

Dunstable Baptist Church

2020 Trustees' Annual Report

Section A Reference and Administrative Details

Full Name and Principle Address

Dunstable Baptist Church, St Mary's Gate, Dunstable, Bedfordshire, LU6 3SW

Registered Charity Number

1164112

Financial Year

1st January 2020 to 31st December 2020

Trustees

The managing trustees are the elders and deacons of Dunstable Baptist Church who are responsible for Church funds and the running of the Church.

The trustees who served during 2020 were:

Steve Burton	Pastor & Elder	Whole Year
Jeff Hewitt	Elder & Chairman	Whole Year
John Keble	Pastoral Worker & Elder	Whole Year
Barry King	Pastor & Elder	Whole Year
Nigel Browne	Deacon	Whole Year
Robert Davies	Deacon	Whole Year
Scott Mitchell	Deacon	January-October

Professional Advisers

Grace Baptist Trust Corporation, 19 Croydon Road, Caterham, Surry, CR3 6PA

Section B Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

Dunstable Baptist Church Constitution, Version 1 dated 28th January 2015

Appointments of Trustees/Church Leaders

The Trustees/Church Leaders were appointed by resolutions of the Church and every new appointment will be made in the same way and are recorded in the Church minutes.

Associated Charities

Dunstable Baptist Chapel (Charity Commission registered no. 233323) which is in the trust of the Grace Baptist Trust Corporation.

Christian Books, Dunstable (Charity Commission registered no. 801449)

Section C Objectives and Activities

Objects of the Charity

The principal object of the charity is the advancement of the Christian faith according to Baptist principles and in accordance with the Basis of Faith as stated in Schedule 1 of the Constitution.

The charity may also carry out other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and/or other parts of the world.

Main Activities in Relation to Public Benefit

The Trustees/Church Leaders are aware of, and have taken regard to, the Charity Commission's guidance to public benefit in "The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit" and believe that the Main Activities detailed in Section D below, that are an outworking of the Objects above, provide a benefit to the public by:

- providing resources and facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual and moral development, both for our members and for members of the public who want to benefit;
- promoting Christian values (based on the Bible), and service by members of the Church to the local community, to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

Grant Making Policy

Grants (donations) from the Church for Mission/Relief and pastoral gifts for individuals are decided by the Trustees/Church Leaders at the time that they are required and endorsed as necessary at the next Church members' meeting.

Investment Selection Policy

Current and future policies are decided by the Trustees/Church Leaders, with professional advice being sought when necessary.

Section D Achievements and Performance

The church employs two pastors, Barry King and Steve Burton. They are responsible for the pastoral care of the members of the Church and any others who come to the Church for spiritual

help. In addition, the pastors and elders are responsible for overseeing the teaching given at all meetings of the Church.

Apart from the pastors and pastoral worker all involved in the work of the Church have been volunteers. Discretionary payments have been made to those inside and outside the church undertaking individual preaching engagements that have been required. The has a Safeguarding Policy (Protection of Christian and Vulnerable Adults) and volunteers working with children and vulnerable adults have been DBS checked and trained.

Regular services and meetings have continued through the year including: Sunday worship, mid-week Bible study and prayer meetings, Early Learning Time, DBC Kids, New Mum's Support Group, and Ladies' Bible Study. This year these services were at times suspended or moved online via Zoom and YouTube due to government restrictions due to COVID-19.

During the year donations were made to our four main missions: Grace Baptist Mission, European Missionary Fellowship, the Open-Air Mission, and Caring For Life.

Section E Financial Review

Reserved Funds

At the end of the year the money held in the Barclay's Business Premium Account for the Church was £36,138

Source of Funds

The principle source of funds is the voluntary giving by the members of the church and congregation, making use of the Gift Aid Scheme and the Small Donations Scheme where appropriate.

Section F Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.



Receipts and Payments Account

for the year ended 31st December 2020

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	2019
Receipts				
Voluntary Income	80,194	900	81,094	64,662
Gift Aid Tax Refunds	13,895	-	13,895	9,117
Other Income Received	-	-	-	3,967
Investment Income	16	-	16	45
Total Receipts	<u>94,105</u>	<u>900</u>	<u>95,005</u>	<u>77,791</u>
Payments				
Pastoral Support	53,616	-	53,616	45,922
Mission Support	20,700	-	20,700	18,300
Ministry Expenses	4,355	900	5,255	12,660
Building Refurbishment	-	-	-	6,545
Building Maintenance	11,927	-	11,927	5,932
Capital Expenditure	2,057	-	2,057	-
Administration Expenses	1,050	-	1,050	1,486
Miscellaneous Expenses	1,511	-	1,511	-
Governance Costs	325	-	325	325
Total Payments	<u>95,541</u>	<u>900</u>	<u>96,441</u>	<u>91,170</u>
Excess of Payments over Receipts	-1,436	-	-1,436	-13,379
Cash Funds as at 1st January 2020	37,574	-	37,574	50,953
Cash Funds as at 31st December 2020	<u>36,138</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>36,138</u>	<u>37,574</u>



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

DUNSTABLE BAPTIST CHURCH

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December 2020

Charity no
(if any)

1164112

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2020.

