

# SUNDON PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1144181

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 2011-10-07

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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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:** Regular public worship,Bible study,preaching/teaching;Baptism as defined in the Union's Declaration of Principle;The communion of the Lord's supper;Evangelism and mission;The teaching/encouragement/welcome & inclusion of young people;Education & training for Christian and community service;Giving & encouraging pastoral care;Supporting & encouraging charitable social action in the UK and abroad;

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities, Recreation, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- Central Bedfordshire

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£99,874	£99,575	-	-
2023-12-31	£127,391	£139,877	-	-
2022-12-31	£100,306	£109,391	-	-
2021-12-31	£76,922	£66,549	-	-
2020-12-31	£42,609	£29,467	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Charmaine Mhlanga		2018-01-01
Cordelia Ihedinma Rowe		2025-06-29
Fredrick Odhiambo Onono		2023-10-01
Maria Anne Gregory		2025-06-20
Oluwagbenga Rotimi Olatoye		2025-07-27
Oyebade Obasanjo Adesemowo		2023-10-01

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# SUNDON PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

Reaching up to GOD | Reaching out to the Community | Reaching in to Each Other



## ANNUAL CHURCH REPORT 2024

**Psalm 143:10** 'Teach me to do your will, for you are my GOD. May your gracious spirit lead me forward on a firm footing'.

We believe our continued mission from GOD calls us to love, worship and serve Him as beacons of light, hope and healing, sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ, as we love and serve one another, and our community, ministering to local needs. We continue to befriend others, share Jesus and make disciples.

Our vision continues to be that of a Church gathered in unity, fellowshiping and fulfilling Christ's purpose in making disciples and building restorative relationships; inspired by the Holy Spirit, growing in wisdom, revelation and understanding, and transforming the community for Christ. We seek to reach up to GOD, reach out to the community and reach into each other.

## **THE PAST YEAR/FUTURE**

**Ephesians 5:1-2** Therefore be imitators of GOD, as beloved children, and walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to GOD.

As we ended Year 2024, we were grateful for GOD's providence and sustenance which had seen us through. In 2024, our theme for the year was '**CHRISTLIKENESS**'. Our prayer was that as the Body of Christ at Sundon Park Baptist Church, our lives may be a fragrant offering to GOD and to the community we love and serve. We continued to fellowship with one another and grow together in love.

The Church continued to conduct worship services that are open to all. The church services were held onsite and via Zoom for those who were unable to attend in person. The Church continued to see new people regularly attending services.

The Church building continued being used for worship services, the onsite nursery and the Newns Building continued being available throughout the week for use by the Church, local community groups including hiring from people in the community.

The Church continued to meet together for Prayer Days throughout the year to seek GOD for wisdom with regards meeting the needs of the Community and managing the church premises.

The Church joyfully welcomed families into membership and conducted blessings for newly born babies.

## **BEACON GROUPS**

Three Beacon Groups continued to meet throughout the year with the purpose of praying together and sharing the Word of GOD through Bible Study. The groups continued to build deeper relationships, support one another spiritually and practically. The groups continued to reach out to others in the Church and Community through service or evangelism.

## **2024 EVENTS**

At the beginning of the year 2024, the Church continued to host a range of community events such as the Community Trust, Keep Fit, Omnibus Society, Slimming World and Singing Café. Crafts & Coffee continued to provide a safe space of welcome for people to meet, share hobbies, build relationships and reduce isolation.

The Church continued to host events for the local community to engage with and enjoy, these included an Annual BBQ, Christmas flower arranging, celebrating Mothering Sunday, Father's Day, Harvest Celebrations and Easter. Our Harvest Celebration were focussed on collecting donations to help support local Community organisation including Azalea Luton, Luton Food Bank and Breakfast Battery Boxes. Items donated included toiletries, long-life food items and fresh fruit and dairy products. The Community was welcomed to special Christmas Celebrations which included Carols' By Candlelight and a Christmas Meal with all the trimmings for those who are on their own during the festive season. We delivered Christmas cards to the whole estate inviting people to our Christmas services.

## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

In February we were delighted to welcome Christ Curtis, from Youthscape sharing with us from the Word of GOD and the amazing work and impact of Youthscape in Luton and much wider reach. We held A History of Sundon Park Event in March 2024 and had a local respected historian sharing with the Community how Sundon Park started and developed over the years.

The Church offered its facilities to the Citizens Advice Luton Team to meet with people in the local community who were not always able to travel to the main town when they needed advice.

The Church continued to participate in ecumenical events which included Pentecost Praise and Churches Together Luton. In October we participated in Indian Cooking Classes at Shri Guru Ravidass Sangat Luton which was another opportunity to come together as a Community to learn new skills, build friendships and enjoy fantastic food. We held a Cultural Sunday to celebrate the beauty and diversity of the different nations represented in the Church and the Community of Luton.

