

STOCKTON BAPTIST CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1147883

Details

Other names	STOCKTON BAPTIST TABERNACLE
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2012-06-29
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE PURPOSES OF THE CHURCH SHALL BE:- (1) THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BASIS OF FAITH PRIMARILY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY WITHIN STOCKTON-ON-TEES AND THE SURROUNDING NEIGHBOURHOOD; AND (2) SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES AS SHALL, IN THE OPINION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH IN GENERAL MEETING FURTHER THE WORK OF THE CHURCH.

Activities: The advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith primarily but not exclusively within Stockton-on-Tees and the surrounding neighbourhood and Such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the members of the Church in general meeting further the work of the Church.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Stockton-on-tees

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£443,709	£451,658	-	-
2023-12-31	£435,581	£476,445	-	-
2022-12-31	£423,468	£498,056	-	-
2021-12-31	£553,191	£446,078	£2,662,967	11
2020-12-31	£411,377	£399,763	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Adrian Ryszard Korynek		2021-09-22
Andrew Rees Davies		2025-04-02
Carol Martha Louise Martin		2025-08-10
Dr Ngozi Catherine Okey		2025-04-02
Helen Burns		2025-08-10
John Mark Ryder		2022-06-22
Rev Timothy Ronald Hyde		2024-06-19
Richard Hasthorpe		2023-09-13
Steven Paul Douglas		2024-06-19

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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The trustees present their report and unaudited financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 December 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing documents, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published in October 2019.

Trustees of the Charity

The directors of the charity are its trustees for the purposes of charity law. Details of the trustees who have served during the year and since the year end can be found on page 8.

1. Structure, Governance and Management

Stockton Baptist Church is a church established under a constitution dated 11 April 2012. It is a member of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and the Northern Baptist Association. It is a charity (number 1147883) registered with the Charity Commission. It is also a member of the Evangelical Alliance.

The Church leadership is made up of the Senior Pastor, Elders and Deacons. Elders and Deacons are Trustees, the appointments of which are nominated from the church membership and approved by the church members' meeting.

The church makes decisions by the church leadership bringing matters to the church meeting for discussion and as appropriate, acceptance, or by raising matters within a church meeting for further discussion and consideration by the church leadership.

2. Objectives and Activities

The objects of the Trust are:

- a) The advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith primarily but not exclusively within Stockton-on-Tees and the surrounding neighbourhood; and
- b) Such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the members of the Church in general meeting further the work of the Church.

TRUSTEES REPORT

3. Achievements and Performance

Ministry Highlights:

In 2024 both the Senior Pastor, Craig, and the Children's Pastor, Lydia, took long awaited sabbaticals. Both had well planned programmes which enabled them to seek refreshing, renewal and reflection benefiting both them and the church.

During Craig's sabbatical, while he sought God's direction for church vision, the church also gathered together with prayer meetings to seek God's direction for the church.

It was with sadness that the church said goodbye to our Associate Minister, Matty Steel, who left after six years. It was great to welcome back our Youth Pastor, Jess Steel, from maternity leave. We also said goodbye to our youth and children's interns who had all contributed much to both teams and will be missed.

Much of the focus this year was preparing for Festival Teesside, a free, two-day event held in June 2024 at a local park in Middlesbrough and featured live music, sports displays, inflatables, and opportunities to hear the Christian message. The event was a collective effort of 70 local churches and 700+ volunteers, the Good News of Jesus Christ reached more than 30,000 people across the region, culminating in 1,685+ Gospel responses. Stockton Baptist Church supported financially, with volunteers and in prayer. The church building was used in the week running up to the event to provide children's ministry to over 700 school children as part of festival of Teesside. It was great to see so many of the congregation engaging with the volunteering, training provided and using it as an opportunity to invite friends to hear about God.

The Youth Pastor returned from maternity leave at the end of August 2024. This saw the recommencement of some of the groups that had paused during her maternity leave. It was encouraging to take 20 young people to the Kairos youth camp at the end of the summer. In September, the Youth Leadership team reflected on the past nine months and focused on looking forward to the new school year ahead. In the September five new year 7s began attending the Youth Group and we said goodbye to three 6th formers who left for university. A Christmas concert to raise funds for the Youth's missionary partners was planned, produced and performed by the Youth Group raising over £1000.

Post covid we continued to find attendance to the children's groups inconsistent which could be a challenge with planning. It is always wonderful to see the children growing up and exploring who Jesus is, learning to know Him and love Him for themselves. The children enjoy studying the bible and learning to apply what they read as they are encouraged by our Deep Divers, River Riders (Sundays) and Kids Life Group (Tuesdays) teams. Our Starfish (creche) group on a Sunday morning has grown and we often have parents come in and stay so we can get to know them. We started to stream the service through to the creche room and this has helped parents to still feel connected to the service when their little ones are finding it hard to settle.

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During Lydia's sabbatical she was able to experience chaplaincy within hospitals, learn about Messy Church and visited Arkansas, in the USA to gain an insight into different models of children's work.

Schools Ministry continued and, after a break while on Sabbatical, it was encouraging to be asked back into schools again to run Art Club and listen to readers (Mill Lane) and lead Collective Worship (Holy Trinity and Thornaby). Volunteers continued to help in the Mill Lane Community every Friday by picking up food and delivering it to the local school for their food pantry.

Mid-week groups continued including Kids Life Group, Little Fish Toddlers and Rooted Club along with our Brigades with even more committed volunteers. Every year we run our Children's Weekend Away.

RAS is an integral part of our church ministry with two drop-ins a week and ongoing support from the dedicated teams supporting our friends from overseas.

320@5 is a gathering that runs on the second and fourth Sunday evening of the month. It continues to be well supported and provides a family feel where worship can be expressed freely.

A new Farsi service began in 2024 and meets on the first and third Sunday evening of the month. It allows Farsi speakers the space and freedom to worship in their own language.

Janet Bare and Julie Barnett once again organised Coats for Kids, providing local children from the town centre area with a new coat ready for the winter.

Ladies socials continued in 2024 bringing together a wide range of women from all ages and backgrounds to enjoy time together and building relationships. It is always well attended with people using it as an outreach to invite friends and family to church.

Luncheon club and Ladies link continue to be a lifeline to people attending, offering friendship and the gospel message at each event.

As part of the Sunday morning series, studies covered the books of Acts, Philippians, Lamentations and 1 Peter.

We also welcomed back the Northern Women's Convention which took place from the church building with a number of the congregation involved in stewarding the event as well as attending.

The membership at the end of 2024 stood at 281.

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It is important to acknowledge that the work of the church is underpinned and could not operate without the selfless support and dedication of a large number of volunteers who work both seen and unseen undertaking numerous role and responsibilities throughout the life of Stockton Baptist Church. We are grateful to God for providing them and to the volunteers for answering the call to serve.

4. Financial Review

The Church continues to raise the funds which it needs to carry on its activities from within its own membership and congregation. No wider public appeal was made for funds during the year.

Income in 2024 increased to £443,709 from £435,581 in the previous year of which £10,155 was restricted.

The Church expressed its part in the life of the wider church by giving to national organisations societies with Christian aims and objectives compatible with the Church's own charitable purposes.

Expenditure of £451,658 (2023: £476,445) was incurred of which £16,006 was for restricted purposes. At 31 December 2024, the charity had unrestricted funds of £2,475,229.

The trustees are satisfied with the financial position of the organisation at 31 December 2024 and are confident that the strategies in place will lead to the organisation being able to fulfil its growth objectives. The Trustees expect to continue the activities of the charity in accordance with their current objectives.

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

Reserves Policy

It is currently the policy of Stockton Baptist Church is to hold three months' worth of all budgeted expenditure to allow the church to adapt to any changes in circumstance of the church. Based on the planned contractual and other essential expenditure within this year's budget this amount is £91,672. It is proposed that we will hold sufficient free cash reserves at the year end to satisfy this policy. This policy will be reviewed annually.

5. Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and financial statements in accordance with applicable Charity Law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Charity Law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which show a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and its financial activities for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Comply with applicable accounting standards, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operational existence.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Name: Stockton Baptist Church
Charity No: 1147883

Principal Address: The Square
Stockton-On-Tees
TS18 1TE

TRUSTEES

Trustee	Craig Downes	Senior Minister/Chair
Trustee	Peter Dawson	Church Secretary Resigned February 2024
Trustee	Mark Askew	Operations Manager
Elders		
Trustee	Dave Blackman	Resigned June 2024
Trustee	Cath Ingram	Resigned June 2024
Trustee	John Mark Ryder	
Trustee	Seyedemad Nejati	
Trustee	Steven Douglas	Appointed June 2024
Trustee	Rev. Timothy Hyde	Appointed June 2024
Trustee	Florence Waniwa	Appointed June 2024
Deacons		
Trustee	Adrian Korynek	
Trustee	Andrew Barnett	Resigned June 2024
Trustee	Peter Gurney	Resigned October 2024
Trustee	Richard Hasthorpe	Appointed September 2023
Holding Trustees		
	Stuart Cornwell	
	Ernie Hepplestone	
	Martin Greenwood	
	Baptist Union Corporation	

Bankers: Nat West Bank plc
123 High Street
Stockton-on-Tees
TS18 1AY

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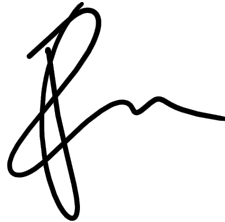
Independent Examiner: Alan Brown
Sedgefield Accountants
First Floor Suite 6 High Street,
Sedgefield,
Stockton-On-Tees.
TS21 3AR

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approval

This report was approved by the trustees on 27 October 2025

and signed on their behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. M. Ryder', written over a horizontal line.

Full Name: John Mark Ryder

Position: Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF STOCKTON BAPTIST CHURCH

Report to the Trustees of Stockton Baptist Church on Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024 set out on pages 4-6.

Respective responsibilities of the Charity and the Independent Examiner

As members of the Charity, you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 3(3) and section 144(2) of the Act do not apply and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the financial statements under s.145 of the 2011 Act;
- Follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions 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 these 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:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act ; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Alan Brown
Sedgefield Accountants

Date: 24th October 2025

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
		2024	2024	2024	2024	2023
Income		£	£	£	£	£
Donations and Legacies	2	281,372	10,115	2,501	293,988	346,110
Charitable Activities	2	148,697	-	-	148,697	86,967
Other Trading Activities	2	1,024	-	-	1,024	1,859
Investments	2	-	-	-	-	645
Total Income		431,093	10,115	2,501	443,709	435,581
Expenditure						
Charitable Activities	2	411,861	16,006	22,459	450,326	476,445
Other Expenditures		1,332	-	-	1,332	-
Total expenditure		413,193	16,006	22,459	451,658	476,445
Net movement in funds		17,900	-5,891	-19958.00	-7,949	-40864
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-	-
Total funds b/f		2,457,329	20,557	69,630	2,547,516	2,588,380
Total funds c/f		2,475,229	14,666	49,672	2,539,567	2,547,516

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

Restated

	Note	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed Assets				
Land and Buildings	3		2,405,392	2,405,392
Current Assets				
Cash at bank and in hand		138,630		135,507
Held in BU Trust		7,600		7,600
Petty cash				178
		146,230		143,285
Current Liabilities				
Creditors: Amounts falling due withing one year	4	12,055		- 1,161
Creditors: Amounts falling due after one year				
		12,055		- 1,161
Net Current Assets			134,175	142,124
Net Assets			2,539,567	2,547,516
FUNDS				
Unrestricted General Funds			2,475,229	2,457,329
Restricted Funds			14,666	20,557
Designated funds			49,672	69,630
Charity funds			2,539,567	2,547,516

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These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

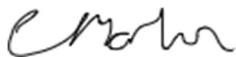
For the year ending 31 December 2024, the Charity was entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Trustees' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476.
- The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Oversight on 27 October 2025.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees:



Full Name: Carol Martin
Position: Trustee

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the current Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities and applicable accounting standard FRS102.

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

Fund Accounting

Restricted Funds comprise revenue donations or grants for a specific activity intended by the donor. Where these funds have unspent balances, interest on their pooled investment is apportioned to the individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted Funds are income funds which are to be spent on the general purposes.

Designated funds are general funds set aside for use in the future. Project funds are designated for particular projects for administration purposes only. Designated funds remain unrestricted, and the will move any surplus to other general funds.

Incoming Resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources.
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.
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Donations are only included in the SOFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Capital Grants are released over the economic useful life of the asset to which they relate.

