



Annual General Meeting 2021

14th February 2021

TRUSTEES' REPORT

INTRODUCTION

Following the AGM on 9th February 2020, the year 2020 became a transition period when the Church seemed thrown into the deep end of the sea where it must either swim or sink. Against all odds, held firmly by God's "righteous right hand" (Isaiah 41:10), our church remained today. Thank God, we did not sink. We chose to swim and to run into the Strong Tower of the Name of the Lord where the righteous are kept safe (Proverbs 18:10).

MEMBERSHIP

I have already reported the strengths and weaknesses of our Church in 2020 in my 4th pastoral letter which was posted to all non-Board members in January. Our key strengths mean we received 8 new members into the Church's register and welcome new people into our Church's fellowship. The new registered members were Lydia, Hans, Elena, Ana, Roberto, Wendy, Hugo and Maria. The new worshippers who joined us in 2020 were the Ceren family (Balthazar, Evelyn, Erika and Claudia), Santos, Kimberley, Osasere and her son, Benjamin and Charles Parkinson (and his family). A lady, Anne joined us in July when we reopened after the first Lockdown and attended Sunday and Wednesday services regularly until the District strategic meeting with Church in August. We ended 2020 with a total regular fellowship of 30 people (excluding the toddlers) who attended our services either in Church or online through Zoom.

On the other hand, we lost some members, who either withdrew their membership and left, or have stopped attending our services since the COVID-19 pandemic lockdowns started. May the Lord bless them and keep them growing strong spiritually in their new churches. Unfortunately, most of these were former leaders and trustees of the Church who during their time in office were faithful pillars that supported this ministry immensely through trying times.

LEADERSHIP

Because of the leadership gap that existed after the last AGM, the current church Board have only served for 5 months since September 2020. Two stewards were elected during the AGM last year – Bro Phillis and Sister Lydia. Both supported the Pastor greatly in keeping the Church administration going during the transition period before the new Board was commissioned. The current trustees of the Church are Pastor Jeremie (Chair), Hans Fuentes and Lydia Osawe. The official Board members include Grace Ogbeiwi as treasurer, Lydia Osawe as Secretary and Hans as Church caretaker and welfare officer. We need more volunteers as registered trustees of the Church with Charities Commission. I therefore propose that the AGM accepts the nominations for the current Board and elect them to serve in the next term also if, individually, they are happy to continue. Two new stewards are needed to support the Pastor and Board in a variety of ways in delivering the ministry of the church effectively.



MINISTRY

We have continued to minister in word and in spiritual worship through Sunday services and mid-week fellowships (Bible studies and prayer meetings). The change of the latter from Wednesdays to Mondays reduced participation (in bible study and prayer meeting) to a few members. Our men and women fellowships were added ministries, with Bro Phillis organising a few outings for the brothers and Sister Jessica Helena organising bible studies for the El Salvadoran sisters. Our Children ministries coordinated by Sister Grace – the Sunday School and the All-Sorts Children club – were put on hold because of the COVID-19 lockdowns. They are yet to resume. The Singing group or choir started in 2018 have not resumed either. By end of December 2020, there was one baby dedication. No known new conversions and no water baptisms.

BUILDING

Thanks to our Church caretakers, Hans and Helena, the church building, and environment have been kept clean, sanitised and trimmed regularly. We still hire out the church hall to companies who use it for training their staff. Regular groups such as the Barnsley Arts Club have not resumed since the lockdown in March 2020. Some repairs on the toilets were done graciously by Hans at no cost to the Church. We bought a webcam and Stephen Greener donated another too. Thanks Stephen. Renovation of the church altar has been proposed and agreed by the Church Board and which I hope the AGM will ratify and support.

FINANCE

The current signatories of the Church bank account since October 2020 are Sister Grace Ogbeiwi and Sister Jane Fieldsend. According to the annual accounts submitted by the Sister Hazel Kitching, the former treasurer for the period from October 2019 to September 2020, the total church income last year was £17,298. This meant a reduction from the income of £20,784 during the same period in the previous year because of shortfalls in all sources except Room hire.