## **LEADERS OF GOD**

We continued to have more children attending our Sunday school provision with the children enjoying giving feedback from the time together. We celebrated a successful Leaders of GOD year filled with joy, learning, and spiritual growth. It's been a blessing to watch our children grow in wisdom and in their love for the Lord. Through Bible lessons, prayer, and fellowship, they have deepened their understanding of GOD's Word and His presence in their lives. We thank our dedicated teachers, supportive parents, and most of all, GOD, for a wonderful year of planting seeds of faith that will continue to grow

## **SPBC YOUTH CLUB**

The growing and thriving SPBC Youth Club enjoyed activities which included learning to play the piano, activities in the Community, a Pizza & Conversation Gathering. Our dedicated Youth Leaders had regular outreaches to students at a local school to help build a rapport with young people and signpost them to local activities and support. We thank GOD for a vibrant and impactful year in SPBC Youth Club. It's been a joy to see our young people grow in their faith, deepen their understanding of GOD's Word, and build meaningful friendships. Through engaging discussions, fun activities, worship, and service, they've taken steps toward becoming strong, Christ-centred leaders. We're grateful for the commitment of our leaders, the enthusiasm of our youth, and GOD's faithful guidance throughout the year.

## **MEDIA AND TECH**

Our Media Team which comprises of youth was instrumental in creative outreach banners, continued social media presence, media posts, sermon recording and other youth initiatives.

## **WARM HUBS-WELCOME SPACES**

With the ongoing cost-of-living crisis and in work poverty impacting the most vulnerable communities including the cost of warming up homes, the Church in partnership with Luton Council continued with the Warm Hub. The warm hub continued to be available to people experiencing financial challenges, social isolation and other concerns. The safe warm space was made available for people to access support, build good friendships and enjoy light refreshments. The warm hub space will continue as the needs are evident in the community and nationally.

## **IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENT/CHANGES IN 2024**

A Refurbishment Working Party continued to explore building development pathway to address an aging building in much need to repair and refurbishment due to concrete rot, roof replacement/repair and heating concerns.

## **BREAKFAST BATTERY BOXES**

The Breakfast Battery Boxes which began in December 2020 as a joint community initiative continued in 2024, helping to alleviate holiday hunger in Luton North for individuals and families experiencing in-work poverty and struggling with cost of living, including people experiencing in-work poverty. Over 250 boxes were distributed to families and individuals in 2024.

## **FINAL REMARKS**

As we reflect on 2024, we are filled with gratitude for GOD's faithfulness, the dedication of our Trustees, Members and Volunteers, and the continued unity of our church family. Through every ministry, event, and challenge, GOD has been at work—shaping lives, deepening faith, and calling us forward. We give thanks for all He has done and look ahead with hopeful expectation, trusting that He who began a good work in us will carry it on to completion. May we continue to walk in love, serve with joy, and shine His light in our community and beyond. Sundon Park Baptist Church will continue to be a people who reach up to GOD, reach out to the Community and reach in to each other.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024 (continued)

Receipts and Payments Analysis	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
<b>GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS &amp; PAYMENTS ACCOUNT</b>						
<b>Receipts</b>						
Voluntary Giving						
Weekly Offerings		44,836			44,836	47,101
Donations and other voluntary income		0			0	0
Gift Day		0	0		0	0
Income tax recovered on gifts		0			0	2,378
Raised for other causes				1,129	1,129	573
Receipts from Church & Community Events		0			0	0
Generated funds						
Investment receipts/bank interest		463			463	597
Other Receipts		417			417	1,414
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>45,716</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,129</b>	<b>46,845</b>	<b>52,063</b>
<b>Payments</b>						
Charitable Activities						
Public Worship		250			250	250
Cost of Pastorate		30,955			30,955	31,913
Upkeep of Manse						
Maintenance		85			85	150
Council Tax		1,650			1,650	1,572
Buildings Insurance		411			411	403
Pastoral Care		0			0	0
Church & Community Events		387			387	1,012
Upkeep of Church premises						
Utilities		3,130			3,130	2,103
Maintenance & cleaning		2,274			2,274	2,421
Insurance		1,625			1,625	1,577
Youth & Children's Work		60			60	606
Conferences & Training		458			458	438
Cost of generating funds		0			0	0
Administration						
Telephone		0			0	0
Stationery		100			100	389
Licences & Subscriptions		396			396	607
Website		313			313	253
Other Payments		1,884			1,884	16,080
Grants to Other Causes			4,948	0	4,948	6,100
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>43,977</b>	<b>4,948</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>48,925</b>	<b>65,874</b>
Net Receipts/(Payments)		1,740	(4,948)	1,129	(2,080)	(13,811)
Transfers between Funds		0	0	0	0	0
Cash funds brought forward at 31 December 2023		43,033	0	0	43,033	56,844
Cash funds carried forward at 31 December 2024/2023		44,773	(4,948)	1,129	40,954	43,033
<b>THE BEACON PROJECT RECEIPTS &amp; PAYMENTS ACCOUNT</b>						
<b>Receipts</b>						
Grants & Donations Received		53,029	0	0	53,029	75,327
<b>Payments</b>		50,650	0	0	50,650	74,002
Net Receipts/(Payments)		2,379	0	0	2,379	1,325
Transfers between Funds			0	0	0	0
Cash funds brought forward at 31 December 2023		16,241	0	0	16,241	14,916
Cash funds carried forward at 31 December 2024/2023		18,620	0	0	18,620	16,241

