

ST LEONARDS BAPTIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1150270

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2012-12-21

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

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Activities

Objects: THE PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF THE CHURCH IS THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH ACCORDING TO THE PRINCIPLES OF THE BAPTIST DENOMINATION. THE CHURCH MAY ALSO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND CARRY OUT OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND/OR OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD.

Activities: The principal purpose of the Church is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination. The Church may also advance education and carry out other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and/or other parts of the world.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- East Sussex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-30	£58,764	£39,717	-	-
2023-12-31	£47,495	£40,990	-	-
2022-12-31	£43,420	£58,490	-	-
2021-12-31	£46,370	£46,810	-	-
2020-12-31	£44,119	£42,178	-	-
2019-12-31	£42,972	£39,329	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Caitlin Mascord		2021-01-01
GRAHAM HODGE		2012-12-20
Ian Dennis Russell		2022-01-01
Martin Fletcher		2019-01-01
Naomi Cudmore		2014-01-23

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Accounts

ST LEONARDS BAPTIST CHURCH
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

ST LEONARDS BAPTIST CHURCH

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees

Mr G Hodge
Mrs N Cudmore
Ms M C Mascord
Mr M Fletcher
Mr I Russell

Charity number

1150270

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**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER
TO THE TRUSTEES OF ST LEONARDS BAPTIST CHURCH**

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RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES AND THE EXAMINER

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BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

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Roy M Holland BSc(Econ), FCA

Holland Harper LLP
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Date:

ST LEONARDS BAPTIST CHURCH

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FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

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3 Payments - Mission

	Period	Year
	2025	2023
	£	£
S.E.B.A.	3,690	2,501
Baptist Mission	2,520	1,680
Baptist Union	82	593
	<u>£6,292</u>	<u>£4,774</u>

**ST LEONARDS BAPTIST CHURCH
GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2025**

	Period 2025 £	Year 2023 £
<u>RECEIPTS</u>		
Tithes and offerings	29,319	23,441
Tax refunds recovered	1,645	9,211
Donations received	-	300
Vat refund	1,000	1,720
Bank interest received	427	75
Net rents from Manse	19,654	12,041
Grants	340	-
Church venue hire (including funerals)	5,081	440
Utilities, telephone and broadband	1,254	-
Pensions	-	266
Sundry	45	1
	<u>£58,764</u>	<u>£47,495</u>
<u>LESS: PAYMENTS</u>		
Stipend, pension contributions and Minister's expenses	261	11,450
Ministry	80	80
Utilities and manse expenses	11,187	5,943
Insurances	3,643	3,504
Repairs and maintenance	6,141	10,081
Mission (note 3)	6,292	4,774
Bank service charges	57	121
Donations	1,580	575
Admin and telephone	919	999
Legal fees	4,163	2,064
Musical Equipment	4,153	-
Miscellaneous	1,242	1,399
	<u>£39,717</u>	<u>£40,990</u>
<u>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR</u>	<u>£19,047</u>	<u>£6,505</u>

ST LEONARDS BAPTIST CHURCH

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 2025

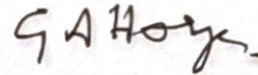
	Period 2025	Year 2023
ASSETS		
Lloyds Bank – Business Extra Account	£ 3,168	£ 3,551
Lloyds Bank – 30 Day Notice Account	30,435	15,859
CIO Account	4,854	0
	<u>£38,457</u>	<u>£19,410</u>
GENERAL FUND (unrestricted)		
As at 1 January 2024	19,410	12,905
Surplus/(Deficit) for the period	19,047	6,505
	<u>£38,457</u>	<u>£19,410</u>

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Ian Russell

Graham Hodge



ST LEONARDS BAPTIST CHURCH
SCHEDULES TO THE ACCOUNTS
 Period ended 30/06/2025

	18 mths to 30/06 2025	12 mths to 31/12 2023
Repairs and maintenance		
Maintenance	554	39
Repairs and renewals	5,488	10,042
Computer	99	-
	<u>6,141</u>	<u>10,081</u>
	-	
Utilities		
Utilities	11,187	5,793
Manse costs		150
	<u>11,187</u>	<u>5,943</u>
	-	
Miscellaneous		
Catering	293	283
Conference fees	360	560
copyright licencing	344	327
Cleaning	-	-
Housekeeping	112	170
Retirement gift for Janet	-	59
Website hosting	132	-
Rounding	1	
	<u>1,242</u>	<u>1,399</u>
	-	
Admin		
Admin	662	609
Ministry supplies	257	201
Publicity	-	127
Printing	-	62
	<u>919</u>	<u>999</u>
	-	
Donations		
Donations given	1,580	500
Designated giving forwarded		55
Donations given		20
	<u>1,580</u>	<u>575</u>
	-	