Resources Expended

Resources expended have been analysed using a natural classification. Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

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2. FUNDS

Restricted funds	BalanceB/F	Income	Expenditure	Balance C/F
	£	£	£	£
Andrew & Helen Symmonds	1	-	1	-
BMS	3,068	-	3,068	-
CAP	2,025	500	-	2,525
Fellowship fund	2,648	689	2,483	854
Funeral collections	102	-	102	-
Garden Fund	156	-	156	-
Gifts	913	-	913	-
Overseas Mission	3,095	20	250	2,865
RAS	8,134	8,550	8,414	8,270
Spurgeon's Childcare	414	131	394	151
Youth Missions	-	225	225	-
Total Restricted funds	20,556	10,115	16,006	14,665

Designated funds	Balance B/F	Income	Expenditure	Balance C/F
	£	£	£	£
Children's work	2,600	100	82	2,618
Community garden	1,647	1,611	1,650	1,608
Event income	1,138	-	155	983
Ministry & Mission Work	60,411	40	17,667	42,784
Tab Toddlers	1,379	300		1,679
Youth work	2,455	450	2,905	-
Total Designated Funds	69,630	2,501	22,459	49,672

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ANALYSIS 2024

INCOME	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Designated Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Income from Donation & Grants				
Gifts and Donations	271,613	3,105	850	275,568
Other Donations/Grants	9,759	7,010	1,651	18,420
	281,372	10,115	2,501	293,988
Income from Charitable Activities				
Use of Building	21,689	-	-	21,689
Tax Refunds	50,153	-	-	50,153
Surplus on sale of properties	76,855	-	-	76,855
	148,697			148,697
Investment Income				
Other income	1,024	-	-	1,024
	1,024	-	-	1,024
Total Income Resources	431,093	10,115	2,501	443,709
EXPENDITURE				
Charitable Activities				
Administration	11,777	556	-	12,333
Office costs	6,506	24	-	6,530
Building costs	122,739	362	-	123,101
Ministries	26,635	1,198	3,142	30,975
Ministry Team	8,250	-	-	8,250
Mission	16,211	13,866	19,317	49,394
Salaries	221,075	-	-	221,075
Total expenditures	413,193	16,006	22,459	451,658

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FUND RAISING

Support cost type	Charitable Activity £	Other £	Total £
Administration	11,777	-	11,777
Office costs	6,506	-	6,506
Building costs	122,739	-	122,739
Ministries	26,635	-	26,635
Ministry Team	8,250	-	8,250
Mission	16,211	-	16,211
Total	192,118	-	192,118

3. FIXED ASSETS

Cost	Land and Buildings £	Total £
At 1 January 2024	2,405,392	2,405,392
Additions	-	-
Disposals	-	-
At 31 December 2024	2,405,392	2,405,392
Depreciation		
At 1 January 2023	-	-
Charge for the period	-	-
At 31 December 2024	-	-
Net book Value		
At 31 December 2024	2,405,392	2,405,392

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4. CREDITORS – Amounts falling due within one year

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£
Trade creditors	161		161
HMRC	11,894	-	11,894
	12,055	-	12,055

5. SALARIES AND WAGES

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£
Gross salaries and NI	221,075	0	221,075
	221,075	0	221,075

2024

Number of employees 11

6. BANK AND CASH IN HAND

	2024
	£
Natwest Reserve	97,105
Natwest Current	41,525
Baptist Together	7,600
Petty cash	-
Total	146,230 £

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1. Structure, Governance and Management

The Oversight which comprises of the Ministerial Team, Treasurer, Elders and Deacons leads the Church in the discovering and implementing of God's will for the Church, in order that it may fulfil its God-given objectives. It gives the spiritual and practical leadership generally and, in particular, is responsible for day-to-day administration, acting on behalf of the Church in between Church Meetings, and advising and guiding the Church in its decision making. The Oversight is accountable to the Church Meeting which has the right to revoke any of its decisions.

2. Objectives and Activities

The objects of the Trust are:

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TRUSTEES REPORT

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

2023 proved to be a testing year for Stockton Baptist Church. We had agreed to a budgeted deficit of £56,381 and achieved an actual deficit of £40,864 despite a large unbudgeted cost of £55k to replace the aging central heating system in October of that year, and an additional £15k (as a first payment) to refurbish the lift. Had we performed to budget, the loss for the year would have been £56k (budget) +£55k (heating) +£15k (lift) giving an overall loss of £126k.

The main kitchen dishwasher required replacing, with the cost shared with the Coffee House and Luncheon Club. Money was also spent to support the missional house on Hartington Road. During the year we reviewed the ministry on Hartington Road and decided that we would serve notice on the contract held with Green Pastures, who own the house. However, we did see a welcome uptake in use of the building for both local and overseas mission the income from which has contributed to the running costs for the house.

The reduction in deficit was achieved by the generosity of our congregations making additional donations to the building and other funds, but also by grant income of almost £17k, as well as drawing down from reserves and savings in other areas.

So, although our actual expenses were £476,445 (+£80,564 over budget) our income rose to £435,581 (£96,351 over budget).

In 2023, the church has been successful in securing additional income of £16,960 with grants, from Stockton Borough Council, Teesside Charity, William Leach Charity, Rothley Trust, Cleveland Local Resilience Forum and the Benefact trust. The income from these grants contributed to various ministries in the church and offset some of the heating replacement costs.

Almost every other income stream for the Church was also above budget, most notably Gifts and donations (+£57k), Use of building (+£4.7k)

Apart from the building costs and small increases in Ministry and Mission costs, most other cost lines were around the budget except for savings in Salaries (-£22.5K) and equipment (-£5.5k).

The Church expressed its part in the life of the wider church by making donations to national and international Christian organisations and societies with Christian aims and objectives compatible with the church's own charitable purpose. Gifts were also given to specific projects throughout the year.

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

Ministries Review of the 2023

Children's and young families Ministry Report

The regular groups have continued to meet throughout 2023, each supported by teams of amazing volunteers. Sunday consists of 3 age-related groups (Starfish, River Riders and Deep Divers) and during the week we have Little Fish Toddlers, Boys and Girls Brigades, KS2 Rooted Club and a Kids Life Group (on zoom). We have continued to run a Toddler Service (now called Little Families) on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

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At the end of August 2023, we were pleased to have a full-time volunteer join us from an organisation called Time for God. She is supporting the Children and Young Families Ministry until the end of July 2024.

Our schools connections continued, with regular After School Clubs, Collective Worships, Fair Trade Assemblies and Governor support. We were able to support schools by listening to readers, helping with weekly deliveries for a food pantry and hosting a Summer Show for one of the schools. We are often asked to accompany school on trips and during the summer term we ran some Scripture Union based Year 6 transition sessions to encourage children moving up to Secondary School.

Our annual events have included Create and Chats, Little Fish Lite Summer Sessions, a Superhero Party and another Children's Weekend Away in Knock. Boys Brigade and Girls Brigade took children on a trip to Beamish paid for by the sales of Christmas Cakes.

We linked up with another church to run a Summer Club in the park and also joined up with our friends in the Parish Church to talk to school children about church and Christmas.

Refugee & Asylum Seekers (RAS Work)

The Monday and Friday Drop-Ins are going well and are appreciated by RAS community, giving opportunity for socialisation, activities and friendship. Red Cross, Homeless section from the Council and a charity supporting people into work also attend on Mondays to provide valuable specialist advice to individuals.

English classes continue to run at 3 levels. They are particularly helpful for those who do not qualify for formal classes at the college. Light lunch afterwards provides further opportunity for students to use their English and make friends.

The ownership of the two RAS houses has been transferred to Open Door North East (ODNE). This will ensure that housing is available for eight destitute asylum seekers and newly recognised refugees in the long term. In addition, it will facilitate additional support to the residents through the ODNE liaising with the Council.

The RAS admin post, a vital role within the work, was vacated in September as the postholder moved on to a different charity working with the RAS community. She was a great loss, and the post was open for the remainder of the year.

Alpha plus has continued to be widely used, with many coming to faith and being baptised. It has been a joy to see people grow in their faith and service, and to see some receiving permission to stay in UK. Family reunions are always a joy, particularly when they decide to stay in the area as it has become 'home'.

Reserves Policy

It is currently the policy of Stockton Baptist Church is to hold three months' worth of all budgeted expenditure to allow the church to adapt to any changes in circumstance of the church. Based on the planned contractual and other essential expenditure within this year's budget this amount is £98,970. It is proposed that we will hold sufficient free cash reserves at the year end to satisfy this policy. This policy will be reviewed annually.

The Trustees expect to continue the activities of the charity in accordance with their current objectives.

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and financial statements in accordance with applicable Charity Law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Charity Law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which show a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and its financial activities for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Comply with applicable accounting standards, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operational existence.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Total income for the year amounted to £435,581 (2022: £423,468) of which £62,479 (2022: £33,435) was restricted. Expenditure of £476,445 (2022: £498,056) was incurred of which £68,855 (2022: £38,448) was for restricted purposes. At 31 December 2023, the charity had unrestricted funds of £2,457,398 (2022: £2,501,398).

The trustees are satisfied with the financial position of the organisation at 30 December 2023 and are confident that the strategies in place will lead to the organisation being able to fulfil its growth objectives.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Name: Stockton Baptist Church

Charity No: 1147883

Principal Address: The Square
Stockton-On-Tees
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TRUSTEES

	PASTORAL TEAM	
Trustee	Senior Minister/Chair	Craig Downes
	Associate Minister	Matty Steel
	Children's and Young Families Pastor	Lydia Gurney
	Youth Pastor	Jess Steel
	CHURCH OFFICERS	
Trustee	Church Secretary	Peter Dawson
Resigned	Church Treasurer	Carlie Ryder Resigned October 2023
	ELDERS	
Trustee	Dave Blackman	
Trustee	Cath Ingram	
Resigned	Ken Toop	Resigned May 2023
Resigned	Daisy Taylor	Resigned September 2023
Trustee	John Mark Ryder	
Trustee	Seyedemad Nejati	

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Resigned	Mohamad Jalili	Resigned December 2023
	DEACONS	
Trustee	Adrian Korynek	
Trustee	Andrew Barnett	
Trustee	Peter Gurney	
Resigned	Derek Davison	Resigned October 2023
Resigned	Khatereh Amiri	Resigned November 2023

	OTHERS	
Trustee	Mark Askew	Operations Manager
Resigned	Susan Hughes	Office Manager (Resigned November 2023)
Resigned	Claire Paxton	RAS Administrator (Resigned July 2023)
	HOLDING TRUSTEES	
Deceased	Alan Bowman	Died February 2023
	Stuart Cornwell	
	Ernie Hepplestone	
	Martin Greenwood	
	Baptist Union Corporation	

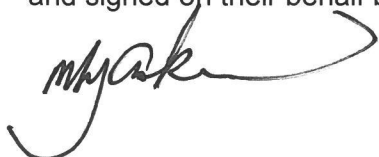
Bankers: Nat West Bank plc
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Independent Examiner: John Kumpalume
6 Coatham Road
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This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approval

This report was approved by the directors/trustees on ... *19th June 2024* ...
and signed on their behalf by:



**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
STOCKTON BAPTIST CHURCH**

Report to the Trustees of Stockton Baptist Church on Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023 set out on pages 13-19.

Respective responsibilities of the Charity and the Independent Examiner

As members of the Charity, you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 3(3) and section 144(2) of the Act do not apply and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- Examine the financial statements under s.145 of the 2011 Act;
- Follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions 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 these 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:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act ; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Akondaawo John Kumpalume, AFA MIPA
AJK Accounting Services Ltd
6 Coatham Road
Stockton on Tees
TS19 8QY
Date: 4th June 2023

STOCKTON BAPTIST CHURCH
REPORTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

					2023	2022
Income and Endowments	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Total Funds	Total funds
		£	£	£	£	£
Donations and Legacies	2	273,646	62,479	9,985	346,110	338,736
Charitable Activities	2	86,967	-		86,967	84,265
Other Trading Activities	2	1,859	-		1,859	-
Investments	2	645	-	-	645	467
Total Income and Endowments		363,117	62,479	9,985	435,581	423,468
Expenditure						
Charitable Activities	2	401,771	68,855	5,819	476,445	498,056
Other	2		-		-	-
Total expenditure		401,771	68,855	5,819	476,445	498,056
Net movement in funds	-	38,654	- 6,376	4,166	- 40,864	- 74,588
Transfer between funds	-	5,415	5,415	-	-	-
Total funds brought forward		2,501,398	81,928	5,054	2,588,380	2,662,967
Total funds carried forward		2,457,329	80,967	9,220	2,547,516	2,588,380

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed Assets			
Land and Buildings	3	2,405,392	2,405,392
Current Assets			
Debtors and prepayments		-	9,545
Cash at bank and in hand		135,507	170,319
Held in BU Trust		7,600	7,600
Petty cash		178	
		143,285	187,464
Current Liabilities			
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	4	- 1,161	- 2,476
Creditors: Amounts falling due after one year			- 2,000
		- 1,161	- 4,476
Net Current Assets		142,124	182,988
Net Assets		2,547,516	2,588,380
FUNDS			
Unrestricted General Funds		2,457,329	2,501,398
Restricted Funds		80,967	81,928
Designated funds		9,220	5,054
		2,547,516	2,588,380

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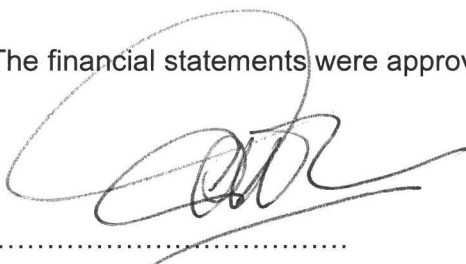
These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

For the year ending 31 December 2023 the Charity was entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Trustees' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board on



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Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors:

Name **CRAIG DOWNES (REVEREND)**
Chair of Trustees

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the current Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities and applicable accounting standard FRS102.

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

Fund accounting.

Restricted Funds comprise revenue donations or grants for a specific activity intended by the donor. Where these funds have unspent balances, interest on their pooled investment is apportioned to the individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted Funds are income funds which are to be spent on the general purposes.

Designated funds are general funds set aside for use in the future. Project funds are designated for particular projects for administration purposes only. Designated funds remain unrestricted, and the will move any surplus to other general funds.

Incoming resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources.
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations are only included in the SOFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Capital Grants are released over the economic useful life of the asset to which they relate.

Resources expended.

Resources expended have been analysed using a natural classification.

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

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Fixed assets

Depreciation is provided to write off the cost, less estimated residual values, of all fixed assets, over their expected useful lives. It is calculated at the following rate:

Land and Buildings Reviewed as needed for revaluation but not depreciated Church.

Organ 5% Straight Line basis

Other fixed assets are written off in the year of purchase. The trustees consider that this is prudent in view of the short life of these assets.

