to Bonny Downs Baptist Church CIO during the year as per the agreed terms of transfer deed. The charity number of staff so transferred was nil full time equivalent employed staff and 4 part time employed staff (2022: 4).

Its activities are generally carried out by volunteers.

No staff received salaries at a rate of more than £60,000 per annum.

**7 Funds 2023**

	Opening balance £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers in the year £	Transfer to CIO	Closing balance £
<b>Restricted funds:</b>						
Building Futures Fund	97,666	681	0		-98,347	0
Bursary Fund	275				-275	0
Special Collection Fund	2,520		0		-2,520	0
BU Home Mission Fund	252				-252	0
East Ham Voices Choir	809	0	0	0	-809	0
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<b>101,522</b>	<b>681</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-102,203</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds:</b>						
General fund	102,965	80,868	-52,960	-6,047	-118,254	6,572
Giving fund	8		-6,055	6,047		0
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<b>102,973</b>	<b>80,868</b>	<b>-59,015</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-118,254</b>	<b>6,572</b>
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>204,495</b>	<b>81,549</b>	<b>-59,015</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-220,457</b>	<b>6,572</b>

**7 Funds 2022**

**Prior Year**

	Opening balance £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers in the year £	Closing balance £
<b>Restricted funds:</b>					
Building Futures Fund	92,740	17,160	-12,234		97,666
Bursary Fund	275				275
Special Collection Fund	2,520				2,520
Ukraine Support	0	1,560	-1,560		0
LBA Mission Partnership Funding	0	8,531	-8,531		0
BU Home Mission Fund	252				252
East Ham Voices Choir	632	243	-336	0	809
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<b>96,420</b>	<b>27,494</b>	<b>-22,661</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>101,523</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds:</b>					
General fund	70,661	86,157	-46,491	-7,362	102,965
Giving fund	234		-7,588	7,362	8
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<b>70,895</b>	<b>86,157</b>	<b>-53,810</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>102,973</b>
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>167,315</b>	<b>113,651</b>	<b>-76,471</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>204,495</b>

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**Details of Funds.**

The **Building Futures fund** is set aside for the renewal of our ageing church building. The fund is also used to pay for support work and fundraising essential to this project.

The **Art Festival fund** was an Inspiring People grant from Newham Council to run an Arts Festival in the Church Hall as part of our Art & Soul project which was linked to the Building Futures project.

The **Let's Get the Party Started (LGPS)** grant was an Inspiring People grant from Newham Council to fund a Christmas party for the Cheeky Chimps Toddler Group which we are connected to.

The **Children's Ministry fund** was a special collection to help fund Sunday School anniversary prizes and Messy Mondays.

The **Bursary fund** was set up to help young people to fund long term training (over six months) in Christian ministry or mission.

The **Special Collections fund** is for special offerings dedicated to support chosen charities or organisations selected by the trustees and membership.

(**BUHMF**) **Baptist Union Home Mission Fund** was for specific building upgrade and repairs

**East Ham Voices Choir** was developed in order to bring people together and be a positive expression of a multicultural community.

The **Great Get Together** event, inspired by Jo Cox, received an Inspiring People grant in order to bring communities together and celebrate all that unites us.

The **LBA Mission Partnership Funding** was received to fund team salary costs in the year.

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"We believe in inclusive Church - church which does not discriminate, on any level, on grounds of economic power, gender, mental health, physical ability, race or sexuality. We believe in Church which welcomes and serves all people in the name of Jesus Christ; which is scripturally faithful; which seeks to proclaim the Gospel afresh for each generation; and which, in the power of the Holy Spirit, allows all people to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Jesus Christ."

Bonny Downs Church is also part of Red Letter Christians UK, finding ways to live out the words of Jesus. Staying true to the foundation of combining Jesus and justice, Red Letter Christians mobilises people into a movement of believers who live out Jesus' counter-cultural teachings. Our ministers, Dave and Sally are Co-Directors and founding trustees of RLC UK and are passionate about raising the voices of grassroots leaders and the work they're doing to live out God's kingdom in tangible ways.

In 2018 Sally published a book called 'Looking for Lydia' this includes Sally's and Dave's memoirs of over 20 years of church ministry in the East End of London and it recalls encounters with people who shaped how they began to understand the reach of the Gospel, the mission of the Church, and their own call as ministers. This book makes for an inspiring read and is available to buy on Amazon!

### **Urban Change Makers**

We are also part of Change makers, an emerging leader's programme that seeks to empower a new generation of urban leaders. We look forward to seeing what will develop within our community because of this.

### **Post COVID**

Following the Pandemic we have looked at finding different and creative ways of connecting and offering spiritual guidance, support and prayer to those within our Church and community. Lockdown saw the introduction of our Church Prayer Walk's and Creative Worship within the community garden. Following which we decided as a Church to continue to meet in the Community Garden between April until the end of September and then return indoors again for the winter months.

