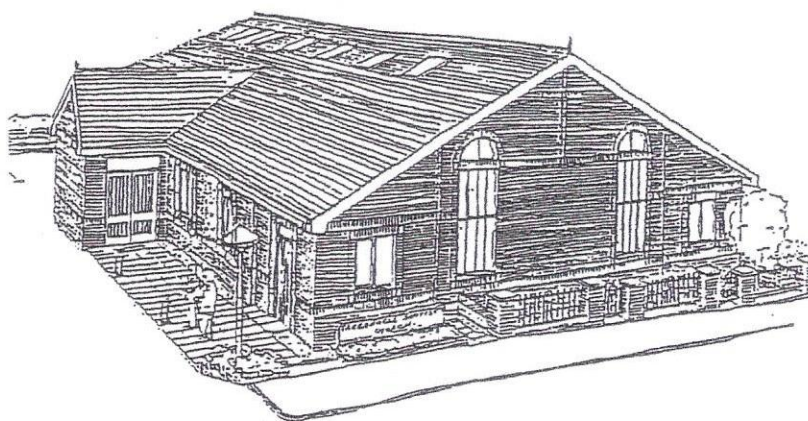


TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH

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



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Llandrindod Wells
Website: www.tabernaclebaptist.co.uk

Trustees' Annual Report and Statement of Financial Activities (Annual Return and Accounts) for the year ending 31st December 2021

Tabernacle Baptist Church, Llandrindod Wells Trustees Annual Report 2021

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and financial statements for the year ending 31st, December 2021. 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 which involves answering a series of questions about the text. 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).
- Visiting of and distribution of literature to the local community. This included the distribution of the Church Calendar.
- Support (financially, practically and in prayer) of other Christian workers/organizations in the UK and overseas.
- Church Camps (not in 2021 because of Covid-19 restrictions).
- Annual Holiday Bible Club (not in 2021 because of Covid-19 restrictions).
- Gospel Tent outreach (not in 2021 because of Covid-19 restrictions)

The above list of activities reflects the normal position in the Church but, until May, Wales was at Alert Level 4 so Church meetings could only take place with restrictions in place while the Sunday School was only able to restart in May. The Junior Club, Youth Club and Tab Tots did not re-start until September although, during the Summer, a couple of Tab Tots sessions were held outdoors together with a couple of outdoor evening Church services. The Youth sessions became Youth and Family Zoom sessions during the early part of the year and, with the better weather, they became outdoor sessions. The Church prepared detailed Risk Assessments that reflected the changing advice and guidance received from the Welsh Government. Those attending the Church adhered to the Risk Assessments and few people attending the Church suffered from Covid-19. Our normal Church activities were fully back in operation by the end of the year.

Charity Details

Address of the Charity:

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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

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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

In addition to the Pastor, the Church has in place an Assistant Pastor (in training). 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. The post was filled with effect from 1st December, 2020 and the employee is a valued addition to the ministerial provision within the Church.

Activities

Regular Meetings

The regular meetings on a Sunday continued throughout the year with Covid-19 restrictions in place and these were relaxed by the end of the year. The Sunday School re-started in May while Tab Tots, the Junior Club and the Youth Club restarted in September. The average attendance at Sunday services was 70 – 80 people of all ages, with 15 – 20 children attending Sunday School. The live streaming of the Church

services continued throughout the year and a number of people continued to watch the services from across the country.

For the first 6 months, the arrangements within the building continued to comply with Welsh Government guidance at Alert Level 4 which included rearranging chairs to conform to social distancing requirements, pre-booking of seats in services, 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, the availability of hand sanitisers and no special arrangements for Children. With the reduction in restrictions, as Wales moved to lower levels of alert, congregational singing was permitted through face masks, Sunday School restarted in May and the Tab Tots, Junior Club and Youth Club restarted in September. The monthly Coffee, Cake and Chat sessions restarted in June while the Church bring and share Fellowship lunches re-commenced in December with the Church Christmas Dinner.

During the year, the Church Membership decreased by one from 53 to 52 and remained at that level for the rest of the year. 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 and Assistant Pastor (in training) but, during the year, we have been ministered to by one of our Church Deacons and, occasionally, by a visiting speaker.

Outreach Activities

Our outreach activities this year were restricted by the lockdown and the Pandemic regulations, but, because of the reduction in restrictions, we were able to hold a Bonfire Outreach event in November and actual Christmas Carol Services, one of which featured the Sunday School Nativity presentation. We were also able to undertake the annual distribution throughout the town and surrounding area of the Church Calendar, which comprised landscape photographs of the local area, taken by members and friends of the Church, appropriate Bible Texts and short messages.