Sources	Unrestricted	Restricted	2020	2019
	Funds	Funds	Totals	Totals
All-Sorts Club Grant		£ 350.00	£ 350.00	
Nazarene Missions International		£ 1,250	£ 1,250.00	£ 325
Tithes & Offerings	£ 8,879		£ 8,879	£ 12,683
Gifts and Donations	£ 600		£ 600	£ 610
Gift Aid Rebate	£ 2,724		£ 2,724	£ 3,660
Room Hire	£ 1,805		£ 1,805	£ 1,310
Solar Panels	£ 1,690		£ 1,690	£ 2,156
Other				£ 40
Total	£ 15,698	£ 1,600	£ 17,298.00	£ 20,784



The expenses last year totalled £18,981, also a reduction from the total expenses in 2019. Expenses also reduced on all items except utilities (electricity, gas, water and telephone/broadband). More details may be in the AGM report of the current treasurer.

Expenditure items	Unrestricted	Restricted		2020	2019
N.M.I.		£ 1,275		£ 1,275	£ 1,139
Pastor's Salary cost	£ 12,826			£ 12,826	£ 13,959
Speaker fees					£ 60
Ground Maintenance	£ 50			£ 50	£ 401
Travel Expenses	£ 82			£ 82	£ 271
Cleaning	£ 185			£ 185	£ 625
Utilities	£ 1,781			£ 1,781	£ 1,409
Copyright Lic.	£ 122			£ 122	£ 117
Insurance (5 instalments in 2020)	£ 421			£ 421	£ 985
Payroll Fees	£ 108			£ 108	£ 585
Donations					£ 80
Equipment					£ 169
					£ 398
Educational Resources					£ 107
Fees	£ 646			£ 645	£ 438
Consumables	£ 129			£ 129	£ 397
Services	£ 1,357			£ 1,357	
Total payments	£ 17,707	£ 1,275		£ 18,981	£ 21,133

PLANS FOR 2021

Thanks to all for your continued support. This year we hope to improve our discipleship ministry by adding a bimonthly discipleship seminar. The first of this will hold next Sunday. We also hope to improve our outreach to the material needs of our church members and contribute to the government's effort towards reducing hunger and poverty in the community adjoining the church. Therefore, I wish to request your ratification of the following plans already agreed by the Board.

1. Renovation of the Church altar – simplification involving removal of the woodwork, modern decoration of the background and purchase of a moveable pulpit.
2. Community Pot – a type food bank to which members can donate their non-perishable foodstuff and provisions for distribution to the needy in the Church and the community.
3. In the absence of new nominations, and if the individuals accept to continue, a re-election of the current Church Trustees and Board. New trustees and Stewards are still required.

Respectfully submitted,
 Revd. Dr. Osahon Jeremie I. Ogbeiwi, Ph.D.
 Chairman, Trustees and Minister in charge

BARNSELEY CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020

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Surplus (Deficit)	-£ 2,009.38	-£ 25	-£ 1,683	£ 1,474
Balance brought forward	£ 3,118	£ 350	£ 3,468	£ 3,211
Transfer between Funds	-£ 25	£ 25		
TOTAL FUNDS Carried forward	<u>£ 1,084</u>	<u>£ 350</u>	<u>£ 1,785</u>	<u>£ 4,685</u>
Liabilities	Uncleared Cheques			
	£ 264.00			

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	2020	2019
	£	
SANTANDER BUSINESS ACCOUNT	2423	4335
TOTAL MONETARY ASSETS	2423	<u>4335</u>

Assets retained for the charity's own use:
 A list of assets retained for the charity's
 own use is included in note 6
 to the accounts

Liabilities
 Uncleared Cheques
 Services
 Budget Dues
 Travel Expenses
 Pastor's Salary Cost
 Donations
 Consumables

The trustees declare that they have approved the accounts above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's Trustees:

Date _____

O. J. Ogbeiwi, Chair of Trustees.