We were delighted when 'Songs of Praise' visited to film both our walking Church and walking football, as part of this they interviewed some of those within our community who had started to attend and engage with us as a result of some of our midweek ministries.

There were also a variety of online activities that were organised throughout lockdown on our Virtual worship Face Book page in order to help people connect and reflect, this included Morning Reflections which we have continued on post Covid and includes weekly daily contemplative prayer on our virtual church Facebook page.

### **Bonny Downs Church**

The original Bonny Downs Church building is used for Sunday worship by three churches: The Redeemed Church of God (African), the Bonny Downs Portuguese Fellowship and a Romanian Christian church. A discretionary rent is charged where appropriate.

Bonny Downs Church has a membership of 58 with an average congregation of 65 worshipping in The Well on a Sunday morning.

The church supports BDCA's three week Summer Holiday Scheme catering for up to 180 children per day for children aged 4 ½ to 14 and which provides an opportunity for our young people to take up work and training opportunities. This includes us leading start of the day talks in order to encourage and support our young leaders to be the best versions of themselves whilst at the same time providing opportunities for them to reflect, some of these young leaders have then gone on to help lead our Sunday School classes..

To nurture faith during the week, there are fellowship and support groups that meet regularly in order to discuss the word of God, provide opportunities for connection & friendship and to support mental health & wellbeing, this includes The Life Support Group and Kitsugi group

Bonny Downs also have a weekly choir that prior to Covid met fortnightly in the original Bonny Downs Church Building led by a singing tutor and talented pianist who also regularly plays the piano at Bonny Downs Church on a Sunday Morning. During Covid the Choir adapted to meet online and later within outdoor spaces. Our multicultural community choir was set up in order to bring people together to learn songs from around the world in a variety of languages in order to celebrate the unique diversity in the borough of Newham and encourage cross-cultural friendships.

Bonny Downs Church and BDCA work closely together in supporting the elderly within our community who attend the many social activities which take place within The Well Community centre, including a Coffee Morning, Lunch Club, Exercise and Dance classes, Bowls, Darts, an Art Group and an Advocacy service. Some of our members also volunteer as befrienders offering companionship and support to Elders within our community who would otherwise be socially isolated.

There is also a strong network of support beyond the social activities that occur within The Well and there are a number within Bonny Downs Church who are committed to pastoral visiting which includes anyone living locally with a need. Sarah feels passionate about helping to equip, encourage and grow others into pastoral roles and feels called to 'lead a cultural shift to equip us to be a community of pastors, caring for each other and our neighbourhood'.

We are always pleased to see people whom we visit in the community coming to join us for worship on a Sunday and it is always an added joy when they come to faith.

### **Bonny Downs Abbey**

Bonny Downs Baptist Church is working with Bonny Downs Community Association and NEWway project to redevelop the old Bonny Downs Church Hall which although well used and much loved by local people is in an extremely poor state of repair. We want to redevelop it to create a useful and beautiful building 'Bonny Downs Abbey' that will benefit the community for years to come.

Our vision is for Bonny Downs Abbey to be an intentional community bringing together people from different backgrounds who are committed to sharing life with and supporting one another, united by a common goal of tackling poverty. A shared kitchen and lounge will facilitate communal living, where residents will regularly prepare and eat meals together. Everyone will help maintain the house and garden together, and work/volunteer in the neighbourhood. The resident community will be supported by people from the wider community who will join in weekly meals and regular times of reflection in the chapel. The residents will be a mix of community workers and people moving on from homelessness who have low support needs and would benefit greatly from a peaceful place to stay for 2-3 years so they can rebuild a new life.

We have consulted with local residents and we hope to submit a full planning application in September 2022 and start on site in 2023.

We are talking to potential investors and partners in this project and looking forward to seeing our vision become reality!

### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The church set aside 10% of its total receipts in a 'Giving Fund' in order to support other charitable organisations and to contribute to meeting other needs both locally and abroad.

We don't hold weekly money collections during the Sunday service, instead we encourage donors to make regular contributions through Stewardship.

Income on our General Fund for the year amounted to £86,157. Payments made from the Giving Fund in the year amounted to £ 7,588. There was a Surplus for the year on the General fund of £ 32,347 leaving a balance on General fund at the end of the year of £ 102,973 to be carried forward.

The trustees consider that this is a satisfactory position although recognise that the church needs to be looking for an increase in giving in the following year.

The Building Futures project, aiming to renew the old church building has received nearly £17,160 during this year and has spent £12,234 on professional fees in the year. Funds received for this project and held in separate bank and deposit accounts amounted to £97,666 at the end of the year.

The total income of the church for the year from all sources amounted to £113,651.

### RESERVES POLICY

The trustees have determined that the charity should aim to hold unrestricted cash of no less than £16,000 (which equates to about 3 months' of unrestricted expenditure) so that the charity could continue to operate should income and / or expenditure vary adversely. At the year end, the charity held unrestricted cash of £102,973 and the charity is complying with its reserves policy.

### TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

Charity Law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or other irregularities and to provide reasonable assurances that:

- 1 The church is operating efficiently and effectively
- 2 Its assets are safeguarded against unauthorised use or disposition
- 3 Financial information used within the church or for publication is reliable
- 4 The church complies with relevant laws and regulations

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf on the 14<sup>th</sup> December 2022 by:

Stacey Cordery



Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report  
To the Trustees of  
Bonny Downs Baptist Church

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Bonny Downs Baptist Church (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2022 on pages 9 to 13 following.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity'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.

An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the financial statements. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently I express no opinion as to whether the financial statements present a true and fair view and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the independent examiners statement.

#### **Independent examiner's statement**

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

- a) accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- b) the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- c) the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 130 of the 2011 Act other than any requirement that the financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.

*BJ Dexter*

Brian Dexter ACMA

November 2022

For and on behalf of:  
A Thousand Hills Ltd  
172 Sandford Road  
LONDON  
E6 3PX

## BONNY DOWNS BAPTIST CHURCH

### Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st March 2022

	Notes	2022			2021		
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021
<b>Receipts</b>							
Giving to the Church	2	58,521	-	58,521	48,545	1,614	50,159
Bank Interest		93	-	93	31	145	176
Hall Lettings		21,855		21,855	13,726		13,726
Other Receipts		5,689		5,689	6,999		6,999
Grants Received		-	27,494	27,494		42,535	42,535
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>86,157</b>	<b>27,494</b>	<b>113,651</b>	<b>69,301</b>	<b>44,294</b>	<b>113,594</b>
<b>Payments</b>							
<b>Charitable Activities</b>							
Church Costs		46,221	21,101	67,323	50,239	36,723	86,962
Grants paid		7,588	1,560	9,148	5,359	-	5,359
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>53,810</b>	<b>22,661</b>	<b>76,471</b>	<b>55,598</b>	<b>36,723</b>	<b>92,321</b>
<b>Net receipts/(Payments) before Transfers</b>		<b>32,347</b>	<b>4,833</b>	<b>37,180</b>	<b>13,703</b>	<b>7,571</b>	<b>21,274</b>
Transfers between Funds		0	-	-	0	-	-
<b>Net Movement In Funds</b>		<b>32,347</b>	<b>4,833</b>	<b>37,180</b>	<b>13,703</b>	<b>7,571</b>	<b>21,274</b>
Balances 1st April 2021		70,626	96,690	167,315	56,923	89,119	146,042
<b>Balances 31st March 2022</b>		<b>102,973</b>	<b>101,522</b>	<b>204,495</b>	<b>70,626</b>	<b>96,690</b>	<b>167,315</b>

The notes on pages 11-13 form part of these accounts

**BONNY DOWNS BAPTIST CHURCH**

**Statement of Assets and Liabilities 31st March 2022**

**1 Fixed Assets**

The insurance re-instatement values of the assets owned by the church in 2022 were:

	£
Church building	487,495
Other equipment	38,778

	2022	2021
	£	£
For the year ended 31 March 20		

**2 Debtors**

Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid	-	-
Other debtors and prepayments	2,170	3,275
	<u>2,170</u>	<u>3,275</u>

**3 Bank balances**

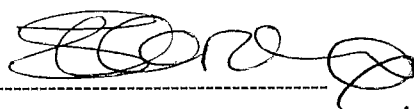
Bank operating accounts	94,605	63,044
Deposits	109,835	103,895
Petty cash	55	55
	<u>204,495</u>	<u>166,994</u>

**4 Liabilities**

Creditors- from general funds	1,522	596
Creditors- from restricted Funds	8,615	-
Accruals	400	300
	<u>10,537</u>	<u>896</u>

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Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf on the 14<sup>th</sup> of December 2022 by:



Stacey Cordery

**BONNY DOWNS BAPTIST CHURCH**

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st March 2022.

Notes to the accounts

**1 Accounting Policies**

The accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis with a Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