**SUNDON PARK BAPTIST CHURCH (Registered Charity No. 1144181)**  
**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 1 to 4.

**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 Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 43(a) of the Act);
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis Of Independent Examiner's Statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Direction given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

**Independent Examiner's Statement**

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

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- (a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act; and
- (b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 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.

Signature



Date 26/05/2025

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We also lost Peggy McLeod on 14 January 2022, and her funeral took place on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at the Church. Peggy was such a blessing to the church and her death was a great loss to the church and her family.

### LEADERS OF GOD

We had more children attending our Sunday school ranging from about 20 to 24 children. The children have come to always look forward to having this time together to learn more about our God. More volunteers are still required.

### PASTORAL CARE GROUPS

The Pastoral Care groups have continued to function by staying in touch with regular attendees by telephone as well as giving prayer support.

### CHRISTMAS

We delivered Christmas cards to the whole estate inviting people to our Christmas services. We had an onsite Carols by Candlelight Service on the 24<sup>th</sup> December 2022 from 6pm-7pm attended by church folks and the Sundon Park community.

We also had a church Christmas dinner on 25<sup>th</sup> December 2022 for people who were on their own; there were 14 people who attended.

### CHURCH SERVICES

The church services were held onsite and via Zoom for those who were unable to attend in person. The church continued to see new people regularly attending services.

THE BEACON PROJECT - RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ANALYSIS 31st December 2022

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
<b>Receipts</b>					
Voluntary Giving					
General Donations (Members & Friends)	4140.00			4140.00	2391.45
Gift Day in favour of The Beacon Project	0.00			0.00	4791.80
Donations & Subscriptions from Church Activities	786.38			786.38	268.75
Other Receipts	499.39			499.39	1.45
Tax Refunds on Gift Aided Donations	0.00			0.00	1098.75
Rental Payments					
Regular Users	34250.00			34250.00	23223.00
Event Hire (one off bookings)	1704.00			1704.00	657.50
<b>Refundable Deposits</b>			(200.00)	(200.00)	(901.46)
Grants Received (external funders)	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>41379.77</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>(200.00)</b>	<b>41179.77</b>	<b>31531.24</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
Charitable Activities					
Cost of Generating Funds	0.00			0.00	0.00
Upkeep of News Building					
Utilities	1995.00			1995.00	1445.00
Maintenance & cleaning	1846.22			1846.22	3146.89
Insurance	1489.90			1489.90	1333.89
Professional Fees	164.40			164.40	514.08
Loan Repayments	42742.60			42742.60	20371.30
Capital Costs	0.00			0.00	0.00
Administration					
Telephone & Broadband	624.00			624.00	867.96
Stationery	0.00			0.00	0.00
Other Payments	2440.88			2440.88	96.00
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>51303.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>51303.00</b>	<b>27775.12</b>
<b>Net Receipts/(Payments)</b>	<b>(9923.23)</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>(200.00)</b>	<b>(10123.23)</b>	<b>3756.12</b>
Transfers between Funds				<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
Cash funds brought forward at 31 December 2021	24568.70	0.00	450.00	<b>25038.80</b>	<b>21282.68</b>
Cash funds carried forward at 31 December 2022	14645.47	0.00	250.00	<b>14915.57</b>	<b>25038.80</b>

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Signature

27/10/2023  
Date

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## **SUNDON PARK BAPTIST CHURCH ANNUAL REPORT 2021**

At the beginning of the year 2021, following the government announcement of a third lockdown, the church did not have an in-persons service, and as such our Sunday Services were held via Zoom. The church restarted in-persons services on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2021.

The Church was unable to carry out most of our community events such as indoor bowls and Keep Fit, Tots and Mums, Rhyme Time and Singing Café until a risk assessment was carried out on how these events can be safely restarted after the Covid-19 restrictions were lifted. After the risk assessments were carried out, Singing Café was restarted in October 2021 and Indoors bowls and Keep Fit restarted in December 2021. Tots and Mums, Rhyme Time was not restarted.