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St Leonards Baptist Church

Annual Report for the year 2023

Church membership has remained stable throughout the year with around 38 members. We have on average between 20 and 30 people - both members and visitors - in attendance on Sunday mornings. The joint evening meetings with Wellington Square Baptist Church has proved very popular and regularly attracts between 30 and 40 people. Excellent figures for two small churches with a combined membership of less than 50.

At the end of May 2023 our minister Janet retired from ministry. Janet has been in ministry for the past ten years. We are very grateful for the years of ministry she has given us and wish her well for a happy retirement. Janet will remain in membership with us and preaches regularly.

In October 2023 we lost a prominent member of our church family, Derek who served us as church treasurer for many years. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Also in October 2023 we held a baptismal service for two people. This event attracted a larger number than usual as we were joined by people from Wellington Square along with the family of those being baptised. It was good to see the church so busy and to have the baptistry in use once again.

Although we are small church with limited resources, there are many individuals who participate regularly, making contributions in every area of church life. There is a core team of around six people who preach regularly and the music team continues to serve effectively with members regularly leading at Wellington Square. We are also very grateful to David for his continued work as maintenance coordinator helping to keep the building in good order.

In the weeks leading up to Christmas, members took part in the annual shoebox appeal for 'Samaritans Purse,' a charity the church has supported

for many years. We are also in regular contact with Marc and Andrea Hotchkin who are working as missionary doctors in Chad Central Africa.

The formal process of amalgamating with Wellington Square Baptist Church to form a new church continues at steady pace and it is hoped that this will be completed sometime in 2024. We have also begun to put together a church profile in preparation for calling a minister to serve the new amalgamated church.

Although these are challenging times, the leadership and members continue to look to the future with hope in our hearts. It is our belief that God has not finished with us yet! As our verse for 2024 reads 'For I have plans for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you.' Jeremiah 29:11.'

God has a plan a plan for us as part of the glorious bride of Christ. We continue to pray and seek God's will for the future both as individuals and as a new amalgamated church.

Graham Hodge
Church Secretary
St Leonards Baptist Church.

April 2024

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ST LEONARDS BAPTIST CHURCH
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	2023	2022
ASSETS	£	£
Lloyds Bank – Business Extra Account	3,551	3,045
Lloyds Bank – 30 Day Notice Account	15,859	9,860
	<u>£19,410</u>	<u>£12,905</u>
 GENERAL FUND (unrestricted)		
As at 1 January 2023	12,905	27,975
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	6,505	-15,070
	<u>£19,410</u>	<u>£12,905</u>

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Ian Russell

Graham Hodge

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GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	2023 £	2022 £
Tithes and offerings	23,441	21,608
Tax refunds recovered	9,211	-
Donations received	300	4,000
Vat refund	1,720	-
Bank interest received	75	8
Net rents from Manse	12,041	12,411
Grants	-	4863
Church venue hire (including funerals)	440	280
Pensions	266	-
Sundry	1	250
	<u>£47,495</u>	<u>£43,420</u>
<u>LESS: PAYMENTS</u>		
Stipend,pension contributions and Minister's expenses	11,450	24,041
Ministry gifts	80	160
Utilities and manse expenses	5,943	4,036
Insurances	3,504	2,849
Repairs and maintenance	10,081	20,986
Mission (note 3)	4,774	4,176
Bank service charges	121	108
Donations	575	500
Admin and telephone	999	720
Legal fees	2,064	-
Miscellaneous	1,399	914
	<u>£40,990</u>	<u>£58,490</u>
<u>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR</u>	<u>£6,505</u>	<u>-£15,070</u>

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3 Payments - Mission

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	£	£
S.E.B.A.	2,501	2,496
Baptist Mission	1,680	1,680
Baptist Union	593	-
	<u>£4,774</u>	<u>£4,176</u>

4 It is still the intention of the Church to merge with Wellington Square Church although this had not happened by 31st December 2023.

5 At 31st December 2023 the church was still owed £1,400 from a builder who had incorrectly charged them VAT. An agreement is now in place for this to be paid to the Church on a monthly basis.