	2022			2021		
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021
<b>2 Giving to the Church</b>						
Gift Aided Donations	27,745		27,745	23,733		23,733
Tax Recovered	2,842		2,842	4,358		4,358
Weekly offerings	3,380		3,380	420		420
Other regular Giving	16,867		16,867	17,017		17,017
Other gifts and donations	7,687	-	7,687	3,017	1,614	4,630
Grants	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>58,521</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>58,521</b>	<b>48,545</b>	<b>1,614</b>	<b>50,159</b>
<b>3 Church Costs</b>						
Staff Costs	36,148	8,531	44,679	31,246	11,375	42,621
Secondment costs	-		-	302		302
Ministers Expenses & Training	-		-	699		699
Teaching Aids	287		287	579		579
Youth and Childrens' Work	808	-	808	751	-	751
Loan payments	-		-	-		-
Professional Fees	-	12,234	12,234	636	25,286	25,922
Subscriptions	1,351		1,351	464		464
Church Activities	729	336	1,065	32	62	94
Other Expenses	16		16	113		113
Light, heat, water	2,212		2,212	5,321		5,321
Insurances	1,183		1,183	1,179		1,179
Bank Charges	-		-	-		-
Repairs and Maintenance	892		892	1,051		1,051
Equipment repairs and purchases	194		194	367		367
Hire of rooms	793		793	6,148		6,148
Computer costs	135		135	422		422
Post and Stationery	1,174		1,174	629		629
Governance costs	300		300	300		300
	<b>46,221</b>	<b>21,101</b>	<b>67,323</b>	<b>50,239</b>	<b>36,723</b>	<b>86,962</b>
<b>4 Grants Paid</b>						
Home Mission	-		-	-		-
Forgotten People project	1,460		1,460	1,180		1,180
Casa Haralul, Romania	1,460		1,460	800		800
GIV United WO	1,568		1,568			
Ukrainian Evangelical support	-	1,560	1,560	-		-
Other < £500	3,100		3,100	3,379		3,379
	<b>7,588</b>	<b>1,560</b>	<b>9,148</b>	<b>5,359</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,359</b>

BONNY DOWNS BAPTIST CHURCH

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6 Staff & Trustees

The charity has nil (2021: nil) full time equivalent employed staff and 4 part time employed staff (2021: 5) . Its activities are generally carried out by volunteers.

No staff received salaries at a rate of more than £60,000 per annum.

Dave and Sally Mann received £12,964 (2021: £20,186) and £6,707 (2021: £2,314) respectively in their capacities as leaders of the church, and not as trustees.

Philippa King was owed £1,162 from restricted funds for development consultancy, and not as trustees.

7 Funds 2022

	Opening balance £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers in the year £	Closing balance £
<b>Restricted funds:</b>					
Building Futures Fund	92,740	17,160	-12,234		97,666
Bursary Fund	275				275
Special Collection Fund	2,520				2,520
Ukraine Support	0	1,560	-1,560		0
LBA Mission Partnership Funding	0	8,531	-8,531		0
BU Home Mission Fund	252				252
East Ham Voices Choir	632	243	-336	0	539
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<b>96,420</b>	<b>27,494</b>	<b>-22,661</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>101,252</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds:</b>					
General fund	70,661	86,157	-46,221	-7,362	103,235
Giving fund	234		-7,588	7,362	8
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<b>70,895</b>	<b>86,157</b>	<b>-53,810</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>103,243</b>
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>167,315</b>	<b>113,651</b>	<b>-76,471</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>204,495</b>

7 Funds 2021

Prior Year	Opening balance £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers in the year £	Closing balance £
<b>Restricted funds:</b>					
Building Futures Fund	85,107	32,919	-25,286		92,740
Art Festival (Inspiring People grant)	62		-62		0
Bursary Fund	275				275
Special Collection Fund	2,520				2,520
LBA Mission Partnership Funding	0	11,375	-11,375		0
BU Home Mission Fund	252				252
East Ham Voices Choir	632			0	632
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<b>88,849</b>	<b>44,294</b>	<b>-36,723</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>96,420</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds:</b>					
General fund	55,462	69,300	-50,239	-3,862	70,661
Giving fund	1,731		-5,359	3,862	234
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<b>57,193</b>	<b>69,300</b>	<b>-55,598</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>70,895</b>
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>146,042</b>	<b>113,594</b>	<b>-92,321</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>167,315</b>

**BONNY DOWNS BAPTIST CHURCH**

**Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st March 2022.**

**Notes to the accounts**

**Details of Funds.**

The **Building Futures fund** is set aside for the renewal of our ageing church building. The fund is also used to pay for support work and fundraising essential to this project.

The **Art Festival fund** was an Inspiring People grant from Newham Council to run an Arts Festival in the Church Hall as part of our Art & Soul project which was linked to the Building Futures project.

The **Let's Get the Party Started (LGPS)** grant was an Inspiring People grant from Newham Council to fund a Christmas party for the Cheeky Chimps Toddler Group which we are connected to.

The **Children's Ministry fund** was a special collection to help fund Sunday School anniversary prizes and Messy Mondays.

The **Bursary fund** was set up to help young people to fund long term training (over six months) in Christian ministry or mission.

The **Special Collections fund** is for special offerings dedicated to support chosen charities or organisations selected by the trustees and membership.

**(BUHMF) Baptist Union Home Mission Fund** was for specific building upgrade and repairs

**East Ham Voices Choir** was developed in order to bring people together and be a positive expression of a multicultural community.

The **Great Get Together** event, inspired by Jo Cox, received an Inspiring People grant in order to bring communities together and celebrate all that unites us.

The **LBA Mission Partnership Funding** was received to fund team salary costs in the year.