Courses organised over the year included a Witness Course run by Church of England Revd Chris Lane, baptismal course, fruitfulness in the frontline course and flower arranging session.

Heather Pryce and Ella were baptised on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2021 after they were able to demonstrate full understanding of the reason why they were making the choice to be baptised.

### **Beacon Groups**

The three Beacon Groups met virtually through the year. The Beacons of Prayer which began in the period of Lent 2020 continued for the rest of the year.

### **2021 Events**

On 4<sup>th</sup> September 2021, an ordination service was held for Charmaine Mhlanga after the church members voted to call her to be our Minister.

The other events that were held during the year included a Maundy Meal/quiz night, Harvest Gift Day and Carols by Candlelight service. During Easter, a banner was displayed outside the church thanking the NHS.

### **IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENT/CHANGES IN 2021**

On 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021, the church members unanimously agreed that we refurbish the church. A Refurbishment Working Party was formed. The Refurbishment Working Party was tasked with the responsibility to explore options in relation to refurbishing or redeveloping the church building.

A new Church Reserves Policy was drafted to align with the Ministerial Terms of Appointment which specified a period of six months notice to be given. The new draft Reserves Policy was unanimously approved on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

The Terms of Appointment appointing Charmaine Mhlanga as our full time Church Minister from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021 was signed by the Church Secretary and Charmaine Mhlanga.

On 28<sup>th</sup> November 2021, the church members unanimously approved the Trustees' recommendation to make a 2.04% increase of our minister's stipend to take effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022.

### Breakfast Battery Boxes

The Breakfast Battery Boxes which began in December 2020 continued in 2021. During the pandemic, we delivered to individuals and families who were shielding or physically unable to access the hub. We have continued to do deliveries in Sundon Park, Marsh Farm (Northwell), Hockwell Ring, Lewsey Farm and Leagrave. We have had times that we have distributed in the city centre where families have been in desperate need for food, in these circumstances, we have also signposted people to Luton Food Bank and Salvation Army.

	DEC. 2020	FEB. 2021	MAR.-APR. 2021	JUN. 2021	JUL.-AUG. 2021	OCT. 2021	DEC. 2021
<b>PEOPLE SUPPORTED</b>	125	75	149	67	157	79	118
<b>HOUSEHOLD SUPPORTED</b>	35	21	40	16	46	18	25
<b>CHILDREN</b>	72	46	87	42	94	49	78
<b>ADULTS</b>	53	29	62	25	63	30	40
<b>WALK-INS</b>	25	7	27	7	11	10	7
<b>DELIVERIES</b>	30	14	13	9	14	8	18
<b>VOLUNTEER HOURS</b>	200	100	150	100	250	100	200
<b>VENUE HOURS</b>	40	30	40	30	50	30	40

### Bereavement

On 28<sup>th</sup> January 2021, one of our longest serving church members, Jim Fraser sadly passed away. Jim's funeral service held in the church took place on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2021. Jim was such an amazing blessing to the church and his death was a great loss.

We also lost Anja Muriel Arrowsmith on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2021. Anja started coming to Sundon Park Baptist Church through Singing Café and was such a blessing to the church and her death was a great loss to dear friends and family.

### Leaders of God

Leaders of God restarted on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2021.

### Pastoral Care Groups

The Pastoral Care groups have continued to function by staying in touch with regular attendees by telephone as well as giving prayer support.

### Christmas

We delivered Christmas cards to the whole estate inviting people to our Christmas services. We had an onsite Carols by Candlelight Service on the 24<sup>th</sup> December 2021 from 6pm-7pm attended by church folks and the Sundon Park community. The Leaders of God Team met to review the planned Jesus Party in light of the current COVID-19 restrictions, increase in transmission of the omicron

variant, limited volunteers and insufficient practice and rehearsal time. In light of these issues, the event was cancelled.

### Church Services

The year began with a fresh lockdown. The in-person church services after it restarted were held onsite and via Zoom for those who were unable to attend in person. The services that were held in the church in 2021 continued to be subjected to all the government guidance on the necessary health and safety precautions.

The church continued to see new people regularly attending services.

Through the year 2021, the church was committed to listening to God and continuing to grow in our faith so that we are fully equipped to share it with others. The church shared the good news of Jesus to our community in word and in action.