2. FUNDS

Restricted funds	Agreed Transfer				
	Balance B/F	Income	from Reserves	Expenditure	Balance C/F
	£	£	£	£	£
Andrew & Helen Symmonds (MAF)	2,500	916	-	3,415	1
BMS	2,175	893	-	-	3,068
Building Fund	8,727	29,430	3,134	41,291	-
CAP	1,545	480	-	-	2,025
Fellowship fund	1,443	1,223	-	18	2,648
Funeral collections	134	265		297	102
Garden Fund	156	-	-	-	156
Gifts	1,469	1,200		1,756	913
Hartington Road	-	13,032		13,032	-
Ministry & Mission Work	52,604	8,920		1,113	60,411
Overseas Mission	3,095	-	-	-	3,095
RAS	7,686	5,000		4,552	8,134
Spurgeon's Childcare	394	20	-	-	414
Youth Missions	-	1,100	2,281	3,381	-
Total Restricted funds	81,928	62,479	5,415	68,855	80,967

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Designated funds	Agreed Transfer				Balance C/F
	Balance B/F	Income	from Reserves	Expenditure	
Children's work	1,021	3,324	-	1,745	2,600
Community garden	1,913	80	-	346	1,647
Event income	309	829	-	-	1,138
Tab Toddlers	1,252	214	-	87	1,379
Youth work	558	5,538	-	3,641	2,455
Total Designated Funds	5,053	9,985	-	5,819	9,219
Total restricted funds	86,981	67,464	5,415	74,674	85,186

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ANALYSIS 2023

INCOME				
Income and Endowments from Donations and legancies	Unrestricted	Resticted	Designated	Total
	£	£	£	£
Gifts and Donations	244,466	57,479	9,985	311,930
Asylum seekers and refugees	8,643	5,000		13,643
Other Donations/Grants	11,789			11,789
Legacy	8,748			9,115
	273,646	62,479	9,985	346,110
Income from Charitable Activities				
Use of Building	19,734			19,734
Thanks Giving	8,015			8,015
Tax Refunds	59,218			59,218
	86,967			86,967
Investment Income				
Other income	2,504			2,504
	2,504			2,504
Total Income Resources	363,117	62,479	9,985	435,581
EXPENDITURE				
Charitable Activites				
Administration	12,996			12,996
Office costs	4,215			4,215
Building costs	71,747	41,291		113,038
Equipment	2,963			2,963
Ministries	32,876	27,564	5,819	66,259
Mission	47,525			47,525
Housing	4,648			4,648
Salaries	222,686			
Bank charges	1,439			1,439
Refreshments	203			203
Publicity and Promotion	473			
Depreciation				
Total expenditures	401,771	68,855	5,819	476,445

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FUND RAISING

Support cost type	Charitable Activity £	Other £	Total cost £
Administration	12,996	-	12,996
Office costs	4,215	-	4,215
Building costs	71,747	-	71,747
Equipment	2,963	-	2,963
Ministries	32,876	-	32,876
Mission	47,525	-	47,525
Housing	4,648	-	4,648
Refreshments	203		
Publicity and Promotions	473		
Total	177,646	-	177,646

3. FIXED ASSETS

Cost	Land and Buildings £	Total £
At 1 January 2023	2405392	2405392
Additions	0	0
Disposals	0	0
At 31 December 2023	2405392	2405392
Depreciation		
At 1 January 2022	0	0
Charge for the period	0	0
At 31 December 2023	0	0
Net book Value		
At 31 December 2023	2405392	2405392

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4. CREDITORS – Amounts falling due within one year

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£
Trade creditors and accruals	1161	0	1161
	1161	0	1161

5. SALARIES AND WAGES

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
Gross salaries and NI	222,686	0	222,686
	222,686	0	222,686

	2023
Number of employees	10

6. BANK AND CASH IN HAND

	2023
	£
Natwest Reserve	48,144
Natwest Current	87,363
Baptist Together	7,600
Petty cash	178
	143,285

STOCKTON BAPTIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1147883

Accounts

Stockton Baptist Church
Registered Charity No: 1147883

Financial Statements and Reports
for the year ended
31 December 2022

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Legal and Administrative Information

Name: Stockton Baptist Church

Charity No: 1147883

Principal Address: The Square
Stockton-on-Tees
TS18 1TE

Trustees:

	PASTORAL TEAM	
Trustee	Senior Minister/Chair	Craig Downes
	Associate Minister	Matty Steel
	Children's Pastor	Lydia Gurney
	Youth Pastor	Jess Steel
	CHURCH OFFICERS	
Trustee	Church Secretary	Peter Dawson
Trustee	Church Treasurer	Carlie Ryder
	ELDERS	
Trustee	Dave Blackman	
Resigned	John Bunce	Resigned November 2022
Trustee	Cath Ingram	
Resigned	Vicky Smith	Resigned March 2022
Trustee	Ken Toop	
Trustee	Daisy Taylor	Appointed June 2022
Trustee	John Mark Ryder	Appointed June 2022
Trustee	Seyedemad Nejati	Appointed June 2022
Trustee	Mohamad Jalili	Appointed June 2022
Resigned	John Stapleton	Resigned January 2022
	DEACONS	
Trustee	Adrian Korynek	
Trustee	Andrew Barnett	
Trustee	Peter Gurney	
Resigned	Florence Waniwa	Resigned July 2022
Trustee	Derek Davison	
Trustee	Khatereh Amiri	Appointed June 2022

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	OTHERS	
Resigned	Nick Smith	Operations Manager (Resigned February 2022)
Trustee	Mark Askew	Operations Manager (Appointed July 2022)
Resigned	John Hughes	Buildings Manager (Resigned Dec 2022)
	Susan Hughes	Office Manager
	Claire Paxton	RAS Administrator
	HOLDING TRUSTEES	
	Alan Bowman	
	Stuart Cornwell	
	Ernie Hepplestone	
	Martin Greenwood	
	Baptist Union Corporation	

Bankers:

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Independent Examiner:

Kate Tully FMAAT FCIE AATQB
20 Ennerdale Crescent
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Blaydon on Tyne
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Trustees' Annual Report

1. Structure, Governance and Management

The Managing Trustees of the charity comprise the Elders, Deacons, Secretary, Treasurer, Ministers, and Operations Manager.

The Oversight which comprises of the Ministerial Team, Secretary, Treasurer, Elders and Deacons leads the Church in the discovering and implementing of God's will for the Church, in order that it may fulfil its God-given objectives. It gives the spiritual and practical leadership generally and, in particular, is responsible for day to day administration, acting on behalf of the Church in between Church Meetings, and also advising and guiding the Church in its decision making. The Oversight is accountable to the Church Meeting which has the right to revoke any of its decisions.

2 Objects and Activities

The objects of the Trust are:

- a) The advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith primarily but not exclusively within Stockton-on-Tees and the surrounding neighbourhood; and
- b) Such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the members of the Church in general meeting further the work of the Church

3 Achievements and Performance

Stockton Baptist Church is a church established under a Constitution dated 11 April 2012. It is a member of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and the Northern Baptist Association. It is a charity (number 1147883) registered with the Charity Commission. It is also a member of the Evangelical Alliance.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

The inevitable impact of the pandemic on the life of the church still has ripple effects and this is also noted in the finances, although much less than in the previous two years. Gifts and donations were £8.5k less than we budgeted for and this was also reflected in a reduction in the tax reclaim. The income from the use of the building was £2.5k more than budgeted and is quite an achievement in the environment after than pandemic. In 2022 we benefited again from the generosity of our members through the final settlement of a legacy which the church meeting agreed to gift to the fellowship fund to support those in the fellowship in particular need.

As in previous years, the church has been successful in securing several grants, predominantly by the Christian Against Poverty (CAP), Refugee & Asylum Seekers (RAS) ministries and the Community Garden ministry. These were recognised as restricted funds and managed outside of the church budget.

The Church expressed its part in the life of the wider church by making donations to national and international Christian organisations and societies with Christian aims and objectives compatible with the church's own charitable purpose. Gifts were also given to specific projects throughout the year, including:

- the RAS ministry;
- Missionaries supported by the church;
- Baptist Mission Society (BMS);
- Drumbeat – Our youth sponsored two children through Drumbeat UK;
- Youth Missions;
- Fellowship gifts.

No wider public appeal was made for funds during the year.

Expenditure was more than income received at the year-end resulting in a deficit. Although the Church meeting approved a deficit budget of £26,341 the actual deficit was £9,174 which is an improvement on budgeted position. The Trustees continued to implement the strategy to increase general gift and donations to support a planned future breakeven position.

One of the main focus' of the year and a large cost to the church was the replacement of the roof. This was funded through a legacy received last year and a gift day which saw the wonderful generosity of the fellowship. Other expenses include an increased spend on equipment more than planned. More was also spent on staff conferences that we deemed important to staff development. A new laptop was purchased for the new Operations Manager who began work with us in May 2022. The main kitchen industrial freezer required replacing with the cost shared with the Coffee House and Luncheon Club. There has been ongoing issues with the boiler that has cost more than we anticipated and will need a full replacement next year at a significant cost. A large cost in year was spent on support for the missional house on Hartington Road. During the year we reviewed the ministry we began on Hartington Road and decided that we would serve notice on the contract held with Green Pastures, who own the house used as a missional community. We are contracted to give notice of one year which will end in January 2024. The rent collected from those involved in the ministry and previously living in the house usually covered the lease payments and other housing costs. It was agreed by the leadership that this would become an expense to the church although financial contributors would be sought through the year's notice to provide financial support if available.

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

Ministries Review of the Year

The Church continued to grow numerically and spiritually in 2022 and over the course of the year it was a great joy to welcome in new members and see them go onto serve in various aspects of church life. There was quite a movement of those registered as members in year but we continue to see new growth in the changes. There was an increase in applications for Baptism, membership and weddings. We continued to place each aspect of the Church onto a recognisable framework with some success. Each aspect of Church life is being looked at and each team is being encouraged to change, grow and to plan for the future. Since the pandemic, it has been a joy to welcome even more people from a wider cultural background, and to see some take office on our oversight. The leadership has become more diverse and a little more representative of the Fellowship demographic rather than the Membership demographic. Work was conducted with the Welcome and Stewarding team to establish a Welcome Desk to help facilitate new comers to the church feeling welcomed and then going on to get connected with various ministries

As a preaching team, we finished our Sunday morning studies in Luke's Gospel as well as working through a brief study looking at the prayers of the bible. We also tried out a lot of ideas with the way we do Sunday services. We have continued to see growth in the new Sunday evening gathering, 3:20@5 and it is wonderful to see a different expression of teaching and worship.

The church continues to develop the community outreach work around the Mill Lane and Hartington Road area. One area of particular change has been the development of the Petch Street community garden in partnership with Stockton Parish Church and with the support of Stockton Borough Council. The project is headed up by a team lead by our Greater Europe Mission (GEM) missionaries passionate about the area. The presence on Hartington Road in the centre of Stockton continues but the leadership are re-imagining how this will continue in the future. The house on Hartington Road leased from Green Pastures currently remains in use for various ministries but no longer has permanent tenants.

A big operational focus this year was the replacement of part of the church roof that has been an issue almost since the building was built. The areas that required repair have now been replaced. Following significant repairs to the main boiler system this year, we are also considering the options for the heating system at present. Both members and non-members have been generous over the years and it is likely that some of the giving from thanksgiving may be directed this way. Our building is a great resource for outreach and a beacon for our faith on the riverside at Stockton. It draws people in, and we are fortunate to have it. Unfortunately, it comes at a cost.

This year saw the retirement of John Hughes our Church Building Manager. John has been with us since 2005 and has dedicated much of his time and energy both seen and unseen to not only our building but

church family and those who come into our church building and we are grateful to him for his years of service. There has been sickness within the office staff team and we are grateful to those who have supported to ensure the work continues.

Another change in our staffing structure is saying goodbye to Nick Smith as our first Operations Manager and welcomed Mark Askew to take over the role. We are so grateful to Nick for all his work especially his commitment during the pandemic and leading us through the unknown. Mark picks up the reigns established but Nick and we are grateful to both of them.

We have begun to implement new processes and systems which will lead to our Church running better and communications improving. A key change was the implementation of ChurchSuite which is a church management system to support the running of churches in a variety of ways.

Children's Ministry Report

The regular groups continued to meet throughout the year each supported by a team of volunteers. Sunday consisted of three different ages groups making up Bridge Kids. During the week Little Fish Toddlers meet weekly as do Girls and Boys Brigades and Kids Life Group. We continued to run All Age services on the 1st Sunday of every month and Toddler Service on 3rd Sunday.

Two day Create and Chat sessions for families took place in February and October half terms holidays with approximately 30 children attending with their families. Annual events included an Easter Trail around the local areas, Kids Easter Service, Duggie Dug Dug Circus Praise Party, Superhero Party, Christingle Service, Park Kids on Mill Lane Park.

Schools work continued with Collective Worship and Year 6 Transition sessions in Holy Trinity school, vice chair of Governors and listening to readers in Mill Lane and CAP children's course in Mill Lane. We also have a rota of volunteer drivers willing to pick up and deliver food for the Food Pantry at Mill Lane.

It was wonderful to have an intern for Children's Ministry for June and July and during this time we started Rooted KS2 club that has become a regular weekly group and helps to cross the gap between Children and Youth.

Great to have another opportunity for a Children's Weekend Away at Knock at beginning of July with 26 children attending which was a mix of those who come on Sundays and those who come to midweek groups supported by, as usual, a wonderful and enthusiastic team.

We had a fantastic time at the annual Boys Brigade camp in Redmire, taking a group of about 35 young people to the camp.

At the beginning of year, our Children's Pastor attended and passed a Families Ministry Course run by Cliff College. This included writing a dissertation on the theme of Wellbeing in Families Ministry.

Youth Ministry

We continue to see growth in the youth group regular contact with 30+ young people over our weekly programs which include the Sunday morning group and Tuesday night bible study. A new weekly lads group and a monthly year 7,8 and 9 group started up in year and are proving successful.

We were very excited to undertake a two week mission trip with 6th formers youth to Uganda and worked with a UK charity already working there. Each team member had to raise their own funds for part of their ticket and committed to collectively fundraising throughout the year. This also meant that a substantial gift could be given to the charity for the continued work in Uganda. For some of the team it was the first time on mission and everyone had a wonderful time.

