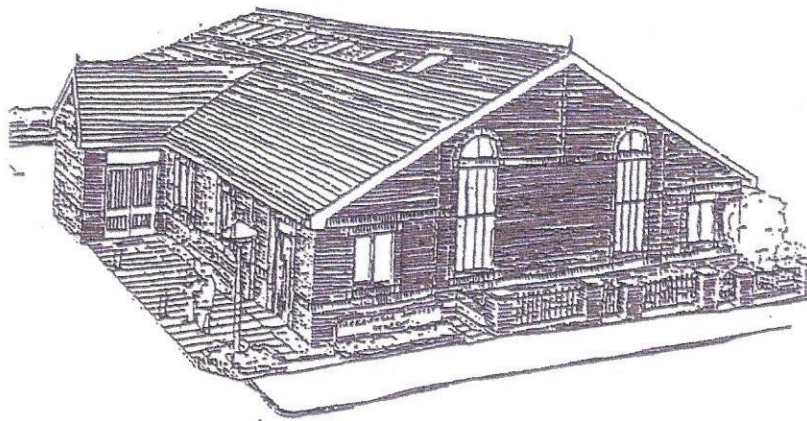


# **TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH**

**(a Registered Charity in England & Wales – Number: 1154127 )**



**Dyffryn Road  
Llandrindod Wells  
Website: [www.tabernaclebaptist.co.uk](http://www.tabernaclebaptist.co.uk)**

## **Trustees' Annual Report and Statement of Financial Activities (Annual Return and Accounts) for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020**

# **Tabernacle Baptist Church, Llandrindod Wells Trustees Annual Report 2020**

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and financial statements for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup>, December 2020. The Trustees believe that the financial statements comply with the current statutory requirements and the Charity's governing documents.

## **Charity Objectives**

The objects of the Church are:

- 1) the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Confession of Faith, primarily but not exclusively in Llandrindod Wells and the surrounding neighbourhood;
- 2) such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the managing Trustees, further the work of the Church.

It does this for the public benefit by means of its main activities which are as follows:

- Regular morning and evening Sunday Services
- Mid-week Bible Study, Prayer Meetings and occasional Missionary Meetings, on Tuesday evenings. During one week per month, the Church Fellowship meets in small groups rather than a mid-week service in the Church. The Church follows a process of reading the Bible together which involves the Church setting a monthly book or group of books in the Bible for the Fellowship to read during the month, following a study plan. The Fellowship then meets in small groups to discuss and share what they have learned from the book or books in question
- Sunday School, during the Sunday Morning Services
- Mother and Toddlers' group on Thursday mornings ("Tab Tots")
- Monthly Coffee, Cake and Chat Meetings on Friday mornings
- Friday evening Children's Meetings – the Church Junior Club for children aged from 4 years old to the end of Primary School
- Friday evening, after Junior Club, young people's meetings for youth of Secondary School age (the Youth Club)

- Saturday early morning Prayer Meetings
- Visiting of and distribution of literature to the local community
- Support (financially, practically and in prayer) of other Christian workers/organizations in the UK and overseas
- Church Camps
- Annual Holiday Bible Club
- Gospel Tent outreach

The above list of activities reflected the position until March, 2020, when the Welsh Government introduced a lockdown because of the Covid-19 Pandemic. This resulted in the Church being closed and different arrangements being followed, as set out below. During the summer, Churches were permitted to reopen but Wales remained at Alert Level 4 and the Welsh Government issued detailed guidance on the reopening of places of worship. The Church followed this guidance, prepared a risk assessment, as required by the guidance, and reopened in September with arrangements in place to comply with Welsh Government requirements. Wales remained at Alert Level 4 for the remainder of the year. There was a further 'firebreak' lockdown from 23<sup>rd</sup> October to 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2020, and during this time the Church remained closed. The Church reopened on Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> November, with the restrictions required by the Welsh Government in place.

## Charity Details

### Address of the Charity:

Tabernacle Baptist Church, Dyffryn Road, Llandrindod Wells, Powys LD1 6AN

### Correspondence Address:

Mr. John Mitson, "Carneddau", 4 Highbury Fields, Llanyre, Llandrindod Wells, Powys LD1 6NF

## Trustees of Tabernacle Baptist Church

**Elder:** Rev. Robert Thomas (Pastor).

**Deacons:** Mr. Matthew Butterfill, Mr. Kevin Lewis, Mr. Gerald Hughes, Mr. John Mitson (Secretary), and Mr. Andrew Wilson.

**Deaconesses:** Mrs. Hilary Bowen and Mrs. Jan Willemsen.

**Church Officer:** Mrs. Eleri Halliday (Treasurer)



## Independent Examiner

The independent examiner for Tabernacle Baptist Church is currently Mr. Eryl Jones, B.Sc.; F.C.C.A.; C.T.A. 12 Station Terrace, Llanybydder, Carmarthenshire SA40 9XX

## Bankers

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Middleton Street  
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## Organisation

The charity is administered by the trustees listed above. New trustees are appointed by resolution of the members of the charity in accordance with the constitution. They remain in office until their resignation, disqualification or until their term of office expires, in accordance with the church constitution.