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14 April 2024

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3rd April 2024

Dear Roland

ST LEONARDS BAPTIST CHURCH

I have now completed my examination of the church records and have pleasure in enclosing a draft copy of the unaudited financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2023 for consideration by the trustees.

You will appreciate, as in the previous year, I have not undertaken an audit. Instead, I am reporting as an independent examiner under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011.

My work has involved examining the financial records in sufficient detail to provide me with a reasonable basis to decide whether the summaries you have prepared agree with the records. This involves comparing on a test basis the cash transactions with the bank statements, verifying the existence of invoices and receipts for expenses and income and making a brief examination of the records generally.

Although I have not found any major discrepancies, my examination is not to be taken to guarantee that everything is absolutely correct as there could be errors I have not noticed.

Turning to page 2, you will see a surplus for the year of £6,505 compared with a deficit in the previous year of £15,070.

There are the following points I wish to bring to your attention:-

1. Most of the figures on the receipts and payments account you should be able to reconcile to the totals you supplied but I enclose a schedule of five of the expense headings for clarity. Please let me know if you wish any of these amounts to be adjusted for under a different heading.

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2. I have taken the trustees as listed on the Charity Commission website.
3. For note 2 in the accounts, I need the combined insurance values of the premises at Chapel Park Road and 27 Clinton Crescent and also the insurance value of the church furniture, fixtures and fittings etc.
4. I have added brief notes on page 3 concerning the potential amalgamation with Wellington Square Church and the VAT owed to the Church.

There are no further points I wish to make concerning the accounts but I would be grateful if the trustees would look through the figures carefully and let me know if they have any queries and I will do my best to assist.

If, on the other hand, the trustees are able to approve the accounts, I would be grateful if two could sign page 1 between the pencil crosses on the dotted line and then clearly print their names below the line. Please also let me know the date the accounts were approved. I will then be able to send you a signed copy to keep and one from which you will be able to photocopy as many copies as you require for your AGM.

As we have now finished with the accounting records, please collect these from the office when convenient.

Finally, I enclose a note of charges for your kind attention.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely

R M Holland BSc (Econ), FCA
For and on behalf of Holland Harper LLP

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Accounts

St Leonards Baptist Church Annual report 2022.

After the restrictions and challenges of the past few years it was a delight to get back to regular worship and meetings for 2022.

Sadly the year began and ended with the deaths of long standing and much loved members – Ame in January and Graham in December.

We were able to resume many of our pre-pandemic events in the life of the church this year including our Maundy Thursday communion service and our Church Anniversary celebrations. This year we had a talent show which was enjoyed by members of both St Leonards and Wellington Square churches.

Preaching topics in 2022 included a series reading through Mark's gospel, 10 weeks considering the life of Moses, and a look through the book of Philippians. We also welcomed some visiting speakers including John, our previous minister who spoke about Bread of Life, the SEBA Project in Strood that he is heading up.

Our Wednesday Bible Study Group has been well attended throughout the year and a Friday prayer meeting has also been re-established. We have also continued to meet at Wellington Square Baptist Church on the first and third Sundays in the month for a joint evening gathering.

The plans for a formal amalgamation with Wellington Square have not yet been completed but we are holding joint leaders' meetings monthly and working together more closely where possible.

Rev Janet Mardell.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	2022	2021
ASSETS	£	£
Lloyds Bank – Business Extra Account	3,045	3,160
Lloyds Bank – 30 Day Notice Account	<u>9,860</u>	<u>24,815</u>
	<u>£12,905</u>	<u>£27,975</u>
 GENERAL FUND (unrestricted)		
As at 1 January 2022	27,975	28,415
(Deficit) for the year	<u>-15,070</u>	<u>-440</u>
	<u>£12,905</u>	<u>£27,975</u>

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**ST LEONARDS BAPTIST CHURCH
GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	2022 £	2021 £
Tithes and offerings	21,608	24,824
Tax refunds recovered	-	8,140
Donations received	4,000	2,300
Bank interest received	8	3
Net rents from Manse	12,411	11,103
Grants	4,863	-
Church venue hire (including funerals)	280	-
Sundry	250	-
	<u>£43,420</u>	<u>£46,370</u>
 <u>LESS: PAYMENTS</u>		
Stipend, pension contributions and Minister's expenses	24,041	24,050
Ministry gifts	160	150
Utilities and manse expenses	4,036	3,752
Insurances	2,849	2,758
Repairs and maintenance	20,986	7,774
Music Group	-	110
Mission (note 3)	4,176	4,266
Bank service charges	108	126
Donations	500	1,290
Admin and telephone	720	708
Miscellaneous	914	1,826
	<u>£58,490</u>	<u>£46,810</u>
 <u>(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR</u>	 <u>-£15,070</u>	 <u>-£440</u>

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Baptist Mission	1,680	1,680
Evangelical Alliance	-	90
	<u>£4,176</u>	<u>£4,266</u>

4 X The church pays pension contributions to the Baptist Ministers' Pension Fund on behalf of the minister. The fund is currently in deficit and the church is required to make increased contributions. This amounted to £12% of minimum pensionable income although it has now dropped to £1 a month.