**BONNY DOWNS BAPTIST CHURCH [NEWHAM LONDON]**

England & Wales - Charity number 1136987

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# Accounts

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**Bonny Downs Baptist Church**

**Report and Accounts**

**For the year ended 31 March 2021**

## Bonny Downs Baptist Church

### Charity Information For the year ended 31 March 2021

Address for correspondence	Bonny Downs Baptist Church 18 Darwell Close East Ham London E6 6BT
Charity Registration No. :	1136987
Governing Document	Constitution adopted by the members on 31st January 2010 as amended on 2nd October 2011
Status	The church is a Registered Charity and a member of the Baptist Union
Ministers	David Mann Sally Mann
Trustees	David Mann Sally Mann Stacey Cordery Terrie Holmes (Deceased 17th July 2020) Angela Allgood Hannah Duthie (Resigned 23 July 2021) Philippa King (Appointed 6th January 2021)
Custodian Trustee	London Baptist Property Board Ltd
Bankers	London Baptist Property Board Ltd Barclays Bank Plc The Co-operative Bank Plc
Independent Examiner	Brian Dexter 172 Sandford Road East Ham London E6 3PX

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## BONNY DOWNS BAPTIST CHURCH

### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR TO 31ST MARCH 2021

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting their Report and Accounts for the year

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The night shelter is also linked to NEWday, a project which meets for 5 days throughout the week in order to help the guests to move on. They offer a range of free daytime services (including free showers, laundry facilities, life skills workshops and employment support) to help their guests increase their resilience, health, independence and wellbeing.

We also spend time during the week at 'Family Hub', a support group for families met during lockdown who have NRPF. Each week families meet together within The Well - a safe place for them to get advice, participate in craft activities, prepare and cook lunch together and to generally 'share life'. As part of her Pastoral role Sarah spends her time here each week building relationships and offering to support & pray.

Bonny Downs is proud to be an officially inclusive Church and in February 2019 we became part of the 'Inclusive Church' which is a network of churches, groups and individuals uniting together around a shared vision:

"We believe in inclusive Church - church which does not discriminate, on any level, on grounds of economic power, gender, mental health, physical ability, race or sexuality. We believe in Church which welcomes and serves all people in the name of Jesus Christ; which is scripturally faithful; which seeks to proclaim the Gospel afresh for each generation; and which, in the power of the Holy Spirit, allows all people to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Jesus Christ."

Bonny Downs Church is also part of Red Letter Christians UK, finding ways to live out the words of Jesus. Staying true to the foundation of combining Jesus and justice, Red Letter Christians mobilises people into a movement of believers who live out Jesus' counter-cultural teachings. Our ministers, Dave and Sally are founding trustees of RLC UK and they have been spreading the word through local and national media.

In 2018 Sally published a book called 'Looking for Lydia' this includes Sally's and Dave's memoirs of over 20 years of church ministry in the East End of London and it recalls encounters with people who shaped how they began to understand the reach of the Gospel, the mission of the Church, and their own call as ministers. This book makes for an inspiring read and is available to buy on Amazon!

### **Urban Change Makers**

We are also part of Change makers, an emerging leader's programme that seeks to empower a new generation of urban leaders. Members of our community were nominated as a group to join others around the country to shape their ideas for change in the areas of community building, community organising and community enterprise, we look forward to seeing what will develop within our community because of this.

## **During COVID**

Due to the Pandemic we have had to look at finding different and creative ways of connecting and offering spiritual guidance, support and prayer to those within our Church and community and Lockdown saw the introduction of our Church Prayer Walk's with prayer stations placed around a 9 acre playing field and when permitted Creative Worship within the community garden.

We were delighted when 'Songs of Praise' visited to film both our walking Church and walking football, as part of this they interviewed some of those within our community who had started to attend and engage with us as a result of some of our midweek ministries, this was aired on 10th January 2021.

There were also a variety of online activities that were organised throughout lockdown on our Virtual worship Face Book page in order to help people connect and reflect:

- ☐ Online Worship prepared by a different church member each week with prayers, songs and a link to a sermon.
- ☐ Piano worship – online requests were taken by one of our church members to play peoples favourite worship songs
- ☐ Family Bedtime Stories at 7pm every weekday
- ☐ Sunday School with live tutorials for which we delivered craft packs to children in the local community so as children could do the activities at home
- ☐ Daily Bible Readings – Soul Food by Bear Grylls
- ☐ Morning Reflections - contemplative prayer on our virtual church Facebook page, using contemplative practices of dwelling in the word, examen prayers and centring prayer.

We also sent out weekly newsletters which included insights from those within our church and community who were helping to support our community through Covid-19 including, Doctors, Nurses, Carers, Cleaners, Community Workers, Shop Assistants, Delivery drivers, Teachers etc who all faced increased workloads in very difficult circumstances.

Throughout lockdown the Leadership team invested lots of time and energy in helping to support and work alongside Bonny Downs Community Association in order to distribute food parcels to those most in need within our community.