Refugee & Asylum Seekers (RAS Work)

Monday and Friday Drop-Ins going well and appreciated by RAS community, giving opportunity for socialisation, activities and friendship. Red Cross attend regularly to provide specialist advice and sign

posting to appropriate services. The North Eastern housing provider has donated a pool table that enhances the experience for the guys on Mondays.

English classes continue to run at 3 levels. They are particularly helpful for those who do not qualify for formal classes at the college. Light lunch afterwards provides further opportunity for students to use their English and make friends.

A training weekend with Rev. Elnur Jabayev of Turkic Ministries was very helpful for both the RAS community and our volunteers in understanding and appreciating the cultural issues in coming to Christ from an Islamic background.

It has been a joy to see people grow in their faith and service, and to see some receiving permission to stay in UK. Family reunions are always a joy, particularly when they decide to stay in the area as it has become 'home'.

Reserves Policy

It is currently the policy of Stockton Baptist Church is to hold three months' worth of all expenditure to allow the church to adapt to any changes in circumstance of the church. Based on the planned contractual and other essential expenditure within this year's budget this amount is £84,000. It is proposed that we will hold sufficient free cash reserves at the year end to satisfy this policy. This policy will be reviewed annually.

4 Plans For Future Periods

The Trustees expect to continue the activities of the charity in accordance with their current objectives.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and financial statements in accordance with applicable Charity Law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Charity Law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which show a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and its financial activities for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Comply with applicable accounting standards, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operational existence.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Name **CARDYN RYDER**

Position **Treasurer**

Signature **Clydes**

Date **4/9/23**

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the Trustees of Stockton Baptist Church on Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022 set out on pages 10-15.

Respective responsibilities of the Charity and the Independent Examiner

As members of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 3(3) and section 144(2) of the Act do not apply and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to

- Examine the financial statements under s.145 of the 2011 Act;
- Follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions 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 these 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:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act ; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Kate Tully FMAAT FCIE

Date 28th October 2023

Signed *K A Tully*



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Kate Tully is a Fellow Member of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners and a Fellow Member of the Association of Accounting Technicians

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Statement of Financial Activities For the year ended 31 December 2022

		Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated	Total	Total
		Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
	Note	£	£	£	2022	2021
					£	£
Income and Endowments from						
Donations and Legacies	2	268,604	38,448	31,684	338,736	474,391
Charitable Activities	2	84,265	0		84,265	25,825
Other Trading Activities	2	0	0		0	52,686
Investments	2	467	0		467	289
Total Income and Endowments		353,336	38,448	31,684	423,468	553,191
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities	2	362,511	104,654	30,890	498,056	446,078
Other	2				0	0
Total Resources Expended		362,511	104,654	30,890	498,056	446,078
Net movement in funds		(9,175)	(66,206)	794	(74,588)	107,113
Transfers Between Funds		(117,494)	117,099	395	0	0
<i>Total Funds brought forward</i>		<i>2,628,067</i>	<i>31,035</i>	<i>3,865</i>	<i>2,662,967</i>	<i>2,555,854</i>
Total funds carried forward		2,501,398	81,928	5,054	2,588,380	2,662,967

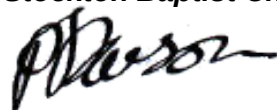
Balance Sheet

As at 31 December 2022

	Note	2022 Funds £	2021 Funds £
Fixed Assets:			
Land and buildings	3	2,405,392	2,405,392
		0	0
Total Fixed Assets:		2,405,392	2,405,392
Current Assets			
Debtors/Prepayments	5	9,545	8,182
Cash at Bank and In Hand		170,319	248,962
Held in BU Trust		7,600	7,484
Total Assets		2,592,856	2,670,020
Liabilities			
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	6	(2,476)	(5,053)
Creditors: Amounts falling due after one year		(2,000)	(2,000)
Total Assets less Liabilities		2,588,380	2,662,967
The Funds of the Charity:			
Restricted income funds		81,928	34,900
Designated Funds		5,054	
Unrestricted income funds		2,501,398	2,628,067
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS		2,588,380	2,662,967

Approved by Stockton Baptist Church and signed on their behalf by:

Signature



Print Name Peter Dawson

Signature



Print Name CARDYN RYDER

Date of Approval

4/9/23

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the period 1 January to 31 December 2022

1 Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

These Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective January 2015) – Charities SORP (FRS 102).

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

Incoming Resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability

Donations are only included in the SOFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Capital Grants are released over the economic useful life of the asset to which they relate

Resources Expended and Liabilities

Resources expended have been analysed using a natural classification.

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fixed Assets

Depreciation is provided to write off the cost, less estimated residual values, of all fixed assets, over their expected useful lives. It is calculated at the following rate:

Land and Buildings
Church Organ

Reviewed as needed for revaluation but not depreciated
5% Straight Line basis

Other fixed assets are written off in the year of purchase. The trustees consider that this is prudent in view of the short life of these assets.

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2 Funds

The Charity has one fund, an unrestricted general fund and a number of restricted and designated funds.

Restricted Funds	Balance B/f 01/01/2022 £	Income £	Agreed Transfer from Reserves £	Expenditure £	Funds C/f 31/12/2022 £
Andrew & Helen Symmonds (MAF)	0	2,500		0	2,500
BMS	228	1,937	10	0	2,175
Building Fund	18,877	175	64,335	74,660	8,727
CAP	1,736	1,000		1,191	1,545
Fellowship fund	675	10,123		9,356	1,443
Funeral Collections	134	0		0	134
Garden Fund	0	156		0	156
Gifts	30	2094		655	1,469
Hartington Road	0	14,950		14,950	0
Ministry & Mission Work	0	0	52,604	0	52,604
Overseas Mission	3,095	500		500	3,095
RAS	3,763	5,013	150	1,240	7,686
Spurgeon's Childcare	394	0		0	394
Youth Missions	2,103	0		2,103	0
Total Restricted Funds	31,035	38,448	117,099	104,654	81,928
Designated Funds	Balance B/f 01/01/2022 £	Income £	Agreed Transfer from Reserves £	Expenditure £	Funds C/f 31/12/2022 £
Children's Work	1,033	3,137		3,149	1,021
Community Garden	1,000	5,070		4,157	1,913
Event Income	0	253	395	339	309
Tab Toddlers	1,007	320		75	1,252
Youth Work	825	22,904		23,171	558
Total Designated Funds	3,865	31,684	395	30,890	5,054
Total Restricted & Designated Funds	34,900	70,132	117,494	135,545	86,982

Name of fund

Andrew & Helen Symmonds (MAF)

BMS

Building Fund

CAP

Children's work

Community Garden

Event Income

Fellowship Fund

Funeral collections

Garden Fund

Gifts

Hartington Road

Ministry and Mission Work

Overseas Mission

RAS

Spurgeon's Childcare

Tab Toddlers

Youth Mission

Youth Work

Description, nature and purposes of the fund

Gifts made to support the Symmonds family in their work in Papua New Guinea with Mission Aviation Fellowship

Donations towards Baptist Mission Society

Gifts made to support major works required on the church and associated buildings.

Grants received for activities relating to the Christians Against Poverty (CAP) ministry

Donations towards the church's work among children

Grants and gifts received for the work and development of a community garden.

Amounts collected for non-profit making ticket sales from events

Donations towards those in the church suffering hardship

Amounts collected at funerals

Gifts towards the development of the church garden

Donations towards specific gifts made to members of the congregation

Donations towards repairs and maintenance of a property to support the vulnerable

Donations towards the church's work and ministries & mission

Donations towards a medical clinic in Uganda

Grants and gifts received for activities among asylum seekers

Christmas collection for the work of Spurgeons Childcare

Donations towards the church's work among young children

Donations towards youth missions

Amounts received towards the church's youth work

Income and Expenditure Analysis 2022

Income and Endowments from:

Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated	Total
Gifts and Donations	252,595	33,435	31,684	317,714
Asylum Seekers and Refugees	5,405	5,013		10,418
Other Donations/Grants	1,856			1,856
Legacy	8,748			8,748
	268,604	38,448	31,684	338,736

Income from Charitable Activities

Use of Building	17,699			17,699
Thanksgiving	9,246			9,246
Tax Reclaims	57,320			57,320
	84,265	0	0	84,265

Other Trading Activities

				0
				0
	0	0	0	0

Investment Income

Bank Interest Earned	467			467
	467	0	0	467

Total Incoming Resources

	353,336	38,448	31,684	423,468
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Resources Expended:

Cost of Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated	Total
Administration	6,494			6,494
Office Costs	4,194			4,194
Building Costs	52,094	74,660		126,754
Equipment	7,591			7,591
Ministries	18,152	29,994	30,891	79,037
Mission	42,943			42,943
Housing	4,914			4,914
Salaries	224,211			224,211
Bank Charges	1,319			1,319
Depreciation				0
Independent Examination of Accounts	600			600
				0
	362,511	104,654	30,891	498,056

Total Resources Expended

	362,511	104,654	30,891	498,056
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Support Costs

Fundraising

Support Cost Type	Activity £	Charitable Activity £	Governance Activity £	Total Cost £
Administration		6,494		6,494
Office Costs		4,194		4,194
Building Costs		52,094		52,094
Equipment		7,591		7,591
Ministry Team		18,152		18,152
Mission		42,943		42,943
Independent Examination of Accounts			600	600
Housing		4,914		4,914
Total	0	136,382	600	136,982

3 Fixed Assets

	Land and Buildings £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 January 2022	2,405,392	2,405,392
Additions	0	0
Disposals	0	0
At 31 December 2022	2,405,392	2,405,392
Depreciation		
At 1 January 2022	0	0
Charge this period	0	0
At 31 December 2022	0	0
Net Book Value		
At 31 December 2022	2,405,392	2,405,392

4 Salaries/Wages

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2022 £
Gross Salaries and NI	224,211		224,211
			0
	224,211	0	224,211
			2022 Number
			11

There were no employees whose remuneration was over £60,000.

5 Debtors

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 Total £
Bridge Coffee House	7,740		7,740
Trade Debtors/Prepayments	1,805		1,805
	9,545	0	9,545

6 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 Total £
Trade Creditors/Accruals	1,876		1,876
Independent Examination	600		600
	2,476	0	2,476

7 Creditors: Amounts falling due after one year

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 Total £
Loan	2,000		2,000
			0
	2,000	0	2,000

8 Governance Costs

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 Total £
Independent Examination	600		600
			0
	600	0	600

9 Bank and Cash in Hand

	2022 £
Baptist Together	7,600
NatWest Current	14,804
NatWest Reserve	155,515
Petty Cash	
	177,919

10 Baptist Pension Scheme

The church is a participating employer within the Baptist Pension Defined Benefits Scheme and has been making ongoing deficit payments to cover the costs of past service of its employees within the scheme under a recovery plan. In July 2022 The Baptist Union announce that the scheme is now in surplus, ahead of schedule.

This means that effectively there is no shortfall debt at the present time although it will be kept under review. However, there will be an administrative cost of £1,000 to process any employers leaving the Scheme. It is important to be aware that cessation events will still be triggered even in a no-debt situation, and they must continue to be managed in line with regulations set out in The Occupational Pension Schemes (Employer Debt) Regulations 2005. The monthly deficit repair contributions will be reduced to a minimal level of £1 per employer per month from August 2022 onwards.

STOCKTON BAPTIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1147883

Accounts

Stockton Baptist Church
Registered Charity No: 1147883

Financial Statements
for the year ended
31 December 2021

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Legal and Administrative Information

Name: Stockton Baptist Church

Charity No: 1147883

Principal Address: The Square
Stockton-on-Tees
TS18 1TE

	PASTORAL TEAM	
Trustee	Senior Minister/Chair	Andrew Waugh (retired 30 Sep 21) Craig Downes (Appointed 1 Oct 21)
	Associate Minister	Matty Steel
	Children's Pastor	Lydia Gurney
	Youth Pastor	Jess Steel
	CHURCH OFFICERS	
Trustee	Church Secretary	Phil Inch (resigned 1/1/2021) Pete Dawson (appointed 27/1/2021)
Trustee	Church Treasurer	Carolyn (Carlie) Ryder
	ELDERS	
Trustee	Dave Blackman	
Trustee	John Bunce	
Trustee	Cath Ingram	
Trustee	Vicky Smith	
Trustee	Ken Toop	
Trustee	John Stapleton	
Trustee	Mark Rowland-Jones	Resigned November 2021
	DEACONS	
Trustee	Adrian Korynek	Appointed 22/9/21
Trustee	Andrew Barnett	
Trustee	Peter Gurney	
Trustee	Florence Waniwa	
Trustee	Derek Davison	
Trustee	Janet Walls	Resigned July 2021
	OTHERS	
Trustee	Nick Smith	Operations Manager

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	John Hughes	Buildings Manager
	Susan Hughes	Office Manager
	Claire Paxton	RAS Administrator
	HOLDING TRUSTEES	
	Alan Bowman	
	Stuart Cornwell	
	Ernie Hepplestone	
	Martin Greenwood	
	Baptist Union Corporation	

Bankers:

Nat West Bank plc
123 High Street
Stockton-on-Tees
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Independent Examiner:

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Trustees' Annual Report

1. Structure, Governance and Management

The Managing Trustees of the charity comprise the Elders, Deacons, Secretary, Treasurer, Ministers, and Operations Manager.

The Oversight which comprises of the Ministerial Team, Secretary, Treasurer, Elders and Deacons leads the Church in the discovering and implementing of God's will for the Church, in order that it may fulfil its God-given objectives. It gives the spiritual and practical leadership generally and, in particular, is responsible for day to day administration, acting on behalf of the Church in between Church Meetings, and also advising and guiding the Church in its decision making. The Oversight is accountable to the Church Meeting which has the right to revoke any of its decisions.