**SUNDON PARK BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENT (INCLUDING RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS) FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2021**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	<b>2021</b> £	<b>2020</b> £
<b>GENERAL RECEIPTS &amp; PAYMENTS ACCOUNT</b>						
<b>Receipts</b>						
Voluntary Giving		38,566	0		38,566	35,880
Income Tax recovered on gifts		6,348			6,348	6,304
Raised for other causes				262	262	362
Receipts from Church & Community Events		0			0	0
Gift day		0			0	0
Investment income/bank interest		30			30	52
Other Receipts		185			185	0
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<u>45,129</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>262</u>	<u>45,391</u>	<u>42,599</u>
<b>Payments</b>						
Charitable Activities		33,403			33,403	23,790
Grants to Other Causes			4,370	0	4,370	4,820
Cost of Generating Funds		0			0	0
Administration		1,001			1,001	757
Other Payments		0			0	100
<b>Total Payments</b>		<u>34,404</u>	<u>4,370</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>38,774</u>	<u>29,467</u>
Net Receipts/(Payments)		<u>10,724</u>	<u>(4,370)</u>	<u>262</u>	<u>6,616</u>	<u>13,132</u>
Transfers between Funds	2	0	0	0	0	0
Cash funds brought forward at 31 December 2020		49,190	0	0	49,190	36,048
Cash funds carried forward at 31 December 2021/2020		<u>59,914</u>	<u>(4,370)</u>	<u>262</u>	<u>55,806</u>	<u>49,180</u>

**THE BEACON PROJECT RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

<b>Receipts</b>						
		32,433	0	(901)	31,531	29,902
<b>Payments</b>						
		<u>27,775</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>27,775</u>	<u>38,674</u>
Net Receipts/(Payments)		<u>4,658</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(901)</u>	<u>3,756</u>	<u>(8,772)</u>
Transfers between Funds	2	0	0	0	0	0
Cash funds brought forward at 31 December 2020		19,931	0	1,351	21,283	30,055
Cash funds carried forward at 31 December 2021/2020		<u>24,589</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>450</u>	<u>25,039</u>	<u>21,283</u>

**SUNDON PARK BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES AT 31 DECEMBER 2021**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Cash Funds</b>						
Santander					40,868.48	34,282
Santander					1494.85	1,492
Baptist Union Deposit Account					13442.76	13,416
Christian Aid Foundation (cash account)					<b>9,070</b>	4,880
CAF Gold account					<b>16,075</b>	15,351
CAF Gold Client account					<b>0</b>	1,051
		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u><b>80,951</b></u>	<u>70,473</u>
Represented by						
Beacon Project Account					25,145	21,283
General Fund					<b>55,806</b>	<b>49,190</b>
		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u><b>80,951</b></u>	<u>70,473</u>
<b>Other monetary assets</b>					<b>0</b>	
<b>Non-monetary assets held for investment purposes</b>					<b>0</b>	
<b>Held for Church's own use</b>	3					
Freehold properties known as:						
Sundon Park Baptist Church				1,068,460	1,068,460	1,056,835
Furniture, fixtures & fittings, equipment				57,728	57,728	57,043
Newns Building (community hall)				1,047,304	1,047,304	1,035,909
Furniture, fixtures & fittings, equipment				16,535	16,535	16,339
The Manse, 244 Sundon Park Road LU3 3AL				206,904	206,904	197,241
				<u>2,396,931</u>	<u>2,396,931</u>	<u>2,363,367</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>						
Estimated Electrical Consumption					0	14,000
Outstanding balance on Baptist Union loan					<u>275,241</u>	<u>286,871</u>
					<u><b>275,241</b></u>	<u><b>300,871</b></u>

The attached notes form part of these financial statements

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

- Accounting Policies  
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2015)
- The associated fund movements are detailed on a separate sheet
- Property held for the Church's own use consist of a suite of Church buildings including one hall and its contents, together with a detached Manse situated behind the church. Each is included on the basis of the current insurance valuation  
The modular 2 storey church/community hall (Newns Building) is now complete and in full operation.

**Detail of Movements Between Funds**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Reason for Movement</b>	<b>General Fund</b>			<b>Development Fund</b>	<b>Building Fund</b>	
		<i>Unrestricted</i>	<i>Grants to Other Causes Designated</i>	<i>Raised for Other Causes Restricted</i>	<i>Designated</i>	<i>Designated</i>	<i>Restricted</i>
	Grants to other causes	-4,370.00	4,370.00				
	<b>Total Movements</b>	<b>(4,370.00)</b>	<b>4,370.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021 (continued)**