## Paid Trustees

Rev. Robert Thomas (Pastor)

## Staff

During most of the year, the post of Assistant Pastor (in training) continued to be vacant. The purpose of the post is to give a man who is preparing for the Christian Ministry the opportunity of working in support of a Pastor in an active local church in order to gain hands-on experience of ministry. The individual gains from mentoring by the Pastor and the Church gains from the involvement of the Assistant Pastor in the life of the Church and their skills and qualities. During the year, the Church continued to actively seek to fill this post and a young man came to their attention who appeared to be suitable for the post. Following preaching opportunities and an interview process, the Church followed its appointment procedures, and an appointment was made with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2020. As a result of the pandemic, the preaching opportunities were part of the Church's live streaming arrangements, and the interviews were conducted via the Zoom Platform.

## Activities

### Regular Meetings

The regular meetings on a Sunday and in the week continued until March, prior to the lockdown. The average attendance at Sunday services was 90-100 people of all ages, with 15-20 children attending Sunday School.

From March to September, the Church remained closed, and services were initially pre-recorded and then livestreamed. In addition to members of the Fellowship, encouraging numbers of other people watched the Church services online and, during the period of lockdown, there were more people accessing the services than when the Church was open.

With the reopening of the Church building the arrangements within the building were amended to comply with Welsh Government guidance including rearranging chairs to conform to social distancing requirements, the wearing of face coverings, streamlining of services, the stopping of congregational singing, improvement in ventilation, encouraging speedy departure at the end of the services, avoiding groups outside the doors and the availability of hand sanitisers. The Church continued to livestream its services to provide for those who were unable to attend because of shielding or who did not wish to attend at this stage. The ministry has been a challenge, encouragement and stimulus to our faith. We have welcomed visitors to our website but we have seen few visitors in the Church because of the Pandemic travel restrictions.

During the year, the Church Membership decreased by two from 54 to 52 and then increased by 1 to 53 when our newly appointed Assistant Pastor (in training) joined the Church. Although there is always an element of movement in Church membership as friends move in and out of the area, it is encouraging to report that our Church Membership has remained reasonably steady. The main ministry is provided by our Pastor but, during the year, we have been ministered to by one of our Church Deacons and, occasionally, by a visiting speaker. Our monthly 'bring and share' lunch to all who attend the Sunday morning service, and Church Coffee, Cake and Chat sessions, had to stop in March, with the lockdown, and Pandemic restrictions did not allow them to restart during the remainder of the year.

## Outreach Activities

Our outreach activities this year were restricted by the lockdown and the Pandemic regulations, but we were able to hold virtual carol services, one of which featured the Sunday School Nativity presentation. These were filmed away from the Church in people's homes and gardens and included members and friends of the Church taking readings and introducing the carols. These also included contributions by members of our partner churches in Llanbister. We were also able to undertake the annual distribution throughout the town and surrounding area of the Church Calendar, which comprises landscape photographs of the local area, taken by members and friends of the Church, and appropriate Bible Texts.

## Children's and Youth Work

The young people's work continued to have good numbers attending, with 20-40 adults and children at our 'Tab Tots' toddlers' group, 25-30 primary school aged children at



'Junior Club' and 10-15 teenagers at Youth Club on a weekly basis until March, when the lockdown prevented these activities from continuing. Our Sunday School closed with the Church from March to September and the families of Sunday School children were provided with resources so that they could study the lessons at home. Resources for the Tab Tots Parent, Carer and Toddler Group and the Church Junior Club were placed on the Church website and were well used. Provision for the Youth was made via the Zoom Platform initially and, when the better weather arrived, they met outside. Zoom was again used during the winter.

Although the building was open for worship, the guidance would not allow Tab Tots, our Junior Club and Youth activities to return to the Church and so the arrangements continued as when the Church was closed.

It wasn't possible to hold a Holiday Bible Club this year – it was planned for Easter, but the lockdown prevented it from taking place. This was also the case regarding our Light Party, which had been offered, in previous years, as an alternative to Halloween. The Church has supported the attendance of eligible young people at Christian Youth Camps, in the past, but this was not possible in 2020 because youth camps could not be held under the Pandemic restrictions.

## **Mission**

On various occasions throughout the year, we hosted visits from representatives of Christian missionary societies who updated us on their activities. In the main, these were offered by Zoom.

We have continued to support Christian missionary organizations and individual Christian workers in prayer and through financial support. Some of this support has been in the form of one-off gifts while others have been supported on a regular basis.

## **Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals.**

We have held a number of funeral services during this last year. However, there were no weddings and no services of Believer's Baptism during the year.

## **Use of the Church Building.**

In addition to our own services and activities, the Church building has been made available, in the past, to Christian organizations including ministers' fraternals and mission organizations. However, this was not possible in 2020 because of the Pandemic restrictions.