2 Objects and Activities

The objects of the Trust are:

- a) The advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith primarily but not exclusively within Stockton-on-Tees and the surrounding neighbourhood; and
- b) Such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the members of the Church in general meeting further the work of the Church

3 Achievements and Performance

Stockton Baptist Church is a church established under a Constitution dated 11 April 2012. It is a member of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and the Northern Baptist Association. It is a charity (number 1147883) registered with the Charity Commission. It is also a member of the Evangelical Alliance.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

The inevitable changes caused by the pandemic continued to impact this financial year. However, gifts and donations have remained similar to 2020. Although the church Sunday services remained largely online until September 2021, due to the size of the auditorium and technology available we were able to utilise the building for room hire whilst following the national covid regulations. This resulted in £10k more use of building income than budgeted.

In addition to this, the church has been successful in securing several grants, predominantly by the Christian Against Poverty (CAP) and Refugee & Asylum Seekers (RAS) ministries. These were recognised as restricted funds and managed outside of the church budget.

The Church took on a large project to replace part of the roof in 2022 and began fundraising in 2021 with a gift day resulting in £55k in donations. This was recognised as restricted funds for 'Building Funds' and managed outside of the church budget.

We have been extremely blessed to have received two legacies this year; £5k and £105k from three members following many years of membership and fellowship with Stockton Baptist Church. We are very thankful to them.

No wider public appeal was made for funds during the year.

The Trustees continued to implement the strategy to increase general gift and donations to support a planned future breakeven position. By the year-end, unrestricted income had increased with the increase from general giving and subsequent tax reclaims.

Expenditure at the year-end was less than budgeted due, once again to the impact of Covid-19 pandemic on ministries that were unable to operate as planned.

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Some work on the building included large new storage units, replacement of the fire doors and begun to replace our emergency lighting.

The Church expressed its part in the life of the wider church by making donations to national and international Christian organisations and societies with Christian aims and objectives compatible with the church's own charitable purpose. Thanks to the increased giving, we were able to increase our planned support for Home Mission by £2.5k.

Gifts were also given to specific projects throughout the year, including:

- the RAS ministry.
- towards the general repairs required to the leased house on Hartington Road, our first Missional Community.
- Missionaries supported by the church including Andrew & Helen Symmonds (MAF), Dave & Michelle Mahon and Ben & Lucy Waugh.
- Baptist Mission Society (BMS).
- Drumbeat – Our youth sponsored two children through Drumbeat UK.
- Youth Missions.
- Fellowship gifts.

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

Ministries Review of the Year

It was great to begin to welcome the fellowship back to worshipping together. Although initially restrictions meant we missed out on being able to engage in conversation, share refreshments and sing together there was still a wonderful sense of God's presence with us. We continued to stream the services and circulate DVD copies of the services to those without internet access. During the time of Covid restrictions it was a real encouragement to hear about how the church fellowship kept in contact and encouraged each other as they were able.

This year has seen a lot of changes with the biggest change when we said goodbye to our Senior Minister, Andrew Waugh and welcomed, Craig Downes with his family, Joanne and Lucy Jane, as our new Senior Minister in October 2021. At the end of September, we held a leaving party for Andrew and Denise where we thanked them for their years of service among us at Stockton Baptist Church. A large BBQ lunch with the majority of members able to attend. Although sad to see that season come to end there was a lot a celebration and thankfulness as we praised God for what He had done in years past and looking forward to the future with expectation.

Autumn was dedicated considering to future and new developments as we moved under new Leadership. Craig set out his vision for the callings of elders and deacons. The challenge for the future is to seek the right people to serve in these areas. SBC is a diverse Church; diverse in Theological outlook, diverse Racially, diverse Demographically and diverse in our expectation and anticipation of what Church is, and probably more importantly what Church should behave seen the need to provide structure to enable growth. The next year will focus on developing this structure. In the coming year we will be considering the need to build a younger church management.

As the year progressed, we picked up the threads and opened up the activities and outreach of the church following the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic.

During the early part of 2021 we were continuing to our studies in Luke's Gospel. The main aim behind studying Luke together was to spend time following the life and ministry of Jesus. We gained an insight in the Jesus model for mission. This model involved both the preaching of the good news of the Kingdom *and* the demonstration of the power of the Kingdom through acts of love, and signs and wonders.

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Finally, as we approached the end of 2021 we started a series of prayer meetings 6 days of the week. The leaders of these prayer meetings were a wonderful encouragement and it was great to hear of how God's presence was felt in these meetings and how answers to prayers were experienced.

In the Mill Lane community the partnership between us and Stockton Parish Church was a real source of encouragement. Central to this was the progression towards seeing the Petch Street community garden established. Our Missionaries through Greater Europe Mission (GEM) continue to live with their family on Petch Street and get to know the neighbours and develop the community Garden with those living on the estate.

Hartington Road

A house is leased to the church on Hartington Road and is a Missional Community where our Associate Pastor and his Wife, our Youth Pastor live. Lockdown made evangelism challenging, but gave opportunities in other ways. Life and mission was difficult in the Hartington Road house. House members came and went which meant it was hard to develop a rhythm of life, prayer and mission which could make a difference on the street. We still trust and believe that the prayers have made a difference and potentially have laid a foundation for future breakthroughs.

Children's Work

Covid-19 lockdowns and restrictions due to Covid 19 led to a lot of what we ran for our Children's Ministry being either online or by delivering activity packs. Communication with families via WhatsApp group, Facebook messenger, phone calls etc. became a priority. We continued to create the Kids Service@4 videos every Sunday and we live streamed Toddler Singing Time every Wednesday morning.

At the start of 2021 we started a Kids Life Group for KS2 children on zoom. 7-10 children on zoom have looked at Diary of a Disciple, Rooted Junior (a SU wellbeing course for children), Prayer and this term we are running the Children's CAP course, with the Support of our Church CAP worker) as well as playing games and having general catch ups. It has been great to see these children grow in confidence as they share about what Jesus means to them.

Throughout 2021 Lydia retained a continued connection with schools - Holy Trinity School doing zoom collective worship and Mill Lane School as vice chair of governors.

Opportunities came to join in with courses, training, conferences etc online which before would have meant time away and a long journey.

As covid restrictions were beginning to be lifted and our services became face to face with a booking system in place and we started to run our Sunday children's groups alternating weeks and keeping in bubbles.

Little Fish Toddlers started to meet again with a booking system to try to keep numbers limited each week. It was lovely to start seeing people again who we hadn't seen for a while plus some new faces too.

Children's Weekend Away in person at Knock Christian Centre. This was so exciting to be able to do this and the CWA team were fantastic. We took strict measures to ensure we stayed safe, especially around the covid situation at the time, and are grateful to God that we had no Covid cases and children remained well. Our theme for the weekend was building and how we build our lives on God.

From September, restrictions were lifted further and our Sunday groups met weekly and Little Fish Toddlers opened without a booking system.

In December we were able to have a Candy Cane Cabin outreach in High Street where we engaged with hundreds of people sharing the Christmas story. We also began a choir for the Church Christmas service. Christmas Services by way of a Christingle in Park near Bowesfield School was, a Church Nativity Service and Teddy Bear Christingle at Church closed our full year.

Youth Work

The youth work is headed up by Jess Steel the church's full time Youth Pastor, supported by 1 full (Matt) and 1 part time (Rebecca) Youth Interns, a provision from Youth For Christ (YFC). An additional team of volunteers supports the wider work of the youth. Matt continued to develop the youth work and mentoring he does with the boys. Following the pandemic, we have resumed our Tuesday night bible studies following a different series each month addressing "hot topics".

We have had several new groups start this year, a Lads group meeting every Friday, a girls group meeting once a month, Year 7's and 8's group meeting once a month, Uganda Mission team meeting once a month, 6th formers gathering twice a month, Socials twice a month and a Uni prep course for our 6th formers going on to University this summer.

It was a joy that two of our young people were baptised this year which was a massive celebration. We are deeply proud of them and all of our young people they are a wonderful group.

International Mission Action Group

2021 proved to be another unusual year because of the restrictions caused by the pandemic. Andy and Helen Symmonds are serving as Missionaries long-term in Papua New Guinea with MAF (Mission Aviation Fellowship). It was good to meet with the family when they were in the UK in summer and they spoke at a church service. As a church we support the Symmonds family in prayer and financially. It has been our privilege as a church to support the Mahon family who are our BMS partners in Peru. They will be visiting Stockton in 2022. The church's prayer meeting on the first Saturday of each month is devoted to overseas mission. During 2021 a monthly overseas mission email was produced to help us pray effectively. We are praying as a group that God will inform us how he is working overseas and show us as a church what our role should be in that mission.

Luncheon Club

After a long break due to COVID restrictions, Luncheon Club recommenced in September 2021. We were very careful to follow all the guidelines as about forty senior citizens restarted. It has been very encouraging to welcome quite a number of new friends. Every week we enjoy a home cooked and tasty meal, great fellowship and friendship and a time of worship.

Communion Table

We currently have three teams of two people, who take their turn at providing the bread and juice, willing helpers who arrive at church early, with the bread already cut up, fill the serving trays & collect in the cups at the end of the service, taking the washing up home!

Sew and Sews

This group started over 12 years ago, we have a core group of 24 regular members and more who drop in occasionally. About half are Church members the rest are from other Churches or friends of Church members. The abilities and skill of members vary considerably but all are welcome and every encouragement is given. It has become obvious that there is a need for people to have 'something to do' to keep them busy at home. We are constantly looking for new ideas to fill this gap, including involving members in projects for charity or the Church. This is a very friendly, sociable group, we provide lots of encouragement and offer emotional support when needed

Flower Ministry

As we are all aware the past 15 months have been very difficult for many of us in all sorts of ways. No church services, so no reason for flowers in the building. Flowers can bring us a smile and joy to many people. Hopefully, we will now be able to see flowers in church once again. Flowers are sourced from Aldi or Sainsburys, or from volunteers' gardens. Foliage comes from gardens, hedgerows or even the church garden.

Walking Group

We aim to have a regular walk on the third Saturday of each month led by different members of the group.

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We usually have 12 to 15 people on each walk. Lifts are offered from church for those without their own transport. Walks are open to everybody, not only people attending church. In 2021 we had to wait until April before we could start walking as a group. Initially we walked from church because of covid restrictions on people travelling in cars. From August 2021 we were able to meet normally and walk on the North Yorkshire Moors, Richmond and the Durham Coast.

Ladies Link

We extend a very warm welcome to all Ladies of the Church whatever age. We are a group of 20 - 30 ladies, meet on a Monday at 2pm in the West Lounge. We enjoy friendship, fellowship and pray together, have a short service and usually have a guest speaker each week. Then finish with tea/coffee biscuits and a "chat". Following the pandemic, we started to meet on afternoons instead of evenings. It has been very successful and more convenient with transport arrangements.

Stewarding

The Stewarding Team provides a welcome and ensuring the safety, security and wellbeing of people in the building. Team of just over a dozen door stewards operates under a rota system for Sunday services and other events. A separate team is managed that prepares and serves tea/coffee before and after Sunday services. In 2021 all stewards underwent building evacuation training. Stewards are to take on manning of the Welcome Desk as from June 2022.

Christians Against Poverty (CAP)

Katharine Lam (CAP Job Club Manager and CAP Money Coach) leads a team of volunteers that deliver:

- CAP Kickstart course
- CAP Money course
- Plan to deliver the CAP Money Kids Workshop on Zoom to Kids Life Group with Lydia Gurney in 2022.

Funding was received to deliver evangelistic programs involving the Petch Street garden missional community. Katharine Lam also leads a Wellbeing Group that received funding to deliver the Wellbeing Journey course

Boys Brigade

Throughout the restricted months, Boys Brigade continued to meet each week online. Coming out of the restrictions, we now have about 26 boys attend each week across the sections. This includes a few new starters recently having lost some during the pandemic. Staffing remains difficult in terms of availability. Some have resigned or reduced hours recently. We are now unable to provide Anchor Section or Band due to difficulties in staffing. Devotions remains an important focus of each week's meeting, boys often showing interest in Christian things.

At the end of July, the annual Boys Brigade camp was able to take place and our Associate Pastor, Matty Steel was able to attend as the Chaplain for the week. As always, the partnership with Hardwick Baptist Church was a real blessing. We worked through the 'I am' statements of Jesus from John's Gospel. It was a great time with the lads and there were some encouraging conversations as we shared Jesus.

Girls' Brigade

The group is beginning to get back to normal after the disruption of the COVID pandemic. Numbers are growing with 90% non-church families. The sale of Christmas cakes was once again popular and profits were shared between Girls & Boys' Brigade. We continue seeking links with families who don't have any other involvement with church.

Refugee and Asylum Seekers ministry (RAS)

A RAS Administrator is employed by the Church and is supported by a strong volunteer RAS team. There are Drop in volunteers, English teachers' volunteers, Strong links to Alpha plus, 20/30 group and CAP.

The RAS ministry has continued in different formats over the Covid lockdowns. We visited ladies in the Initial Accommodation hotel to establish contact. We have networked with other organisations across the

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Tees valley to support asylum seekers, e.g. through the new furniture store and also volunteering with Action asylum that is hosted by Refugee Futures. In-house we have used the opportunity to develop our volunteer process and safe recruitment, thanks to the RAS Administrator's expertise. The Drop ins and English classes have restarted and are going well. Highlights for the year include:

- Increasing integration and involvement of RAS friends in church life and service.
- Working with the Bike Project, based in London, who are providing 100 bikes to asylum seekers in the Tees valley. 25 delivered to Stockton in November, and a further 25 delivered in May.
- A successful bid for £5K funding to support newly arrived asylum seekers in Stockton. This will be in partnership with the Red Cross who will be providing a staff member 2 days per week.
- A truly blessed weekend training event with Rev. Elnur Jabayev whose ministry and teaching was inspirational to both the RAS community and the volunteers.
- An increasing understanding of the need to separate Christian experience and discipleship from the Immigration process. This has resulted in fewer baptisms, but hopefully clearer testimonies.

