

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
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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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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

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

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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.

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- 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



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

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.

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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.