Receipts and Payments Analysis	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
<b>GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS &amp; PAYMENTS ACCOUNT</b>						
<b>Receipts</b>						
Voluntary Giving						
Weekly Offerings		38,566			38,566	35,880
Donations and other voluntary income		0			0	0
Gift Day		0	0		0	0
Income tax recovered on gifts		6,348			6,348	6,304
Raised for other causes				262	262	362
Receipts from Church & Community Events		0			0	0
Generated funds						
Investment receipts/bank interest		30			30	52
Other Receipts		185			185	0
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>45,129</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>45,391</b>	<b>42,599</b>
<b>Payments</b>						
Charitable Activities						
Public Worship		300			300	100
Cost of Pastorate		24,673			24,673	16,594
Upkeep of Manse						
Maintenance		0			0	0
Council Tax		1,068			1,068	1,387
Buildings Insurance		308			308	294
Pastoral Care		0			0	0
Church & Community Events		854			854	792
Upkeep of Church premises						
Utilities		4,484			4,484	1,898
Maintenance & cleaning		382			382	235
Insurance		1,334			1,334	0
Youth & Children's Work		0			0	0
Conferences & Training		0			0	2,490
Cost of generating funds		0			0	0
Administration						
Telephone		0			0	0
Stationery		211			211	71
Licences & Subscriptions		538			538	481
Website		253			253	205
Other Payments		0			0	100
Grants to Other Causes			4,370	0	4,370	4,820
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>34,404</b>	<b>4,370</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>38,774</b>	<b>29,467</b>
Net Receipts/(Payments)		10,724	(4,370)	262	6,616	13,132
Transfers between Funds		0	0	0	0	0
Cash funds brought forward at 31 December 2020		49,190	0	0	49,190	36,048
Cash funds carried forward at 31 December 2021/20		59,914	(4,370)	262	55,806	49,180
<b>THE BEACON PROJECT RECEIPTS &amp; PAYMENTS ACCOUNT</b>						
<b>Receipts</b>						
Grants & Donations Received		32,433	0	(901)	31,531	29,902
<b>Payments</b>						
Net Receipts/(Payments)		27,775	0	0	27,775	38,674
Transfers between Funds		4,658	0	(901)	3,756	(8,772)
Cash funds brought forward at 31 December 2020		19,931	0	1,351	21,283	30,055
Cash funds carried forward at 31 December 2021/20		24,589	0	450	25,039	21,283

**SUNDON PARK BAPTIST CHURCH (Registered Charity No. 1144181)  
REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021 which are set out on pages 1 to 4.

**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 Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 43(a) of the Act);
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis Of Independent Examiner's Statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Direction given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

**Independent Examiner's Statement**

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

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- (a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act; and
- (b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 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.



Signature

02/10/2022

Date

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**SUNDON PARK BAPTIST CHURCH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1144181

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# Accounts

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## **SUNDON PARK BAPTIST CHURCH ANNUAL REPORT 2020**

At the beginning of the year 2020, the Church continued to host a range of community events such as indoor bowls and Keep Fit, Tots and Mums, Rhyme Time and Singing Café which all took place until March 2020.

In March 2020, the church began to make regular adaptations to respond to the restrictions of the Covid-19 pandemic.

On 27<sup>th</sup> March 2020, a letter was sent to all church members and friends informing them of the suspension of public worship and access to the church until the Covid-19 restrictions were lifted. Sunday Podcast was prepared and sent out by Pastor Charmaine to all church members and friends.

In April 2020, Sunday services started to be held virtually via Zoom. Weekly Sundays podcast was sent to members and friends who were not able to access Zoom.

On 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2020, a letter was sent to all church members stating that our church meetings have been postponed until further notice due to Covid-19, and that members will be notified of any important decision that may require their approval. The church leadership began to meet remotely via Zoom and make decisions in the best interest of the church and community. Church meetings restarted in September 2020.

In June 2020, the church was opened for Private Prayer time for individuals and households.

The church services restarted in the Newns Building on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2020. It was later suspended again in November 2020 and reopened finally in December 2020.

### Beacon Groups

Beacon Groups met on the phone and via Zoom. Beacons of prayer group which started on 24 April 2020 met via Zoom every Friday to seek God together as well as praying for our community, country, congregation and wider issues. The Beacons of Prayer initially began in the period of Lent 2020 and continued for the rest of the year.

### 2020 Events

The events that were held during the year included a Harvest Quiz evening, Harvest Gift Day and Outdoor Carol singing/handing out gifts to the community held outside the church. Our Carol by Candlelight was held virtually via Zoom streaming to Facebook and YouTube.

### Breakfast Battery Boxes

In December 2020, the church began an outreach programme called Breakfast Battery Boxes in association with Friends of Legrave Park to provide Breakfast Battery Boxes for families in need of healthy breakfast options over the holidays. The Breakfast Battery Boxes took place on 21<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> December 2020 and 29<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> of December 2020. We supported 35 households equating to 125 people.

## Church Membership

On 18<sup>th</sup> October 2020, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Banson-Idun were welcomed into church membership.

## Bereavement

On 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020, one of our church members, Betty Fraser sadly passed away. Betty's funeral service held in the church took place on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2020. Betty was a blessing to the church and her death was a great loss.

## Leaders of God

Leaders of God which became fully operational in June 2018 continued to increase in number. However, classes were unable to take place after the month of March 2020 owing to the Covid-19 pandemic.