Prayer Ministry

Now that we are back in church and able to pray face to face with people, it is such a blessing after the covid period. We work on a rota basis, with volunteers serving usually once every six weeks. We go forward during the last time of worship and stay for a while at the end of the service. This is not a ministry limited to the prayer area but is one we can all be involved in as we talk after the service and offer to pray for any needs expressed.

Music and Audio Visual

During 2021 our priority was to continue to give glory to God using music and technology, balancing the continuing requirements around meeting together brought on us by the pandemic and to try and develop a streamed version of the face-to-face Sunday Service, allowing people who were not able to attend the building to see and feel part of a Sunday morning Worship Service. We started 2021 continuing with Zoom and Facebook to share a simple service. Using our library of songs from home and SBC recordings we then started streaming from the building. We Installed new equipment to allow a full streaming with a Live band on a Sunday morning.

Once we were able to meet back in the church building, it's been great to have a full band and the Organ live again on a Sunday morning. The Streamed Service has allowed people to feel part of a live Church Service when they've been unable to come in person. We've been hugely blessed by some of the Young People playing and leading on Sunday mornings.

AlphaPlus

We continue to run all three courses of Alpha, Growing in Christ and Freedom in Christ online in Farsi on Tuesday evenings.

- Alpha has 19 names on the register with an average attendance of 12-14 including them.
- Growing in Christ While the other two courses use recorded sessions this is taught entirely from a book in English and is translated, so is a lot of work.
- Freedom in Christ – led by a team of 3 volunteers

There is an "away day" for each course when more concentrated time can be given to meeting, learning, discussing, prayer and questioning. We do not yet have plans to return to study in person, and the obvious advantages of that are offset by the extra time taken to travel, as well as the fact that several of our students are widely separated by geography, so an element of streaming will still be desirable. The question of resuming a meal together would also need to be planned.

Reserves Policy

The reserves policy of Stockton Baptist Church is to hold three months of all expenditure to allow the church to adapt to any changes in circumstance of the church. The Trustees currently believe this amount to be £93,000 and sufficient free cash reserves were held at the year end to satisfy this policy. In the 2021 budget the trustees have budgeted to reduce the free cash reserves to the policy amount through large repairs to the Church building. This policy will be reviewed annually.

4 Plans For Future Periods

The Trustees expect to continue the activities of the charity in accordance with their current objectives.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and financial statements in accordance with applicable Charity Law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Charity Law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which show a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and its financial activities for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Comply with applicable accounting standards, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operational existence.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Name Peter Dawson

Position Church Secretary

Signature 

Date 31st October 2022

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the Trustees of Stockton Baptist Church on Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021 set out on pages 10-15.

Respective responsibilities of the Charity and the Independent Examiner

As members of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 3(3) and section 144(2) of the Act do not apply and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to

- Examine the financial statements under s.145 of the 2011 Act;
- Follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions 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 these 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:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act ; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Kate Tully FMAAT FCIE

Date 31st October 2022

Signed *K A Tully*



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Kate Tully is a Fellow Member of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners and a Fellow Member of the Association of Accounting Technicians

Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31 December 2021

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Income and Endowments from					
Donations and Legacies	2	373,069	101,321	474,391	328,721
Charitable Activities	2	25,825	0	25,825	21,160
Other Trading Activities	2	52,686	0	52,686	60,478
Investments	2	289	0	289	1,018
Total Income and Endowments		451,870	101,321	553,191	411,377
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	2	357,252	88,826	446,078	399,763
Other	2			0	0
Total Resources Expended		357,252	88,826	446,078	399,763
Net movement in funds		94,617	12,496	107,113	11,614
<i>Total Funds brought forward</i>		2,533,450	22,404	2,555,854	2,544,240
Total funds carried forward		2,628,067	34,900	2,662,967	2,555,854

Balance Sheet

As at 31 December 2021

		Note	2021 Funds £	2020 Funds £
Fixed Assets:				
		3		
	Land and buildings		2,405,392	2,132,392
	Church organ		0	4,451
Total Fixed Assets:			2,405,392	2,136,843
Current Assets				
	Debtors/Prepayments	5	8,182	16,814
	Cash at Bank and In Hand		248,962	125,768
	Held in BU Trust		7,484	281,816
Total Assets			2,670,020	2,561,241
Liabilities				
	Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	6	(5,053)	(3,387)
	Creditors: Amounts falling due after one year		(2,000)	(2,000)
Total Assets less Liabilities			2,662,967	2,555,854
The Funds of the Charity:				
	Restricted income funds		34,900	22,404
	Unrestricted income funds		2,628,067	2,533,450
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS			2,662,967	2,555,854

Approved by Stockton Baptist Church and signed on their behalf by:

Signature 

Print Name Peter Dawson

Signature 

Print Name Carolyn Ryder

Date of Approval 31 October 2022

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the period 1 January to 31 December 2021

1 Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

These Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective January 2015) – Charities SORP (FRS 102).

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

Incoming Resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability

Donations are only included in the SOFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Capital Grants are released over the economic useful life of the asset to which they relate

Resources Expended and Liabilities

Resources expended have been analysed using a natural classification.

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fixed Assets

Depreciation is provided to write off the cost, less estimated residual values, of all fixed assets, over their expected useful lives. It is calculated at the following rate:

Land and Buildings
Church Organ

Reviewed as needed for revaluation but not depreciated
5% Straight Line basis

Other fixed assets are written off in the year of purchase. The trustees consider that this is prudent in view of the short life of these assets.

2 Funds

The Charity has one fund, an unrestricted general fund and a number of restricted funds.

There are no designated funds at this time.

Restricted Funds	Balance B/f 01/01/2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Funds C/f 31/12/2021 £
Andrew & Helen Symmonds (MAF)	280	6,943	7,223	0
BMS	270	100	142	228
Building Fund	0	54,877	36,000	18,877
CAP	1,427	6,150	5,841	1,736
Children's Work	855	2,483	2,305	1,033
Community Garden	0	1,000	0	1,000
Event Income	0	387	387	0
Fellowship fund	3,472	0	2,796	676
Funeral Collections	0	380	247	133
Gifts	555	3,850	4375	30
Hartington Road	57	14,159	14,216	0
Overseas Mission	2,795	299	0	3,094
RAS	5,943	8,060	10,240	3,763
Spurgeon's Childcare	370	394	370	394
Tab Toddlers	2,096	0	1,089	1,007
Youth Missions	2,103	0	0	2,103
Youth Work	2,181	2,239	3,595	825
Total Funds	22,404	101,321	88,826	34,899

Income and Expenditure Analysis 2021

Income and Endowments from: Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Gifts and Donations	260,547		260,547
Asylum Seekers and Refugees	2,314	299	2,613
Other Donations/Grants		101,022	101,022
Legacy	110,208		110,208
	373,069	101,321	474,391

Income from Charitable Activities

Use of Building	16,795		16,795
Thanksgiving			0
Other Income	9,030		9,030
	25,825	0	25,825

Other Trading Activities

			0
Tax Reclaims	52,686		52,686
	52,686	0	52,686

Investment Income

Bank Interest Earned	289		289
	289	0	289

Total Incoming Resources

451,870	101,321	553,191
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Resources Expended:

Cost of Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Administration	8,614		8,614
Office Costs	4,354		4,354
Building Costs	60,644		60,644
Equipment	7,164		7,164
Ministries	12,517	88,826	101,343
Mission	32,406		32,406
Housing	4,196		4,196
Salaries	220,936		220,936
Bank Charges	1,370		1,370
Depreciation	4,451		4,451
Independent Examination of Accounts	600		600
	357,252	88,826	446,078
Total Resources Expended	357,252	88,826	446,078

Support Costs

Support Cost Type

Fundraising

Support Cost Type	Activity £	Charitable Activity £	Governance Activity £	Total Cost £
Administration		8,614		8,614
Office Costs		4,354		4,354
Building Costs		60,644		60,644
Equipment		7,164		7,164
Ministry Team		12,517		12,517
Mission		32,406		32,406
Independent Examination of Accounts			600	600
Housing		4,196		4,196
Total	0	129,895	600	130,495

3 Fixed Assets

	Land and Buildings £	Church Organ	Total £
Cost			
At 1 January 2021	2,132,392	190,000	2,322,392
Additions	273,000	0	273,000
Disposals	0	0	0
At 31 December 2021	2,405,392	190,000	2,595,392
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2021	0	185,549	185,549
Charge this period	0	4,451	4,451
At 31 December 2021	0	190,000	190,000
Net Book Value			
At 31 December 2021	2,405,392	0	2,405,392

4 Salaries/Wages

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2021 £
Gross Salaries and NI	220,936		220,936
	220,936	0	220,936
			2,021
			Number
			11

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There were no employees whose remuneration was over £60,000.

5 Debtors

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021 Total £
Bridge Coffee House	7,740		7,740
Trade Debtors/Prepayments	442		442
	8,182	0	8,182

6 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021 Total £
Trade Creditors/Accruals	4,453		4,453
Independent Examination	600		600
	5,053	0	5,053

7 Creditors: Amounts falling due after one year

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021 Total £
Loan	2,000		2,000
	2,000	0	2,000

8 Governance Costs

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021 Total £
Independent Examination	600		600
	600	0	600

9 Baptist Pension Scheme

Pensions

The church is a participating employer within the Baptist Pension Defined Benefits Scheme and has been making ongoing deficit payments to cover the costs of past service of its employees within the scheme under a recovery plan. The church understands that if it had left the scheme at the year-end, it would have had to make a one-off payment estimated to be £31,100 (as at 20/12/2021) to meet its statutory obligations to the scheme. The church has no plan to leave the scheme and expects to continue to make payments to the scheme in line with the recovery plan. The current debt is significantly reduced from £189,900 when the debt was initially calculated in February 2017. The church's contributes £4.4k per annum towards the pension deficit as required by the recovery plan.

STOCKTON BAPTIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1147883

Accounts

Stockton Baptist Church
Registered Charity No: 1147883

Financial Statements
for the year ended
31 December 2020

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Legal and Administrative Information

Name: Stockton Baptist Church

Charity No: 1147883

Principal Address: The Square
Stockton-on-Tees
TS18 1TE

PASTORAL TEAM	
Senior Minister/Chair	Andrew Waugh
Associate Minister	Matty Steel
Children's Pastor	Lydia Gurney
Youth Pastor	Helen and Paul Burns (temporary)
CHURCH OFFICERS	
Church Secretary	Phil Inch
Church Treasurer	Carlie Ryder
ELDERS	
Dave Blackman	
Diane Brown	Retired 2020
Cath Ingram	
Mark Rowland-Jones	
Vicky Smith	
Ken Toop	Appointed 2020
John Bunce	Appointed 2020
John Stapleton	Appointed 2020
DEACONS	
Andrew Barnett	
Peter Gurney	
John Stapleton	Retired 2020
Florence Waniwa	
Janet Walls	Appointed 11/3/2020
Derek Davison	Appointed October 2020
OTHERS	
Nick Smith	Operations Manager

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John Hughes	Buildings Manager
Susan Hughes	Office Manager
Claire Paxton	RAS Administrator
HOLDING TRUSTEES	
Alan Bowman	
Stuart Cornwell	
Ernie Hepplestone	
Martin Greenwood	
Baptist Union Corporation	

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Trustees' Annual Report

1. Structure, Governance and Management

Stockton Baptist Church is a church established under a constitution dated 11 April 2012. It is a member of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and the Northern Baptist Association. It is a charity (number 1147883) registered with the Charity Commission. It is also a member of the Evangelical Alliance.

2 Objects and Activities

The objects of the Trust are:

- a) The advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith primarily but not exclusively within Stockton-on-Tees and the surrounding neighborhood; and
- b) Such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the members of the Church in general meeting further the work of the Church

3 Achievements and Performance

Stockton Baptist Church is a church established under a Constitution dated 11 April 2012. It is a member of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and the Northern Baptist Association. It is a charity (number 1147883) registered with the Charity Commission. It is also a member of the Evangelical Alliance.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

It has of course been a very different year. All over the world, and on our doorstep, lives have been lost. People are grieving for lost loved ones, lost jobs, separation from family, isolation... the list goes on and we're a long way from seeing the back of it. As a fellowship we haven't actually lost anyone directly because of the pandemic but we have members and attenders who have lost family, and we have members and attenders who have caught the virus and had a hard fight to get back to health. So much of church life has had to be put on hold or turned into an online imitation of itself. And yet we must celebrate what has been achieved. To deal with the pandemic's impact on the fellowship we formed our advisory group concerning health issues.

The aim of "Connecting People with Jesus", under the leadership of Andrew Waugh (Senior Pastor) and Matty Steel (Associate Pastor) continued. A focus continued on the W.O.R.L.D. vision developed in 2019, and the early stages of our work with the LICC and their 'Frontline' initiatives has begun.

The work of Jess Steel as an Outreach Youth Pastor was refocused into in house youth work alongside Helen and Paul Burns in a voluntary capacity. The children's work has continued to grow under the leadership of Lydia Gurney as Children's Pastor. Nick Smith was appointed during the year as Operations Manager.

Carlie Ryder continued as Church Treasurer and Phil Inch as Church Secretary.

All church Saturday morning prayer meetings continued in an online capacity and the Oversight began a weekly prayer meeting. The church connected with Greater Europe Mission (GEM) and welcomed Tim and Dani Keith and their four children. They have begun work on a patch of ground near their home in Mill Lane in the heart of Stockton to develop it as a community Garden. Tim is currently recommencing our Local Outreach Strategy Team to develop a vision for the next year. Matty and Jess Steel continue their work on Hartington as a missional community developing new ways to interact with the people of Stockton during this challenging time.