# **Buildings and Facilities**

The Church discussions as to how the building can be used more efficiently so that larger numbers can be accommodated in comfort, have been overtaken by the

requirements of the Pandemic regulations, particularly the need to ensure social distancing, and the Church Hall as well as the upstairs classroom, are now used for socially distanced seating in order to provide for the numbers who wish to attend. The Pandemic has caused a delay in the completion of the enhanced storage arrangements in the Church Hall, and it is hoped that this will be completed in 2021.

Ongoing work is undertaken on the structure and fabric of the building and the surrounding premises so as to maintain them in a safe condition and to ensure that they are fit for purpose.

During the year, the Church completed its annual review of its Safeguarding arrangements. The Church continues to be a member of Thirtyone:eight, formerly the Churches Child Protection Advisory Service, and uses their service for DBS checks. It also used their model documents to assist in reviews.

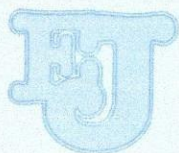
The Church also reviews its Health and Safety risk assessments on an annual basis but the main focus in 2020 has been developing and amending, as required by changes to guidance, its Health and Safety Covid-19 risk assessment which includes much of the other risk assessments.

## **Funding**

Our funds are received mainly from the members and those attending our services. The trustees consider the financial position of the Charity to be satisfactory, and that sufficient and appropriate reserves are held to safeguard the future operations of the Charity. Our reserves policy is to have 9 months expenditure in hand, or more if we think appropriate. We recognize that the current reserves exceed that amount as we are now employing an Assistant Pastor (in training). During the year, the Church Officers undertook and completed a Financial Review using the Charity Commission questionnaire on 'Internal Financial Controls for Charities' and this was found to be a useful exercise for the Church.

# **Financial Report – for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020**





**ERYL JONES**

B.Sc., F.C.C.A., C.T.A.

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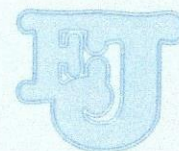
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**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of the Tabernacle Baptist Church, Llandrindod Wells**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Tabernacle Baptist Church, Llandrindod Wells for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020.

**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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiners statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. The accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and contents of the accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

**ERYL JONES**

Date: 17.03.21.

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Charity Name

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No

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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

Period start date  
01/01/2020

To

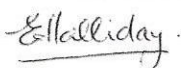
Period end date  
31/12/2020

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted General funds	Restricted Mission funds	Designated Capital Projects funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	79,605	16,691	-	96,296	88,220
Gift Aid Claims	12,125	3,031	-	15,157	15,133
Bank Interest	84	-	-	84	138
Private Copies	-	-	-	-	25
Tab Tots	-	-	-	-	212
Premises Fees	50	-	-	50	125
Misc	402	-	-	402	400
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>92,266</b>	<b>19,722</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>111,988</b>	<b>104,253</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>92,266</b>	<b>19,722</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>111,988</b>	<b>104,253</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Ministerial Costs (inclusive of Employer's NI, mileage, book allowance)	34,321	-	-	34,321	34,113
Assistant Pastor in Training (inclusive of Employer's NI, mileage, book allowance)	1,554	-	-	1,554	-
Visiting speakers	1,316	-	-	1,316	1,588
Sunday School	1,107	-	-	1,107	1,977
Children's Work	581	-	-	581	436
Donations & Gifts	488	-	-	488	4,677
Printing	3,710	-	-	3,710	3,394
Building Rep & Maint	171	-	-	171	1,351
Fittings	1,140	-	-	1,140	1,931
Fuel	2,269	-	-	2,269	1,919
Water	116	-	-	116	165
CD Recording	134	-	-	134	36
Insurance	1,070	-	-	1,070	1,053
Auditor Fee	360	-	-	360	192
Youth Camp Subsidies	-	-	-	-	264
IT, Wifi & Web, Licences	1,527	-	-	1,527	511
Kitchen Supplies & Food	166	-	-	166	1,549
ThityOne:Eight (Safeguarding)	178	-	-	178	120
Sundry	118	-	-	118	997
Mission Support	-	42,318	-	42,318	25,716
Project expenditure	-	-	3,211	3,211	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>50,326</b>	<b>42,318</b>	<b>3,211</b>	<b>95,855</b>	<b>81,989</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>50,326</b>	<b>42,318</b>	<b>3,211</b>	<b>95,855</b>	<b>81,989</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>41,939</b>	<b>- 22,596</b>	<b>- 3,211</b>	<b>16,133</b>	<b>22,264</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>- 14,643</b>	<b>14,643</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>55,902</b>	<b>7,953</b>	<b>24,031</b>	<b>87,886</b>	<b>65,622</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>83,199</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20,820</b>	<b>104,019</b>	<b>87,886</b>

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Designated Fund to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Cash At Bank 31.12.20	83,199	-	20,820
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	83,199	-	20,820
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓✓
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Designated Fund to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Gift Aid Claim for Oct - Dec 2020	2,576	585	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Building at historical cost	Unrestricted	112,990	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		Unrestricted	-	
		Restricted	-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Eleri Halliday	12.3.2021	