## Pastoral Care Groups

The Pastoral Care Groups have continued to function by staying in touch with regular attendees by telephone as well as giving prayer support. This work has been especially important during the year 2020 because most of our members were experiencing isolation.

In March 2020, each deacon was assigned a group of people to keep in touch with and support with help from the Pastoral Team.

## Calling a Minister

On 27<sup>th</sup> September 2020, the church members unanimously voted to call Pastor Charmaine Mhlanga as our Church Minister.

## Christmas

During the Christmas period, the church supported Keech Hospice by having some of its members purchase a Christmas table arrangement made by Lesley Sturdy. The proceeds from the sale were given to Keech Hospice. We also delivered Christmas cards to the whole estate inviting people to our Christmas services. For the first time our Carols By Candlelight service was held virtually via Zoom.

## Church Services

In 2020, we had more new people who visited the church over the year and others who regularly joined our services via Zoom. Some of whom continued to regularly attend our Sunday worship.

The services that were held in the church in 2020 had been subject to all the government guidance on the necessary health and safety precautions.

Through the year 2020, we were always finding ways to put our love into action by adapting to different ways to positively impact our community and by learning

new things we can take forward with us in our shared mission as a church to be a beacon of hope.



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**SUNDON PARK BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENT (INCLUDING RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOU**

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**GENERAL RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

**Receipts**

Voluntary Giving  
Income Tax recovered on gifts  
Raised for other causes  
Receipts from Church & Community Events  
Gift day  
Investment income/bank interest  
Other Receipts  
**Total Receipts**

**Payments**

Charitable Activities  
Grants to Other Causes  
Cost of Generating Funds  
Administration  
Other Payments  
**Total Payments**

Net Receipts/(Payments)

Transfers between Funds

Cash funds brought forward at 31 December 2019

Cash funds carried forward at 31 December 2020/2019

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**THE BEACON PROJECT RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

**Receipts**

**Payments**

Net Receipts/(Payments)

Transfers between Funds

Cash funds brought forward at 31 December 2019

Cash funds carried forward at 31 December 2020/2019

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**INTS) FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2020**

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Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £
	35,880	0	
	6,304		372
	0		
	0		
	52		
	0		
	<u>42,237</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>372</u>
	23,790		
		4,320	500
	0		
	757		
	100		
	<u>24,647</u>	<u>4,320</u>	<u>500</u>
	<u>17,590</u>	<u>(4,320)</u>	<u>(129)</u>
2	0	0	0
	36,048	0	0
	<u>53,638</u>	<u>(4,320)</u>	<u>(129)</u>

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	29,801	0	101
	38,674	0	0
	<u>(8,873)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>101</u>
2	0	0	0
	28,804	0	1,251
	<u>19,931</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,351</u>

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<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
35,880	34,789
6,304	6,775
372	91
0	1,385
0	0
52	121
0	43
<u>42,609</u>	<u>43,204</u>
23,790	28,375
4,820	4,092
0	0
757	1,412
100	150
<u>29,467</u>	<u>34,029</u>
<u>13,142</u>	<u>9,175</u>
0	0
<u>36,048</u>	<u>26,873</u>
<u>49,190</u>	<u>36,048</u>
29,902	41,728
38,674	62,471
<u>(8,772)</u>	<u>(20,743)</u>
0	0
<u>30,055</u>	<u>50,797</u>
<u>21,283</u>	<u>30,054</u>

**SUNDON PARK BAPTIST CHURCH  
STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES AT 31 DECEMBER 2020**

Notes

**Cash Funds**

Santander  
Santander  
Baptist Union Deposit Account  
Christian Aid Foundation (cash account)  
CAF Gold account  
CAF Gold Client account

Represented by  
Beacon Project Account  
General Fund

**Other monetary assets**

**Non-monetary assets held for investment purposes**

**Held for Church's own use**

3

Freehold properties known as:  
Sundon Park Baptist Church  
Furniture, fixtures & fittings, equipment  
Newns Building (community hall)  
Furniture, fixtures & fittings, equipment  
The Manse, 244 Sundon Park Road LU3 3AL

**Liabilities**

Estimated Electrical Consumption  
Outstanding balance on Baptist Union loan

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**The attached notes form part of these financial statements**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31**

- 1 Accounting Policies  
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance

- 2 The associated fund movements are detailed on a separate sheet
- 3 Property held for the Church's own use consist of a suite of Church Manse situated behind the church. Each is included on the basis of The modular 2 storey church/community hall (Newns Building) is no
- 4 As reported previously, a misunderstanding over a charge of electr resulted in the Church electricity meter being delisted. Despite bo be rectified (and despite at least annual reminders), no action has since January 2006, provision has been made to cover the unlikely

Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	<b>2020</b> <b>£</b>
			34,282.08
			1492.23
			13415.61
			<b>0</b>
			<b>0</b>
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<b>49,190</b>
			21,283
			49,190
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<b>70,473</b>
			<b>0</b>
			<b>0</b>
		1,056,835	<b>1,056,835</b>
		57,043	<b>57,043</b>
		1,035,909	<b>1,035,909</b>
		16,339	<b>16,339</b>
		<u>197,241</u>	<u>197,241</u>
		<u>2,363,367</u>	<u>2,363,367</u>
			14,000
			<u>286,871</u>
			<b>300,871</b>

**DECEMBER 2020**

with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2015)

buildings including one hall and its contents, together with a detached  
of the current insurance valuation  
now complete and in full operation.

electricity supplier to the Manse (arranged and paid for by the then Minister)  
each of the companies concerned confirming in writing that the mistake would  
yet been taken to reinstate the meter. As no electricity has been billed  
eventuality of a supply company seeking to claim retrospectively.

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**2019**

**£**

21,193

1,483

13,372

4,193

24,811

1,050

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66,102

30,054

36,048

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36,048

1,045,345

56,423

1,024,646

16,161

190,570

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2,333,145

14,000

305,879

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**319,879**

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**Detail of Movements Between Funds**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Reason for Movement</b>
	Grants to other causes

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<b>General Fund</b>			<b>Development Fund</b>
<b><i>Unrestricted</i></b>	<b><i>Grants to Other Causes Designated</i></b>	<b><i>Raised for Other Causes Restricted</i></b>	<b><i>Designated</i></b>
-4,820.00	4,820.00		
(4,820.00)	4,820.00	0.00	0.00

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DE**

**Receipts and Payments Analysis**

Notes

**GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

**Receipts**

Voluntary Giving  
    Weekly Offerings  
    Donations and other voluntary income  
    Gift Day  
    Income tax recovered on gifts  
Raised for other causes  
Receipts from Church & Community Events  
Generated funds  
Investment receipts/bank interest  
Other Receipts

**Total Receipts**

**Payments**

Charitable Activities  
    Public Worship  
    Cost of Pastorate  
    Upkeep of Manse  
        Maintenance  
        Council Tax  
        Buildings Insurance  
    Pastoral Care  
    Church & Community Events  
    Upkeep of Church premises  
        Utilities  
        Maintenance & cleaning  
        Insurance  
    Youth & Children's Work  
    Conferences & Training  
Cost of generating funds  
Administration  
    Telephone  
    Stationery  
    Licences & Subscriptions  
    Website  
Other Payments  
Grants to Other Causes

**Total Payments**

Net Receipts/(Payments)

Transfers between Funds

Cash funds brought forward at 31 December 2019

Cash funds carried forward at 31 December 2020/19	
<b>THE BEACON PROJECT RECEIPTS &amp; PAYMENTS ACCOUNT</b>	
<b>Receipts</b>	
Grants & Donations Received	
<b>Payments</b>	
Net Receipts/(Payments)	
Transfers between Funds	
Cash funds brought forward at 31 December 2019	
Cash funds carried forward at 31 December 2020/2019	

**CEMBER 2020 (continued)**

Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2020
35,880			35,880
0			0
0	0		0
6,304			6,304
0		372	372
			0
52			52
0			0
<b>42,237</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>42,609</b>
100			100
16,594			16,594
0			0
1,387			1,387
294			294
0			0
792			792
1,898			1,898
235			235
0			0
0			0
2,490			2,490
0			0
0			0
71			71
481			481
205			205
100			100
	4,320	500	4,820
<b>24,647</b>	<b>4,320</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>29,467</b>
17,590	(4,320)	(129)	13,142
0	0	0	0
36,048	0	0	36,048

53,638	(4,320)	(129)	49,190
29,801	0	101	29,902
38,674	0	0	38,674
(8,873)	0	101	(8,772)
	0	0	0
28,804	0	1,251	30,055
19,931	0	1,351	21,283

Total 2019	
34,789	
0	
0	
6,775	
91	
1,385	
121	
43	
<b>43,204</b>	
513	
16,715	
104	
1,265	
284	
529	
1,066	
1,901	
1,263	
(50)	
0	
4,785	
0	
0	
668	
488	
256	
150	
4,092	
<b>34,029</b>	
9,175	
0	
26,873	

36,048
41,728
62,471
(20,743)
0
50,797
30,054

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**SUNDON PARK BAPTIST CHURCH (Registered Charity No. 1144181)**  
**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020 which are set out on pages 1 to 4.

**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 Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 43(a) of the Act);
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis Of Independent Examiner's Statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Direction given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

**Independent Examiner's Statement**

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

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- (a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act; and
- (b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the 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.

Signature



Date 19/11/2021

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