

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

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

ST LEONARDS BAPTIST CHURCH

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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| Trustees | Mrs J Mardell Mr G Hodge Mrs N Cudmore Ms M C Mascord - appointed 1st January 2021 Mr M Fletcher Mr I Russell - appointed 1st January 2022 |
| Charity number | 1150270 |
| Address | Chapel Park Road St Leonards on sea East Sussex TN37 6HR |
| Independent Examiner | Holland Harper LLP 26 High Street Battle East Sussex TN33 0EA |

ST LEONARDS BAPTIST CHURCH

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

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

The above accounts and the notes and other information shown on pages 2 to 3 for the year ended 31 December 2021 are as approved by the Trustees. Signed by two trustees on behalf of the board on 25th August 2022

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GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|---|------------------|-------------------|
| | £ | £ |
| <u>RECEIPTS</u> | | |
| 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> |

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1 These accounts have been prepared on a "receipts and payments" basis, in accordance with Section 133 of the Charities Act 2011.

2 The church is the beneficial owner at a combined insurance value of £3,027,242 (£3,073,703) of premises at Chapel Park Road, St Leonards-on-Sea and at 27 Clinton Crescent, St Leonards-on-Sea, the legal title to which is held by the Baptist Union Corporation Limited as custodian trustee. The church also owns fixtures, furniture and equipment with an insured value of £62,986 (2020 £62,362).

3 Payments - Mission

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | £ | £ |
| 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> |

4 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.

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

This report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021 which are set out on pages 1 to 3, is in respect of an examination carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES AND THE EXAMINER

As trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirement of section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of the procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioner under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

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.

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 financial statements which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the requirements of the 2011 Act, have not been met; or
- 2 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

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