## **Bonny Downs Church**

The original Bonny Downs Church building is currently used for Sunday worship by three churches: The Redeemed Church of God (African), the Bonny Downs Portuguese Fellowship and a Romanian Christian church. A discretionary rent is charged where appropriate. Bonny Downs Church Building is also hired out to a local charity called 'Skills Enterprise' for 4 days during the week,

Bonny Downs Church has a membership of 63 with an average congregation of 70 worshipping in The Well on a Sunday morning.

The church supports BDCA's three week Summer Holiday Scheme catering for up to 180 children per day for children aged 4 ½ to 14 and which provides an opportunity for our young people to take up work and training opportunities. This includes us leading start of the day talks in order to encourage and support our young leaders to be the best versions of themselves whilst at the same time providing opportunities for them to reflect, some of these young leaders have then gone on to help lead our Sunday School classes..

To nurture faith during the week, there are fellowship and support groups that meet regularly in order to discuss the word of God, provide opportunities for connection & friendship and to support mental health & wellbeing.

Bonny Downs also have a weekly choir that prior to Covid met fortnightly in the original Bonny Downs Church Building led by a singing tutor and talented pianist who also regularly plays the piano at Bonny Downs Church on a Sunday Morning. During Covid the Choir adapted to meet online and later within outdoor spaces. Our multicultural community choir was set up in order to bring people together to learn songs from around the world in a variety of languages in order to celebrate the unique diversity in the borough of Newham and encourage cross-cultural friendships.

Bonny Downs Church and BDCA work closely together in supporting the elderly within our community who attend the many social activities which take place within The Well Community centre, including a Coffee Morning, Lunch Club, Exercise and Dance classes, Bowls, Darts, an Art Group and an Advocacy service. Some of our members also volunteer as befrienders offering companionship and support to Elders within our community who would otherwise be socially isolated.

There is also a strong network of support beyond the social activities that occur within The Well and there are a number within Bonny Downs Church who are committed to pastoral visiting which includes anyone living locally with a need. Sarah feels passionate about helping to equip, encourage and grow others into pastoral roles and feels called to 'lead a cultural shift to equip us to be a community of pastors, caring for each other and our neighbourhood'.

We are always pleased to see people whom we visit in the community coming to join us for worship on a Sunday and it is always an added joy when they come to faith.

### **Bonny Downs Abbey**

Bonny Downs Baptist Church is working with Bonny Downs Community Association and NEWway project to redevelop the old Bonny Downs Church Hall which although well used and much loved by local people is in an extremely poor state of repair. We want to redevelop it to create a useful and beautiful building 'Bonny Downs Abbey' that will benefit the community for years to come.

Our vision is for **Bonny Downs Abbey** to be an intentional community bringing together people from different backgrounds who are committed to sharing life with and supporting one another, united by a common goal of tackling poverty. A shared kitchen and lounge will facilitate communal living, where residents will regularly prepare and eat meals together. Everyone will help maintain the house and garden together, and work/volunteer in the neighbourhood. The resident community will be supported by people from the wider community who will join in weekly meals and regular times of reflection in the chapel. The residents will be a mix of community workers and people moving on from homelessness who have low support needs and would benefit greatly from a peaceful place to stay for 2-3 years so they can rebuild a new life. If this project proves to be viable, we will aim to complete it by mid/late 2024.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The church set aside 10% of its total receipts in a 'Giving Fund' in order to support other charitable organisations and to contribute to meeting other needs both locally and abroad.

We don't hold weekly money collections during the Sunday service, instead we encourage donors to make regular contributions through Stewardship.

In 2018, we started to focus each month on a different area of our Church life and ministry in order to highlight why the church needs regular giving & what we currently spend our money on with the hope that people will feel encouraged to consider their own giving to the Church, this way of giving has been temporarily paused throughout Covid but we hope to be able to return to this way of giving at some point in the future.

Income on our General Fund for the year amounted to £69,270 and £3,862 was transferred to the giving fund. Payments made from the Giving Fund in the year amounted to £5,359. There was a surplus for the year on the General Fund of £15,169 leaving a balance on General Fund at the end of the year of £70,631 to be carried forward. The trustees consider that this is a satisfactory position although recognise that the church needs to be looking for an increase in giving in the following year.

The Building Futures project, aiming to renew the old church building has received £32,919 during this year including Grants of £31,160 and bank interest of £145. Total spend from this fund was £25,286. Funds received for this project are held in separate bank and deposit accounts, the total balance on these accounts at the year end was amounted to £92,740.

The total income of the church for the year from all sources amounted to £113,594, a 54% increase on the previous year, driven by the restricted fund grant.

## **RESERVES POLICY**

The trustees have determined that the charity should aim to hold unrestricted cash of no less than £16,000 (which equates to about 3 months' of unrestricted expenditure) so that the charity could continue to operate should income and / or expenditure vary adversely. At the year end, the charity held unrestricted cash of £72,434 and the charity is complying with its reserves policy.

## TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

Charity Law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

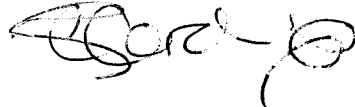
We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or other irregularities and to provide reasonable assurances that:

- 1 The church is operating efficiently and effectively
- 2 Its assets are safeguarded against unauthorised use or disposition
- 3 Financial information used within the church or for publication is reliable
- 4 The church complies with relevant laws and regulations

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf on the 27<sup>th</sup> January 2022 by:

Stacey Cordery



Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report  
To the Trustees of  
Bonny Downs Baptist Church

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Bonny Downs Baptist Church (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2021 on pages 9 to 13 following.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity'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.

An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the financial statements. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently I express no opinion as to whether the financial statements present a true and fair view and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the independent examiners statement.

**Independent examiner's statement**

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

- a) accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- b) the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- c) the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 130 of the 2011 Act other than any requirement that the financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.

*BJ Dexter*

Brian Dexter ACMA

January 2022

For and on behalf of:  
A Thousand Hills Ltd  
172 Sandford Road  
LONDON  
E6 3PX

## BONNY DOWNS BAPTIST CHURCH

### Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st March 2021.

	Notes	2021			2020		
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2020
<b>Receipts</b>							
Giving to the Church	2	48,545	1,614	50,159	39,245	3,227	42,473
Bank Interest		31	145	176	86	407	493
Hall Lettings		13,726		13,726	14,319		14,319
Other Receipts		6,999		6,999	5,262		5,262
Grants Received			42,535	42,535	-	11,375	11,375
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>69,301</b>	<b>44,294</b>	<b>113,594</b>	<b>58,912</b>	<b>15,010</b>	<b>73,922</b>
<b>Payments</b>							
<b>Charitable Activities</b>							
Church Costs		50,239	36,723	86,962	49,779	15,129	64,908
Grants paid		5,359	-	5,359	4,722	400	5,122
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>55,598</b>	<b>36,723</b>	<b>92,321</b>	<b>54,501</b>	<b>15,529</b>	<b>70,029</b>
<b>Net receipts/(Payments) before Transfers</b>		<b>13,703</b>	<b>7,571</b>	<b>21,274</b>	<b>4,412 -</b>	<b>519</b>	<b>3,892</b>
Transfers between Funds		0	-	-	0	-	-
<b>Net Movement In Funds</b>		<b>13,703</b>	<b>7,571</b>	<b>21,274</b>	<b>4,412 -</b>	<b>519</b>	<b>3,892</b>
Balances 1st April 2020		56,923	89,119	146,042	52,511	89,638	142,149
<b>Balances 31st March 2021</b>		<b>70,626</b>	<b>96,690</b>	<b>167,315</b>	<b>56,923</b>	<b>89,119</b>	<b>146,042</b>

The notes on pages 11-13 form part of these accounts

**BONNY DOWNS BAPTIST CHURCH**

**Statement of Assets and Liabilities 31st March 2021**

**1 Fixed Assets**

The insurance re-instatement values of the assets owned by the church in 2021 were:

	£
Church building	487,495
Other equipment	38,778

2021	2020
£	£

**2 Debtors**

Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid	-	-
Other debtors and prepayments	3,275	2,910
	<u>3,275</u>	<u>2,910</u>

**3 Bank balances**

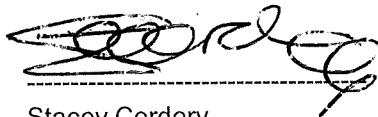
Bank operating accounts	63,044	49,239
Deposits	103,895	96,177
Petty cash	55	55
	<u>166,994</u>	<u>145,471</u>

**4 Liabilities**

Creditors	596	1,577
Accruals	300	250
	<u>896</u>	<u>1,827</u>

The notes on pages 11-13 form part of these accounts

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf on the 27<sup>th</sup> of January 2022 by:



Stacey Cordery

**BONNY DOWNS BAPTIST CHURCH**

**Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st March 2021.**

**Notes to the accounts**

**1 Accounting Policies**

The accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis with a Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

