

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 21st 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 3rd 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 4th 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 28th 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 26th June 2021.

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

On 28th 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 1st 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
PEOPLE SUPPORTED	125	75	149	67	157	79	118
HOUSEHOLD SUPPORTED	35	21	40	16	46	18	25
CHILDREN	72	46	87	42	94	49	78
ADULTS	53	29	62	25	63	30	40
WALK-INS	25	7	27	7	11	10	7
DELIVERIES	30	14	13	9	14	8	18
VOLUNTEER HOURS	200	100	150	100	250	100	200
VENUE HOURS	40	30	40	30	50	30	40

Bereavement

On 28th 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 26th 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 18th 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 10th 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 24th 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-persons 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 £	2021 £	2020 £
GENERAL RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT						
Receipts						
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
Total Receipts		<u>45,129</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>262</u>	<u>45,391</u>	<u>42,599</u>
Payments						
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
Total Payments		<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

Receipts						
		32,433	0	(901)	31,531	29,902
Payments						
		<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 £
Cash Funds						
Santander					40,868.48	34,282
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Baptist Union Deposit Account					13442.76	13,416
Christian Aid Foundation (cash account)					9,070	4,880
CAF Gold account					16,075	15,351
CAF Gold Client account					0	1,051
		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	80,951	<u>70,473</u>
Represented by						
Beacon Project Account					25,145	21,283
General Fund					55,806	49,190
		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	80,951	<u>70,473</u>
Other monetary assets					0	
Non-monetary assets held for investment purposes					0	
Held for Church's own use	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>
Liabilities						
Estimated Electrical Consumption					0	14,000
Outstanding balance on Baptist Union loan					<u>275,241</u>	<u>286,871</u>
					275,241	300,871

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

		General Fund			Development Fund	Building Fund	
		Unrestricted	Grants to Other Causes Designated	Raised for Other Causes Restricted	Designated	Designated	Restricted
Date	Reason for Movement						
	Grants toother causes	-4,370.00	4,370.00				
	Total Movements	(4,370.00)	4,370.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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

Receipts and Payments Analysis		Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT						
Receipts						
Voluntary Giving						
Weekly Offerings		38,566			38,566	35,880
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Payments						
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
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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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