5 There is a gift aid refund due for £8,469 for the period September 2021 to February 2023.

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24th April 2023

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1. Most of the figures on the receipts and payments account you should be able to reconcile to the totals you supplied but I enclose a schedule of two of the expense headings for clarity. Please let me know if you wish any of these amounts to be adjusted for under a different heading.

.... Cont/d

Mr R Friday

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24th April 2023

2. I have taken the trustees as listed on the Charity Commission website.
3. For note 2 in the accounts, I need the combined insurance values of the premises at Chapel Park Road and 27 Clinton Crescent and also the insurance value of the church furniture, fixtures and fittings etc.
4. It appears that the contributions the church is required to make to the pension fund deficit has now dropped to £1. Please can you check that you agree with my note 4 on page 3.

There are no further points I wish to make concerning the accounts but I would be grateful if the trustees would look through the figures carefully and let me know if they have any queries and I will do my best to assist.

If, on the other hand, the trustees are able to approve the accounts, I would be grateful if two could sign page 1 between the pencil crosses on the dotted line and then clearly print their names below the line. Please also let me know the date the accounts were approved. I will then be able to send you a signed copy to keep and one from which you will be able to photocopy as many copies as you require for your AGM.

As we have now finished with the accounting records, please collect these from the office when convenient.

Finally, I enclose a note of charges for your kind attention.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely



R M Holland BSc (Econ), FCA
For and on behalf of Holland Harper LLP

ST LEONARDS BAPTIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1150270

Accounts

St Leonards Baptist Church Annual report 2021.

2021 was another year severely impacted by Covid restrictions. We started the year still using pre-recorded services each week and meeting for a zoom coffee time at mid-day on a Sunday so that those able to join could have some fellowship time together.

We were able to start worshipping in the church at Easter but singing was still not allowed and refreshments not served so our services had a very different feel to them until restrictions lifted later in the year.

In May we were able to restart our Wednesday Bible study group although speaking wearing masks and sitting apart made it more challenging than previously.

We also joined in with the service provided live from the Baptist Assembly in May, streaming it successfully in the church and being part of a very large gathering of thousands of churches and homes.

In June we were sad to lose Barbara, one of our longest serving members .

In July we began holding joint evening meetings with Wellington Square Baptist church twice a month, once in our premises and once in theirs. This has been an encouragement to both congregations throughout the year.

We also held a 6 week Bereavement course on Wednesday afternoons in place of our Bible Study group. This was well received by those who attended.

Our church anniversary was celebrated over the first weekend in November with a games afternoon on the Saturday and a service on Sunday where Stuart, our regional minister preached.

By the end of the year our worship services were back to a pre-pandemic feel and we were able to hold a morning carol service before Christmas and a short service on Christmas day .

Rev Janet Mardell.

ST LEONARDS BAPTIST CHURCH

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ST LEONARDS BAPTIST CHURCH

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ST LEONARDS BAPTIST CHURCH

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	2021	2020
<u>ASSETS</u>	£	£
Lloyds Bank – Business Extra Account	3,160	3,000
Lloyds Bank – 30 Day Notice Account	<u>24,815</u>	<u>25,415</u>
	<u>£27,975</u>	<u>£28,415</u>
 <u>GENERAL FUND (unrestricted)</u>		
As at 1 January 2021	28,415	26,474
(Deficit)/ Surplus for the year	<u>-440</u>	<u>1,941</u>
	<u>£27,975</u>	<u>£28,415</u>