	2021			2020		
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2020
<b>2 Giving to the Church</b>						
Gift Aided Donations	23,733		23,733	20,433		20,433
Tax Recovered	4,358		4,358	3,912		3,912
Weekly offerings	420		420	1,225		1,225
Other regular Giving	17,017		17,017	11,946		11,946
Other gifts and donations	3,017	1,614	4,630	1,730	14,032	15,762
Grants	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>48,545</b>	<b>1,614</b>	<b>50,159</b>	<b>39,245</b>	<b>14,032</b>	<b>53,848</b>
<b>3 Church Costs</b>						
Staff Costs	31,246	11,375	42,621	28,587	12,006	40,594
Secondment costs	302		302	468		468
Ministers Expenses & Training	699		699	263		263
Teaching Aids	579		579	296		296
Youth and Childrens' Work	751	-	751	376	27	403
Loan payments	-		-	200		200
Professional Fees	636	25,286	25,922	1,018		1,018
Subscriptions	464		464	754		754
Church Activities	32	62	94	1,496	3,096	4,592
Other Expenses	113		113	37		37
Light, heat, water	5,321		5,321	4,414		4,414
Insurances	1,179		1,179	1,162		1,162
Bank Charges	-		-	43		43
Repairs and Maintenance	1,051		1,051	805		805
Equipment repairs and purchases	367		367	649		649
Hire of rooms	6,148		6,148	7,177		7,177
Computer costs	422		422	256		256
Post and Stationery	629		629	698		698
Governance costs	300		300	1,080		1,080
	<b>50,239</b>	<b>36,723</b>	<b>86,962</b>	<b>49,779</b>	<b>15,129</b>	<b>64,908</b>
<b>4 Grants Paid</b>						
Home Mission	-	-	-	-	400	400
Forgotten People project	1,180		1,180	1,293		1,293
Casa Haralul, Romania	800		800	880		880
Alternatives	-		-	100		100
Other < £500	3,379	-	3,379	2,449	-	2,449
	<b>5,359</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,359</b>	<b>4,722</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>5,122</b>

**BONNY DOWNS BAPTIST CHURCH**

**Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st March 2021.**

**Notes to the accounts**

**6 Staff & Trustees**

The charity has nil (2020: nil) full time equivalent employed staff and 5 part time employed staff (2020: 3) . Its activities are generally carried out by volunteers.

No staff received salaries at a rate of more than £60,000 per annum.

Dave and Sally Mann received £20,186 (2020: £20,186) and £2,314 (2020: £2,314) respectively in their capacities as leaders of the church, and not as trustees.

**7 Funds 2021**

	Opening balance £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers in the year £	Closing balance £
<b>Restricted funds:</b>					
Building Futures Fund	85,107	32,919	-25,286		92,740
Art Festival (Inspiring People grant)	62		-62		0
Bursary Fund	275				275
Special Collection Fund	2,520				2,520
LBA Mission Partnership Funding	0	11,375	-11,375		0
BU Home Mission Fund	252				252
East Ham Voices Choir	632			0	632
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<b>88,849</b>	<b>44,294</b>	<b>-36,723</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>96,420</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds:</b>					
General fund	55,461	69,270	-50,239	-3,862	70,631
Giving fund	1,731		-5,359	3,862	234
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<b>57,193</b>	<b>69,270</b>	<b>-55,598</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>70,865</b>
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>146,042</b>	<b>113,564</b>	<b>-92,321</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>167,285</b>

**7 Funds 2020**

	Opening balance £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers in the year £	Closing balance £
<b>Restricted funds:</b>					
Building Futures Fund	84,130	977			85,107
Art Festival (Inspiring People grant)	62				62
LGPS - Newham Council - Toddler group					
Christmas party	0	250	-250		0
Weapons	0	105	-105		0
Bursary Fund	275				275
Special Collection Fund	3,214	899	-1,593		2,520
LBA Mission Partnership Funding	632	11,375	-12,006		0
BU Home Mission Fund	652		-400		252
East Ham Voices Choir	404	1,403	-1,175	0	632
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<b>89,639</b>	<b>15,010</b>	<b>-15,529</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>89,119</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds:</b>					
General fund	50,252	58,912	-49,779	-3,924	55,461
Giving fund	2,529	0	-4,722	3,924	1,731
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<b>52,511</b>	<b>58,912</b>	<b>-54,501</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>56,923</b>
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>142,150</b>	<b>73,922</b>	<b>-70,030</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>146,042</b>

## BONNY DOWNS BAPTIST CHURCH

### Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st March 2021.

#### Notes to the accounts

##### Details of Funds.

The **Building Futures fund** is set aside for the renewal of our ageing church building. The fund is also used to pay for support work and fundraising essential to this project.

The **Art Festival fund** was an Inspiring People grant from Newham Council to run an Arts Festival in the Church Hall as part of our Art & Soul project which was linked to the Building Futures project.

The **Let's Get the Party Started (LGPS)** grant was an Inspiring People grant from Newham Council to fund a Christmas party for the Cheeky Chimps Toddler Group which we are connected to.

The **Children's Ministry fund** was a special collection to help fund Sunday School anniversary prizes and Messy Mondays.

The **Bursary fund** was set up to help young people to fund long term training (over six months) in Christian ministry or mission.

The **Special Collections fund** is for special offerings dedicated to support chosen charities or organisations selected by the trustees and membership.

**(BUHMF) Baptist Union Home Mission Fund** was for specific building upgrade and repairs

**East Ham Voices Choir** was developed in order to bring people together and be a positive expression of a multicultural community.

The **Great Get Together** event, inspired by Jo Cox, received an Inspiring People grant in order to bring communities together and celebrate all that unites us.

The **LBA Mission Partnership** Funding was received to fund team salary costs in the year.