Children's and Youth Work

The young people's work continued to have good numbers attending, after the reduction in restrictions allowed the groups to re-start in September. There were 20-40 adults and children at our 'Tab Tots' toddlers' group, 20-25 primary school aged children at 'Junior Club' and 8 – 10 teenagers at Youth Club on a weekly basis. Because of the restrictions in place, prior to May, the Sunday School was closed and prior to September, the Tab Tots, Junior Club and Youth Club were closed. During the period of closure, 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. On most occasions, these Youth sessions became Youth and Family sessions and were much appreciated.

Although the building was open for worship for the whole year, the guidance, initially, 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 until the dates recorded above.

It wasn't possible to hold a Holiday Bible Club again this year – it would have taken place at Easter but the restrictions prevented it from taking place. The Church has supported the attendance of eligible young people at Christian Youth Camps, in the past, but this was not possible in 2021 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. These meetings were held in the Church and, on occasions, they were live streamed.

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.

During the year, specific gifts have been sent to support ministry in Peru, Philippines, Poland, India, and Papua New Guinea.

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, no such use took place in 2021, partly because of the Pandemic restrictions.

Buildings and Facilities

The use of the Church building continued to be re-organised until September, because of the requirements of the Pandemic regulations, particularly the need to ensure social distancing, and the Church Hall as well as the upstairs classroom, were used for socially distanced seating in order to provide for the numbers who wished to attend. The Pandemic has also 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 2022.

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.

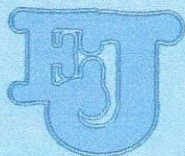
During the year, the Church completed its annual review of its Safeguarding arrangements. The Church continues to be a member of Thirtyone:eight, formerly the Churches Child Protection Advisory Service, and uses their service for DBS checks. It also used their model documents to assist in reviews. It is intended that a revised Safeguarding Policy will be considered by the Church Members, for adoption, in 2022.

The Church also reviews its Health and Safety risk assessments on an annual basis but the main focus in 2021 has continued to be 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 31st December 2021**



ERYL JONES

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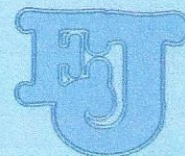
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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of the Tabernacle Baptist Church, Llandrindod Wells

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Tabernacle Baptist Church, Llandrindod Wells for the year ended 31st December 2021.

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.

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Date: 20.04.22

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/01/2021	To	Period end date 31/12/2021
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted General funds to the nearest £	Restricted Mission funds to the nearest £	Designated Capital Projects funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	90,633	24,548	3,000	118,181	96,296
Gift Aid Claims	11,755	3,291	-	15,046	15,157
Bank Interest	10	-	-	10	84
Private Copying	37	-	-	37	0
Tab Tots	5	-	-	5	0
Premises Fees	50	-	-	50	50
Misc	-	-	-	-	402
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	102,490	27,839	3,000	133,329	111,989
A2 Asset and investment sales					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	102,490	27,839	3,000	133,329	111,989
A3 Payments					
Ministerial Costs (inclusive of Employer's NI, mileage, book allowance)	35,422	-	-	35,422	34,321
Assistant Pastor in Training (inclusive of Employer's NI, mileage, book allowance)	20,901	-	-	20,901	1,554
Visiting speakers	445	-	-	445	1,316
Sunday School	1,403	-	-	1,403	1,107
Children's Work	807	-	-	807	581
Donations & Gifts	3,587	-	-	3,587	488
Bank Charges	16	-	-	16	-
Printing	4,278	-	-	4,278	3,710
Building Rep & Maint	217	-	-	217	171
Fittings	356	-	-	356	1,140
Fuel	2,088	-	-	2,088	2,269
Water	84	-	-	84	116
CD Recording	48	-	-	48	134
IT, Wifi & Web, Licences	1,102	-	-	1,102	1,527
Insurance	1,053	-	-	1,053	1,070
Auditor Fee	180	-	-	180	360
Kitchen Supplies & Food	1,015	-	-	1,015	166
ThityOne:Eight (Safeguarding)	129	-	-	129	178
Benevolence	1,000	-	-	1,000	-
Sundry	1,312	-	-	1,312	118
Mission Support	-	45,530	-	45,530	42,318
Project expenditure	-	-	3,176	3,176	3211
Sub total	75,442	45,530	3,176	124,148	95,855
A4 Asset and investment purchases (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	75,442	45,530	3,176	124,148	95,855
Net of receipts/(payments)	27,048	- 17,691	- 176	9,181	16,133
A5 Transfers between funds	- 17,691	17,691	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	83,199	-	20,820	104,019	87,886
Cash funds this year end	92,556	0	20,644	113,200	104,019

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 £
B1 Cash funds	Cash At Bank 31.12.21	88,956	-	20,644
	Stewardship Voucher	3,600	-	-
	Total cash funds (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	92,556	-	20,644
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		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Designated Fund to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details Gift Aid Claim for Oct - Dec 2021	2,651	663	-
				-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Building at historical cost	Unrestricted	112,990	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	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	29.3.22	