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Refugee and Asylum Seekers ministry – Cath Ingram - Team Members: RAS Admin – Claire Paxton –management group - Pete Chapman, Pete Dawson, Heather Dawson, Emad Nejati, Katharine Lam, Ken Toop, Janet Bare, Cath Ingram (chair)

Drop in volunteers, English teachers' volunteers, Strong links to Alpha plus, 20/30 group and CAP

Work constrained due to Covid, but still active in new ways.

- Improved collaboration with partners across the Tees valley – Council, Catalyst, Mears, Red Cross, ODNE, Drop in leaders, Refugee Futures etc. facilitating new initiatives such as the storage facility. More in pipeline!
- Claire has done a great job despite the restrictions, to develop excellent working relations with partners and preparing for the restart. Thanks Claire.
- Support for ladies in Initial Accommodation hotel – welcome bags (funded by Red Cross) and Activity sessions (funded by CDCF-Catalyst and Sports lottery). Good contacts made – 3 baptised last week.
- Christmas food gift funded through Catalyst to every asylum seeker in Stockton – 780 bags!
- Housing continuing to support RAS in need.
- Restart activities over the summer and Drop ins in September. New plans in progress. Will need volunteers. More to follow, but please get in touch if you would like to be involved.

International Mission Action Group – Martin James - Team Janet Bare (Global Care), Ray Dang, Phil Inch, Cath Ingram, Martin James, Lourdes Korynek (MAF), Katharine Lam (Tear Fund), Mark Rowland-Jones, Colin Symmonds and Andrew Waugh.

- 2021 proved to be a difficult year when many of our usual activities could not take place because of the pandemic and we were unable to meet together.
- The pandemic has affected all those serving overseas. Andy and Helen Symmonds and their boys continued their long-term service in Papua New Guinea with MAF (Mission Aviation Fellowship); in August, Daisy and Will Taylor and their boys returned from serving in a hospital in The Gambia; Denise Waugh joined family in the Middle East. Others, however, found that their plans had to be cancelled because of Covid19. Ben Stapleton was unable to go to Thailand with a BMS Action Team and others were unable to go to South Africa as part of a Lionsrao team to work on building projects at the Steven Davison Primary School in the Valley of 1,000 Hills.
- It has been our privilege as a church to support all the above along with the Mahon family who are our BMS partners in Peru in prayer, encouragement and some financially. The church's prayer meeting on the first Saturday of each month has been devoted to overseas mission. A monthly overseas mission email has been produced to help us pray effectively.
- Over £15,000 was raised for a medical clinic in Seeta Nazigo, a town in Uganda visited a number of times by mission teams from the church. Regrettably, the clinic project was unable to go ahead, but the money was distributed in 2020 to a number of other projects in Africa to provide relief as they faced the Covid19 pandemic. The efforts of all those who fund-raised have helped many children in Africa at a very difficult time.
- As we look forward, we thank God for the provision of the internet and other communications that have enabled us to maintain contact with those serving

overseas. Above all we have the privilege of praying for our friends who are serving God throughout the world.

Youth-Team Members: Jess and Matty Steel, Mark and Carolyn Rowland-Jones, Paul and Helen Burns, Lauren Goodrick.

- *What we have done:* After a year and half of meeting our young people via zoom we have been pleasantly surprised with the numbers of young people joining us twice a week for bible studies and socials. Over this past year we have led Bible studies, had guest speakers, games nights, family quizzes, murder mystery events, set challenges and met (when allowed) for group walks and games.

What we look forward to: We have now started meeting our young people in person on a Tuesday evening and for socials on a Sunday. We have had excellent attendance; however, we have many young people on the fringes who are not engaging. We will be looking to meet up with them one to one and find ways of re-engaging them. Please pray for those young people.

- *What we have done:* We introduced a new member of the team, volunteer YFC intern Lauren Goodrick. She is in her mid-20's and from Sunderland. She will be helping us with the youth work over this year.

What we look forward to: We will also be welcoming a fulltime YFC intern next month and a part-time YFC intern in September which we are very excited about. Please pray for more people within the church family to feel inspired and passionate about young people and be willing to serve.

- *What we have done:* The youth team have been meeting with young people one to one when possible and trying to create mentoring links for all our young people. We have been working on mentoring packs together for our mentors and have been working towards creating a mentoring programme.
- *What we look forward to:* So, for your prayers and consideration we are looking for enough volunteer mentors to pair with all our young people. Our aim is to do this by September and launch the new mentoring programme.

Tabernacle Trading Companies - Mike Bare

Coffee house: - Manager - Ryan Schwerin

Bookshop: - Manager - Chris Evans

- Coffee house closed in March, opened again in July (1st lockdown) then closed again in November (2nd lockdown) reopening this May. All staff were furloughed during the closed period.
- Bookshop, similarly, the shop was closed except it remained open during November and December, reopening in April. All staff were furloughed during the closed period.
- Support grants were claimed and awarded for both businesses.
- During the shop open periods and due to Covid restrictions, trading was difficult for both businesses.

Sunday Morning Stewarding – Derek Davison (leader). Haniyeh Zare (asylum support).

- We have now created two entirely new teams of six to manage the auditorium. These teams have been through safety training.
- Haniyeh and I cover the two main entrances, and check we have sufficient staff. Adrian Korynek is managing the rota for us.
- Due to the restrictions of Covid we have a big screen in the back hall for parents who can't fit into the service, who can watch on You Tube.
- This has been a difficult time, and we thank everybody who has stepped up to support us at this time.
- We look forward to the time when we will be able to manage a full church service and worship together again.

Walking Group - Jim and Fran Plane Team Members – various leaders

- We aim to have a regular walk on the third Saturday of each month
- Our last full walk was on Saturday 22nd March 2020 immediately before the first lock down when around 10 of us enjoyed the countryside around Osmotherley and Sheepwash.
- Since then there have been some local walks keeping to the numbers of people that regulations allowed.
- On 22nd May eight of us met in Richmond for a walk along the river, mainly travelling in our own cars.
- We are hoping to resume full walks in June but are still working on the advisability of offering lifts.

Ladies Link- President: Kath Clementson, Vice President: Janet Grainger, Secretary: Valerie Garratt, Treasurer: Doreen O'Brian.

- We meet weekly on a Monday evening, have a membership of approximately 25, to enjoy friendship & fellowship.
- We are usually fortunate to have a visiting speaker who opens up the word of God to us - or a representative from one of our Christian organisations.
- During this difficult time, we have kept in touch by 'phone, text messaging or each month by letter.
- Some of our group have able to meet weekly in an open space, i.e. Norton Green or Preston Park - weather permitting, when the guidelines allowed.
- We hope & pray to be able to resume our meetings in the Church building as soon as is possible.

Continuing The Journey' – Angela Raw - Tuesday Nights

Team Members **(Prior to Covid-19):**

Betty Alderson, Stephen Alderson, Lou, Michael Porter, Paul Smith, Angela Raw, Linda Hugil

I have been in regular contact with team members by either phone, email or text message since the start of the pandemic, but I am unsure if we shall restart the group after restrictions are fully lifted and who will wish to attend.

- Having lost 2 group members and one member did not always attend, I am left with only 3 regulars. It was becoming difficult to run the group or plan subject matter due to dwindling numbers (we were 14 at one point) and irregular attendance prior to Covid-19. Now that we are reduced by a further 2 in number, it may be more practical for us to join other life groups.
- Going forward, I intend to invite the remaining members to an initial meeting in early July, to establish what the interest is.
- I shall report back on what decision we have come to after the first meeting.

Christians Against Poverty - Katharine Lam -Team Members: (CAP Job Club Manager and CAP Money Coach) volunteers Mark Rowland Jones, Florence Waniwa, Angela Raw

- Delivered online CAP Kickstart and Money courses, CAP Discovery Steps and participated in national CAP evangelistic online events.
- Financial assistance from CAP, Acts 435 and National Energy Redress Fund for course members and wider community.

Men's group- Up Your Game - Katharine Lam

- Give thanks to God for funding from NET (CDCF- Catalyst), Tees Valley Sport and Lempriere Pringle
- Engagement: Walks, bike rides, geocaching, litter picks, phone calls, social activities in the park and

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- The Wellbeing Journey course (8 sessions) online

Social Action - Team Members: Mark Rowland-Jones, Dani & Tim Keith, Katharine Lam, John Stapleton, Elizabeth Ross and others

- Our focus is developing the community garden at Petch Street with the support of the Council and Cultivate Tees Valley – we have requested a 3-year agreement with Stockton Borough Council to manage the land, although this is currently on hold because of issues relating to the lack of fencing between the plot and Network Rail's land.
- We have submitted grant applications to enhance our budget and hopefully significantly reduce cost impact on the church budget.
- In the interim, we will have carried out a day's work to litter pick, clear vegetation and meet with the local community on the site in June 2021.
- We have also undertaken other litter picks in central Stockton and Teesdale as Covid regulations have permitted; otherwise, inevitably, our work has been limited by pandemic restrictions.

Prayer Ministry Report. Jean Davison - Team Members - Khatereh Ameri. Heather Bunce. Keith and Margaret Burns. Jean and Derek Davison. Heather and Pete Dawson. Ste and Rachel Douglas. Christine Gunn. Judith Hymer. June and Martin James. Adrian and Lourdes Korynek. Dora Little. Mike Quinell. Carlie Ryder. Ken Toop.

- During lockdown we have been able to offer prayer with a telephone number appearing on the screen at the end of each service. Response varied, two some weeks and none other weeks. Thanks to team members who participated in this.
- We are looking forward to being back in church and praying face to face.
- From the above list it is obvious we need some younger volunteers. We work on a rota basis, usually once every six weeks. We go forward during the last time of worship and stay for a while at the end of the service.

Jean Davison.

Communion Team – Jean Symmonds Team members – Sue Arnett, John & Jeanette Whiteside, Liz Muir, Sue Wilkin, Val Garratt, Adele Blackburn, Pam Pearson, Ann Whittaker and Chris Emmerson.

- We have a team of eleven people prepare communion for the church, with six people serving the morning and a team of five working in the evening service.
- This means working in pairs to prepare the elements early enough to be ready for the service, and then collecting everything in at the end and clearing away.
- If you feel you would like to join the team, please get in touch with me. You would be very welcome!

Children's Ministry -Lydia Gurney

Points of information

Due to Covid lockdown our main priority was to stay in touch with children and families and to continue to pray for them.

- Sunday morning Children's Chat by zoom
- Pre-recorded Kids Service@4 every Sunday
- WhatsApp groups and Facebook groups to stay in touch
- KS2 Kids Life Group on Zoom
- Packs delivered to children, zoom film nights, weekend away online

16th Teesside Boys' Brigade - Alan McDonald - Team Members: John Stapleton, Lydia Gurney, Valerie Heard, Stuart Shields, Martin Blane, Alan Hold, Andrew Davies, Kevin Walls, Stephen Dawson, Paul Burns.

Points of information

- During both lockdowns BB has been meeting on Zoom. National BB have provided some excellent material for us to work with and the sessions have been regularly attended by the boys. The downside is that we have experienced a drop off in numbers due to the change in the life patterns of parents and IT problems.
- Since some restrictions have been lifted recently the Company have been providing "Face to Face" outdoor only activities, parents being asked to book places due to our limiting numbers for the sake of social distancing. It is encouraging to see friendships between the boys as strong as ever after such a long break.
- Boys taking part recently have numbered about 25 across the whole Company compared to about 38, pre-lockdown.
- Summer camp at Redmire is being planned for, however the event taking place is dependent on Government guidelines to be issued on 21st June, being favourable.
- Going forward from September is a concern from the Covid view as well as brining the work back into being after so much time away.

Senior Citizens Luncheon Club - Margaret Cornwell - Team members: Peter & Heather Dawson Norma Dooley Alison Earl Chris Emmerson Jean & Alan Gardner Judith Hymer Pat Hedley Ruth & Phil Inch Beryl Mason Liz Muir Jean Symmonds

- Before Lockdown about sixty senior citizens came to the church every Thursday and enjoyed fellowship, a good lunch and took part in a time of worship.
- We have been unable to meet since March 2020 but the team have sought to maintain contact with our friends by regular phone calls, Christmas, Easter and Birthday cards and some doorstep visits.
- Sadly during the Lockdown five of our regular long standing members have died and we shall obviously greatly miss them.
- We look forward, hopefully, to meeting again in September, 2021.
- We would appreciate your prayers, that all of our friends will come to know the Lord Jesus as their Saviour, and that also we will welcome new friends in this new beginning.
- As ever, we are immensely grateful and thank God for those who have committed themselves to service in this ministry. We are also grateful and delighted that several new members of staff have expressed their willingness to join us as we recommence.

Sew 'n Sews - Hazel Brock

- There is a core group of 24 members.
- We have not been able to meet since March 2020.
- Managed a garden party in June 2020 which was attended by many of the group.
- Hope to start again when restrictions are lifted.

Flower Ministry – Christine Wilson

- As we are all aware the past 15 months have been very difficult for many of us in all sorts of ways. No church services, so no reason for flowers in the building.
- Flowers can bring us a smile and joy to many people. Hopefully, we will now be able to see flowers in church once again.
- I source my flowers from Aldi or Sainsburys, or from my garden. Foliage comes from my garden, hedgerows or even the church garden.
- If anyone would like to make a donation to celebrate a special birthday or anniversary, or to remember a loved one that would be welcome.
- Anita Wiseman has now left the team due to family commitments. A huge thank you Anita for all your commitment.
- If you would like to join in this ministry please get in contact with me.

Report for Music and Audio Visual – Pete Gurney

During 2020 our priority has been to continue to give glory to God using music and technology despite the pandemic, to enable some sort of Sunday Service to be produced and ensure it is shared as widely as possible.

- We planned to stream from the building initially, this was stopped by the full shutdown.
- Initially relied on Zoom and Facebook to share a simple service.
- Encouraged people to develop their own IT skills and make recordings of songs from home.
- Managed to build a library of songs to use in services from Home and SBC recordings.
- Developed a service streaming solution from the building with recorded music.
- Made changes to the theatrical lighting in the Auditorium to change the “look” on stage and screen.
- Working towards full streaming with a Live band, which will require more technology and additional personnel.

