

Shoreham Baptist Church Annual Report 2023-24

I start this, my last Annual Report, at the close of our year. As 2024 opened up I gave notice to the Fellowship that I would be taking early retirement and my last Sunday as Pastor of the Church would be on March 31st, Easter Sunday.

After much council and prayer, I came to the conclusion that my ministry had run its God intended course and it was time to step down and for the Church to find a successor.

This report therefore gives me one more opportunity to express what a privilege and honour it has been to work with my Eldership, all the Deacons who did their service at various times and of course the whole fellowship. Through thick and thin, the saddest of times and all the joys, I think we have together faithfully served the Lord with gladness. Twenty-three and a half years is a good shift! Well done Church and once again, thank you.

Our year began as it often did with Easter upon us. Back-to-back we had Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, The Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday and of course Easter Sunday, that great celebration of the resurrection of Jesus from the dead that confirms to us that as Jesus was raised to new life, so shall we - Hallelujah!

Church life has its seasons and its day-to-day existence. Ours had been much the same.

Home Groups continue on. A few changes here and there but the core of the Groups are virtually the core of the Church, plus some. Faithfully led and faithfully attended they serve one another in building up the Church in their most holy faith.

People come and people go, and some go home to be with the Lord. We shed our tears again at the loss of David Allen, Eve deSilva, John Skinner and Amanda Reed.

Terry Tulley left the fellowship to attend Emmanuel Shoreham. Additions to the Church; we welcomed Juley Edwards into Church membership along with Dawn Bond, Dougie Bullen, Rueben Henwood, John and Alison Podesta, and Jason Braiden, all through the waters of baptism.

Alison, John and Jason came to this point in their walk with Jesus after attending Alpha which started in early January 2024. With new faces and team members it was probably one of the best Alpha courses we had experienced. Following on from the previous year a prayer covered Alpha event was vibrant with chat and excitement. Fed well as usual by Hilary's catering team.

Back in the Autumn of 2023 our Harvest Lunch was well received and with the ministry of Messengers Choir and Singwell along with Men Only and the Ladies Ministry we touched base with people, got to know them and encouraged them to come along. It's often a long haul with people but these are the seed sowing times and you have to sow before you can reap. The Harvest Thank Offering this year was over £4,000 a rich blessing for those who received it.

It was good to see Chris Leggett return to the UK along with the rest of the Team from Bosnia. Always good to have Zeljko with us and a rich blessing to have Tea', Magdalena and Isabella too. It was good also to have our long-term Missionary, Jill Hitchcock coming back for a short visit.

Early in March 24 it was good that Cindy and I took the opportunity to fly out to Bosnia ourselves and encourage the Church there. I spoke at their two main services twice then made a recording for their *mobile church*. This was a seven-minute version of the sermon preached in the service. Something I would imagine you would have liked to have had in previous years at SBC!

A lot of travelling, a lot of talking and a lot of ministry, but a good visit.

One other ministry that keeps on serving is our CaP Debt Centre. It was good to hear of folk coming out of or being relieved of their debt burden through this highly valuable ministry. A rich blessing also to have the Area Manager's Day at Shoreham too. Something that was much appreciated by all who attended. Prayer is essential for this ministry and encouragement to Denise and her team equally essential as it continues to help those desperate for some support and relief.

In October of 23 we were able, after my marriage to Cindy Love and the subsequent vacating of the Church's Manse, to lease the Manse out. This had obviously a good effect on our finances. These will continue until the new Pastor's housing needs are known.

Easter came around again and it marked the end of our financial year. All the usual services and our Easter Egg Hunt with all the trimmings took place. Easter Sunday marked new beginnings for those baptised, and a new beginning for myself. As I preached my last sermon I felt the peace of God. For sure I didn't hear a *well done good and faithful servant* and that's because I'm not home yet. But as I close this annual report, I can say to you, well done Church, good and faithful friends. You have seen me through the worst of times and see me blessed again. Thank you.

Ray, former Pastor of the Church

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 20th June 2024 and signed on behalf by: -

Ian Stainsby – Trustee  20/6/2024.

Denise Edwards – Trustee  20/6/2024.....



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Shoreham Baptist Church

No (if any)
1148191

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/04/2023		31/03/2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
General Offering	64,951	-	-	64,951	63,728
Room Hire	12,728	-	-	12,728	10,694
Manse rental	10,452	-	-	10,452	-
Gift Aid 22-23	13,767	1,082	-	14,849	14,761
One off Gifts	7,405	-	-	7,405	5,392
Sub-total General Giving(non-spec)	109,303	1,082		110,385	94,575
Harvest Donations	-	4,770	-	4,770	3,640
CAP - donations	-	2,428	-	2,428	3,450
Grants - CAP Debt Centre	-	7,320	-	7,320	5,985
BMS	-	84	-	84	82
Grants - Love to Move	-	-	-	-	3,000
Gift for Dawn	-	1,650	-	1,650	-
Interest	602	755	-	1,357	306
bosnia support extra to church	1,375	-	-	1,375	1,870
ray gift	1,360	-	-	1,360	-
Messengers	-	6,959	-	6,959	4,305
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	112,640	25,048	-	137,688	117,213
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	N/A
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	112,640	25,048	-	137,688	117,213
A3 Payments					
Staffing	41,572	-	-	41,572	34,351
Manse costs Including Mortgage	9,195	-	-	9,195	9,406
	-	-	-	-	-
Building running costs	25,121	-	-	25,121	17,532
CAP HO payments from Church	3,600	-	-	3,600	3,600
Training and Pastoral costs	434	-	-	434	1,379
Church Giving	11,017	-	-	11,017	9,335
Church Groups	3,452	-	-	3,452	2,963
General misc. costs (Non-Building)	4,335	-	-	4,335	5,372
Sub-Total - Budgeted payments	98,726	-	-	98,726	83,938
Harvest Giving	-	5,602	-	5,602	4,500
extra manse mortgage payment	10,000	-	-	10,000	5,000
CAP Debt Centre Expenditure	-	10,957	-	10,957	8,329
	-	-	-	-	-
painting gifts used	276	-	-	276	2,284
Bosnia support extra to church payment	1,275	-	-	1,275	2,033
BMS	-	84	-	84	82
Love to Move Grant	2,700	-	-	2,700	300
love gifts	730	-	-	730	-
family fund	866	1,650	-	2,516	625
bk fees paid	680	-	-	680	-
Messengers	-	7,083	-	7,083	4,485
Sub total	115,253	25,376	-	140,629	111,576

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					N/A
		-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	115,253	25,376	-	140,629	111,576
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 2,613	- 328	-	- 2,941	5,637
	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	47,183	30,008	-	77,191	72,042
Cash funds this year end	44,570	29,680	-	74,250	77,679

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	General Account	14,256		-
	Savings	30,314		
	CAP Account	-	9,501	-
	BU Reserves Account		19,582	
			-	
	Messengers Account	-	597	-
	Total cash funds	44,570	29,680	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Gift Aid for 23/24	12,719	1,375	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Church Building		-	-
	Manse property		-	-
	Audio visual equipment		-	-
	Musical Instruments		-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Mortgage	General Account	52,182	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		IAN STAINSS	3/6/24	
	J Edwards	DENISE EDWARDS	3/6/24	



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

SHOREHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

On accounts for the year
ended

31/03/2024

Charity no
(if any)

1148191

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 03 2024

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

E. Lynn

Date:

26/04/2024

Name:

ERICA LYNN

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Previous Treasury Experience for 12 years.

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