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

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below~~*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Richard C. Lambert

Date:

16-2-21

Name:

RICHARD C. LAMBERT

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

N/A

Address:

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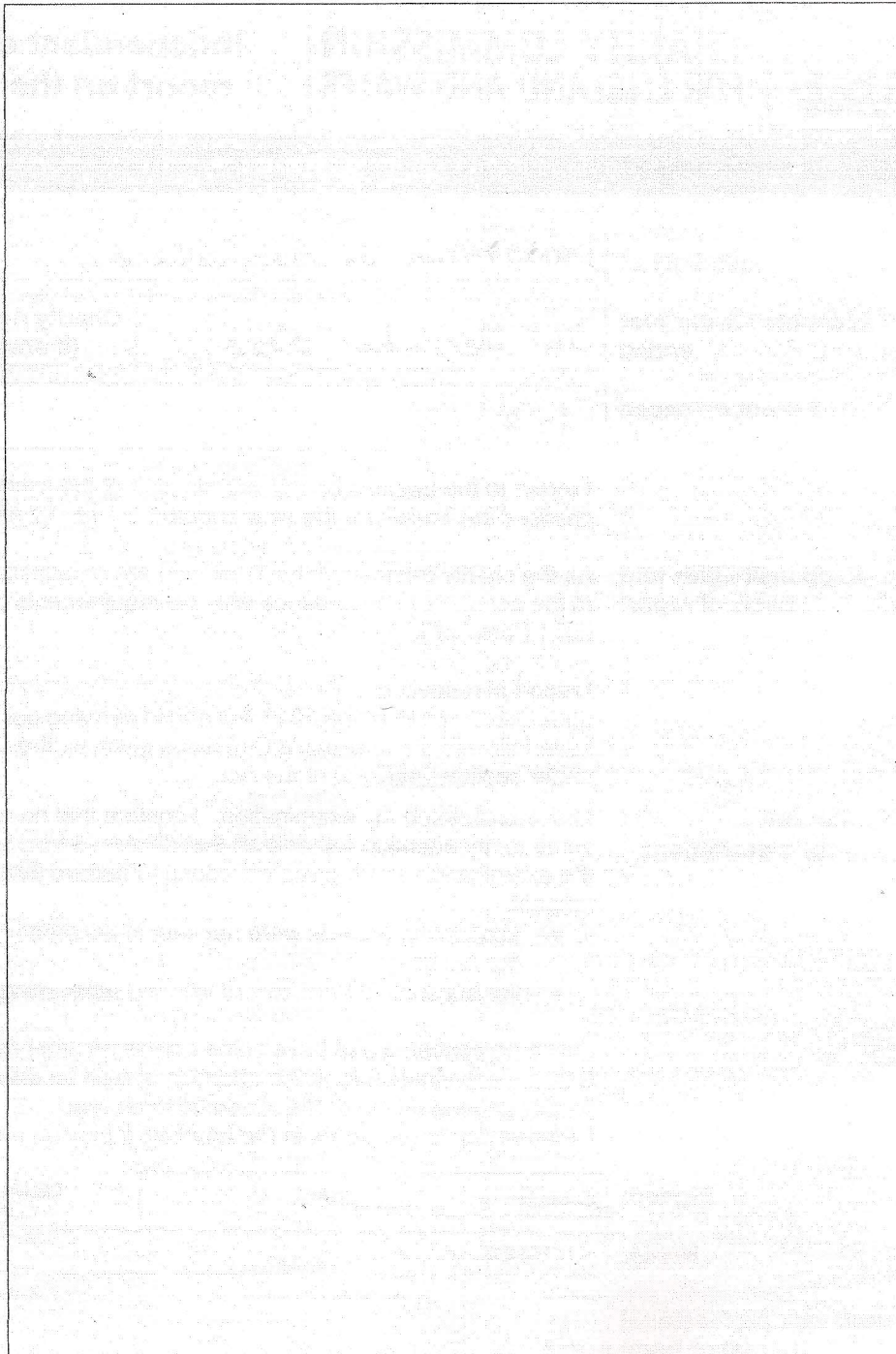
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Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

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