Little Fish Toddlers– Lydia Gurney -Team members Denise Waugh, Helen Murray, Rob and Hilary Jones, Hannah Mann

Refreshments Team: Kath Clementson, Ann Petch and Doreen O'Brien

Due to Covid lockdown we were unable to meet in person and although we tried a couple of zoom sessions there was no take up. During most of 2020 we ran:

- Facebook 'live' toddlers singing time every Wednesday morning
- Kept in contact with families via Facebook page, cards and text messages
- When restrictions were lifted a little, we had some meet ups outdoors for buggy walks in the park.

Operations Manager- Nick Smith Team members: Susan Hughes, John Hughes, Allyson Brown, Denise Brown

Points of information:

- Working on improvement and standardization of all policies and procedures, including a new Safe Recruitment and volunteer induction process.
- Continuing to help prepare for and deliver commercial bookings in the auditorium – in the first half of 2021, church has generated 150% of the year's expected room booking revenue. Both our in-room technical equipment and our livestreaming capability are being utilized by renters of the auditorium. There is reason to believe that Police bookings may continue after COVID restrictions are lifted.
- Building use – we are moving equipment and storage around to allow some groups to shift or find a new home. The youth are now using the Upper Hall, with some sofas in place to give them an area they can feel at home in, and the young children have come downstairs on Sunday mornings. Renovations to rooms (filling, painting, and general upkeep) are ongoing.
- Provision and maintenance of Microsoft environment, new electronic HR system (for holiday and absence recording), in-building IT systems for church staff, leadership and volunteers.

Girls' Brigade – Sarah Davies – Team members -Lydia Gurney, Liz Muir, Judith Wintringham, Lisa Clift, Sheila Buttery, Jess Steel.

Points of information

- Meeting via Zoom since March 2020
- Consistent number of girls each week
- Leaders delivery activity materials (i.e. craft supplies) to girls for more interactive session

- Established a rota for leaders, working well – 3 per week, any more is too many
- New members whilst operating on Zoom
- Exploring how we move forward with restrictions being eased – combination of Zoom and face-to-face
- Met a few times since May 2021 (walk and games on the parish gardens)
- Sold Christmas again last year (sharing monies raised with BB)
- Christmas cakes for this year available to order until end of October.

Life Group Report – Vicky Smith

- Most groups continue to meet via zoom. Please do pray that as restrictions change group leaders will feel confident in how to proceed in possible face to face meetings. Pray that members of groups will feel safe and continue to study together.
- We have been reduced by 2 groups for natural causes. Pray that during this time of struggle and pressure people keep their eyes fixed on Jesus and continue to seek his presence for their rest.
- The ladies' group have been continuing to meet open air. Pray for their continued blessing and the witness they can be to others passing through the parks.
- Groups are using a range of study resources and styles e.g. Studying using the Bible Project or looking at characters of the bible (Moses) and the wonderful notes that link to the Sunday sermons. Pray that all will grow in their discipleship. Be inspired by God's word and able to apply it to their frontlines.
- Attendance at small groups is good. Some are finding it difficult to attend because of current challenges and yet others have returned to groups that they haven't been to for a while. Pray that our small groups can be a support to more people as our church grows.

Alpha Plus

There has been a complete move to meeting on line because of the COVID-19 pandemic, but we continue to see strong interest in the study and application of God's word by those whose first languages are Farsi and Sorani. While we have continued three groups studying Alpha, Growing in Christ and Freedom in Christ in Farsi, we have had no English speakers applying. Denise Waugh has led two English speaking courses. Those who speak Sorani are generally from a Kurdish background, have been denied access to education, and there are very few published materials to help them. John Bunce has been meeting with a group of them and found it difficult but rewarding.

Each course lasts from ten to twelve weeks, and when meeting in person we take about a month's break between each term. Such has been the demand for continued fellowship this year we have continued to meet after the courses have been completed. Dave Blackman hosts a group twice a week called Twenties and Thirties, and that covers people of all ages while many of them "come together" from all over the country. This is probably the next incarnation of such a life group, and others may emerge.

Some groups have taken advantage of a Zoom account to meet several times a week at their own instigation. Leadership continues to be an issue, with many of us over seventy years old, and the need for at least two leaders in each group.

RISKS AND POLICIES

- Croner continued to be the church's HR and H&S professional support contract
- the church has a Security Working Group;
- the churches policies have been reviewed, including Safeguarding for Children and Vulnerable Adults
- the Deacons have considered the main areas of the church's operations and the main risks in each of these areas. In the opinion of the leaders, the church has established resources and

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reviewed systems which, under normal conditions, should allow these risks to be mitigated to an acceptable level in its day to day operations.

The trustees have considered the guidance produced by the Charity Commission on the provision of public benefit and they confirm that public benefit has been provided by the range of activities as described above.

Reserves Policy

The reserves policy of Stockton Baptist Church is to hold three months of all expenditure to allow the church to adapt to any changes in the income or expenditure of the church. The trustees currently believe this amount to be £83,000 and sufficient free cash reserves were held at the year end to satisfy this policy. In the 2020 budget the trustees have budgeted to reduce the free cash reserves to the policy amount through large repairs to the Church building. This policy will be reviewed annually.

4 Plans For Future Periods

The Trustees expect to continue the activities of the charity in accordance with their current objectives.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and financial statements in accordance with applicable Charity Law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Charity Law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which show a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and its financial activities for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Comply with applicable accounting standards, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operational existence.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Name **CAROLYN RYDER**

Position **Treasurer**

Signature 

Date **31/10/2021**

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the Trustees of Stockton Baptist Church on Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020 set out on pages 10-15.

Respective responsibilities of the Charity and the Independent Examiner

As members of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 3(3) and section 144(2) of the Act do not apply and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to

- Examine the financial statements under s.145 of the 2011 Act;
- Follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions 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 these 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:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act ; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Kate Tully FMAAT FCIE

Date 31st October 2021

Signed



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Kate Tully is a Fellow Member of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners and a Fellow Member of the Association of Accounting Technicians

Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31 December 2020

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2019 £
Income and Endowments from					
Donations and Legacies	2	270,374	58,347	328,721	341,182
Charitable Activities	2	21,160	0	21,160	22,870
Other Trading Activities	2	60,478	0	60,478	0
Investments	2	1,018	0	1,018	4,318
Total Income and Endowments		353,030	58,347	411,377	368,370
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	2	338,584	61,179	399,763	384,104
Other	2			0	0
Total Resources Expended		338,584	61,179	399,763	384,104
Net movement in funds		14,447	(2,833)	11,614	(15,734)
<i>Total Funds brought forward</i>		2,519,003	25,237	2,544,240	2,559,974
Total funds carried forward		2,533,450	22,404	2,555,854	2,544,240

Balance Sheet

As at 31 December 2020

	Note	2020 Funds £	2019 Funds £
Fixed Assets:	3		
Land and buildings		2,132,392	2,132,392
Church organ		4,451	13,287
Total Fixed Assets:		<u>2,136,843</u>	<u>2,145,679</u>
Current Assets			
Debtors/Prepayments	5	16,814	7,740
Cash at Bank and In Hand		125,768	125,256
Held in BU Trust		281,816	280,890
Total Assets		<u>2,561,241</u>	<u>2,559,565</u>
Liabilities			
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	6	(3,387)	(1,830)
Creditors: Amounts falling due after one year		(2,000)	(2,000)
Total Assets less Liabilities		<u>2,555,854</u>	<u>2,555,735</u>
The Funds of the Charity:			
Restricted income funds		22,404	3,889
Unrestricted income funds		2,533,450	2,551,846
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS		<u>2,555,854</u>	<u>2,555,735</u>

Approved by Stockton Baptist Church and signed on their behalf by:

Signature 

Print Name **PETE DAWSON**

Signature 

Print Name **CAROLYN RYDER**

Date of Approval **31/10/2021**

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the period 1 January to 31 December 2020

1 Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

These Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective January 2015) – Charities SORP (FRS 102).

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

Incoming Resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability

Donations are only included in the SOFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Capital Grants are released over the economic useful life of the asset to which they relate

Resources Expended and Liabilities

Resources expended have been analysed using a natural classification.

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fixed Assets

Depreciation is provided to write off the cost, less estimated residual values, of all fixed assets, over their expected useful lives. It is calculated at the following rate:

Land and Buildings
Church Organ

Reviewed as needed for revaluation but not depreciated
5% Straight Line basis

Other fixed assets are written off in the year of purchase. The trustees consider that this is prudent in view of the short life of these assets.

2 Funds

The Charity has one fund, an unrestricted general fund and a number of restricted funds.

There are no designated funds at this time.

Name of Fund	Balance B/f £	Income £	Expenditure £	Funds C/f £
Andrew & Helen Symmonds (MAF)	0	8,280	8,000	280
BMS	0	270	0	270
CAP	0	9,268	7,841	1,427
Children's Work	0	1,677	821	855
Fellowship fund	0	5,262	1,790	3,472
Funeral Collections	0	209	209	0
Gifts	0	1,155	600	555
Hartington Road	1,721	15,744	17,408	57
Overseas Mission	18,605	0	15,811	2,795
RAS	2,289	11,330	7,676	5,943
Spurgeon's Childcare	0	370	0	370
Tab Toddlers	2,239	131	275	2,096
Youth Missions	0	2,103	0	2,103
Youth Work	382	2,548	748	2,181
Total Funds	25,236	58,347	61,179	22,404

Name of restricted fund

Description, nature and purposes of the fund

Andrew & Helen Symmonds (MAF)	Gifts made to support the Symmonds family in their work in Papua New Guinea with Mission Aviation Fellowship
BMS	Donations towards Baptist Mission Society
CAP	Grants received for activities relating to the Christians Against Poverty (CAP) ministry
Children's work	Donations towards the church's work among children
Fellowship Fund	Donations towards those in the church suffering hardship
Funeral collections	Amounts collected at funerals
Gifts	Donations towards specific gifts made to members of the congregation
Hartington Road	Donations towards repairs and maintenance of a property to support the vulnerable
Overseas Mission	Donations towards a medical clinic in Uganda
RAS	Grants and gifts received for activities among asylum seekers
Spurgeon's Childcare	Christmas collection for the work of Spurgeon's Childcare
Tab Toddlers	Donations towards the church's work among young children
Youth Mission	Donations towards youth missions
Youth Work	Amounts received towards the church's youth work

Income and Expenditure Analysis 2020

Income and Endowments from:

Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Gifts and Donations	261,421		261,421
Asylum Seekers and Refugees	5,791	11,330	17,121
Other Donations/Grants	416	47,017	47,432
Legacy	2,746		2,746
	270,374	58,347	328,721

Income from Charitable Activities

Use of Building	2,749		2,749
Thanksgiving			0
Other Income	18,411		18,411
	21,160	0	21,160

Other Trading Activities

			0
Tax Reclaims	60,478		60,478
	60,478	0	60,478

Investment Income

Bank Interest Earned	1,018		1,018
	1,018	0	1,018

Total Incoming Resources

353,030	58,347	411,377
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Resources Expended:

Cost of Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Administration	11,813		11,813
Office Costs	45,319		45,319
Building Costs	93,051		93,051
Equipment	1,423		1,423
Ministries	127,529	61,179	188,708
Mission	33,778		33,778
Housing	14,400		14,400
Bank Charges	1,235		1,235
Depreciation	8,836		8,836
Independent Examination of Accounts	1,200		1,200
	338,584	61,179	399,763

Total Resources Expended

338,584	61,179	399,763
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Support Costs

Support Cost Type

	Fundraising Activity £	Charitable Activity £	Governance Activity £	Total Cost £
Administration		11,813		11,813
Office Costs		45,319		45,319
Building Costs		93,051		93,051
Equipment		1,423		1,423
Ministry Team		127,529		127,529
Mission		33,778		33,778
Independent Examination of Accounts			1,200	1,200
Housing		14,400		14,400
Total	0	327,313	1,200	328,513

3 Fixed Assets

Fixed Assets

	Land and Buildings £	Church Organ	Total £
Cost			
At 1 January 2020	2,132,392	190,000	2,322,392
Additions	0	0	0
Disposals	0	0	0
At 31 December 2020	2,132,392	190,000	2,322,392
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2020	0	176,713	176,713
Charge this period	0	8,836	8,836
At 31 December 2020	0	185,549	185,549
Net Book Value			
At 31 December 2020	2,132,392	4,451	2,136,843

4 Salaries/Wages

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2020 £
Gross Salaries and NI	205,896		205,896
			0
	205,896	0	205,896
			2,020
			Number
			8

There were no employees whose remuneration was over £60,000.

5 Debtors

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2,020 Total £
Bridge Coffee House	7,740		7,740
Trade Debtors/Prepayments	2,074	7,000	9,074
	9,814	7,000	16,814

6 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2,020 Total £
Trade Creditors/Accruals	2,187		2,187
Independent Examination	1,200		1,200
	3,387	0	3,387

7 Creditors: Amounts falling due after one year

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2019 Total £
Loan	2,000		2,000
			0
	2,000	0	2,000

8 Governance Costs

Governance Costs	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2020 Total £
Independent Examination	600		600 0
	600	0	600

9 Baptist Pension Scheme

The church is a participating employer within the Baptist Pension Defined Benefits Scheme and has been making ongoing deficit payments to cover the costs of past service of its employees within the scheme under the Baptist Union Pension recovery plan. The church understands that if it had left the scheme at the year-end, it would have to have made a one-off payment estimated to be £46,600 (as at 31/12/2020) to meet its statutory obligations to the scheme. The church has no plan to leave the scheme and expects to continue to make payments to the scheme in line with the recovery plan. The current debt is significantly reduced from £189,900 when the debt was initially calculated in February 2017.