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ST LEONARDS BAPTIST CHURCH
GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	2021 £	2020 £
Tithes and offerings	24,824	22,456
Tax refunds recovered	8,140	4,349
Donations received	2,300	500
Bank interest received	3	10
Net rents from Manse	11,103	11,582
Grants	-	700
Church venue hire (including funerals)	-	422
Insurance claim	-	4,100
	<u>£46,370</u>	<u>£44,119</u>
 <u>LESS: PAYMENTS</u>		
Stipend and pension contributions	21,836	19,971
Minister's expenses	2,214	1,873
Ministry	150	142
Utilities and manse expenses	3,752	4,218
Insurances	2,758	2,052
Repairs and maintenance	7,774	7,538
Music Group	110	-
Mission (note 3)	4,266	4,230
Bank service charges	126	92
Donations	1,290	650
Admin and telephone	708	702
Miscellaneous	1,826	710
	<u>£46,810</u>	<u>£42,178</u>
 <u>(DEFICIT)/SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR</u>	 <u>-£440</u>	 <u>£1,941</u>

ST LEONARDS BAPTIST CHURCH

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3 Payments - Mission

	2021	2020
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S.E.B.A.	2,496	2,960
Baptist Mission	1,680	1,680
Evangelical Alliance	90	90
	<u>£4,266</u>	<u>£4,730</u>

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BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the church and a comparison of the financial statements with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as 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 view given by the financial statements.

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25th August 2022

ST LEONARDS BAPTIST CHURCH

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ST LEONARDS BAPTIST CHURCH

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Accounts

St Leonards Baptist Church Annual report 2020.

We started 2020 with many activities planned and held an Alpha course in conjunction with Kings Church in January/February. We also welcomed year 4 from Christ Church School into the building for their annual visit. The Winter Night shelter also used our premises up until February as did the local Chinese Church fellowship.

However, the church's activities were significantly curtailed during most of the year due to the COVID pandemic.

Following government advice we ceased meeting in person during March and have produced video Sunday services throughout the year. We were able to use the building for a few weeks from mid September and then again leading up to Christmas. However, even during these periods we were limited in what we were able to do, restricting use to Sunday mornings only. We produced an on-line carol service which received over 80 views and have had anything up to 60 video views in other weeks. These have included family and friends throughout the UK and abroad. We have continued to produce pre-recorded videos for the weeks when we have been able to use the building so that we could cater for those unable to return for any reason.

When we were able to use the building we followed all the government advice with regard to social distancing and mask wearing and used a mixture of video songs and those led by our music team although congregational singing has not been permitted.

We did manage two in-person church meetings during the year, one in February before the pandemic started and another in December to attend to necessary church business. This included recording two deaths, one transfer to another fellowship, two people leaving the area and three new members being admitted during 2020.

Pastoral care continued via telephone calls throughout the year and we provided a care package for Advent which was delivered to all those connected with the church and included various Christmas themed items.

Rev Janet Mardell.

ST LEONARDS BAPTIST CHURCH

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	2020	<i>2019</i>
<u>ASSETS</u>	£	£
Lloyds Bank – Business Extra Account	3,000	<i>1,500</i>
Lloyds Bank – 30 Day Notice Account	25,415	<i>24,974</i>
	<u>£28,415</u>	<i><u>£26,474</u></i>
	=====	<i>=====</i>
 <u>GENERAL FUND</u> (unrestricted)		
As at 1 January 2020	26,474	<i>22,831</i>
Surplus for the year	1,941	<i>3,643</i>
	<u>£28,415</u>	<i><u>£26,474</u></i>
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Rev Janet Mardell

Graham Hodge

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GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	2020	2019
<u>RECEIPTS</u>	£	£
Tithes and offerings	22,456	25,928
Tax refunds recovered	4,349	2,078
Donations received	500	950
Bank interest received	10	13
Net rents from Manse	11,582	11,976
Grants	700	1,695
Sundry	-	72
Church venue hire (including funerals)	422	260
Insurance claim	4,100	-
	44,119	42,972
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<u>LESS: PAYMENTS</u>		
Stipend and pension contributions	19,971	20,590
Minister's expenses	1,873	1,854
Ministry	142	355
Utilities and manse expenses	4,218	5,727
Insurances	2,052	1,703
Repairs and maintenance	7,538	1,152
Music Group	-	51
Mission (note 3)	4,230	5,642
Bank service charges	92	95
Donations	650	100
Admin and telephone	702	778
Miscellaneous	710	1,282
	42,178	39,329
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<u>SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR</u>	£1,941	£3,643
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Baptist Mission	1,680	<i>1,680</i>
Christian Schools Workers Hastings	-	<i>750</i>
Christians Against Poverty Hastings	-	<i>500</i>
Evangelical Alliance	90	
	<u>4,230</u>	<u><i>5,642</i></u>
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