

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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ST LEONARDS BAPTIST CHURCH
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

ST LEONARDS BAPTIST CHURCH

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mrs J Mardell Mr G Hodge Mrs N Cudmore Ms M C Mascord 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 2022

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

The above accounts and the notes and other information shown on pages 2 to 3 for the year ended 31 December 2022 are as approved by the Trustees. Signed by two trustees on behalf of the board on X X 2023

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

	2022	2021
<u>RECEIPTS</u>	£	£
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>

ST LEONARDS BAPTIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

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 £ (2021 £3,027,242) 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 £ (2021 £62,986).

3 Payments - Mission

	2022	2021
	£	£
S.E.B.A.	2,496	2,496
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.

**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 2022 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.

Roy M Holland BSc(Econ), FCA

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24th April 2023

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 2022 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 deficit for the year of £15,070 compared with a deficit in the previous year of £440.

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 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.

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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