

Dunstable Baptist Church

2021 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 2021 to 31st December 2021

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 2021 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
Graham Starkey	Deacon	April-Dec

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, and one pastoral worker, John Keble. 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 are volunteers.

Discretionary payments have been made to those inside and outside the church undertaking individual preaching engagements that have been required. The church has a Safeguarding Policy (Protection of Christian and Vulnerable Adults) and volunteers working with children and vulnerable adults are 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, Tots and Co, and Ladies' Bible Study.

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 £357,364.

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 2021

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Manse Fund	Total Funds	2020
Receipts					
Giving Received	24,129	7,432	350	31,911	81,094
Gift Aid Giving Received	52,366	9,332	3,895	65,593	
Gift Aid Tax Refunds	16,048	-		16,048	13,895
Donations Received	329,900	300		330,200	-
Bridging Loan			26,000	26,000	
Investment Income		-		1	16
Total Receipts	<u>422,443</u>	<u>17,064</u>	<u>30,245</u>	<u>469,753</u>	<u>95,005</u>
Payments					
Pastoral Ministry	68,574	-		68,574	53,616
Mission Support	22,150			22,150	20,700
Ministry Expenses	5,711	4,954		10,665	5,255
Building Capital Expenditure	29,913	-		29,913	2,057
Building Repairs and Renewals	4,346	-		4,346	11,927
Building	5,012			5,012	
Building Manse			4,403	4,403	
Administration Expenses	1,219	-		1,219	1,050
Miscellaneous Expenses	1,620	-		1,620	1,511
Governance Costs IER	325	-		325	325
Referred Donation				300	
Total Payments	<u>138,870</u>	<u>4,954</u>	<u>4,403</u>	<u>148,527</u>	<u>96,441</u>
Excess of Payments over Receipts	283,573	12,110	25,842	321,226	-1,436
Cash Funds as at 1st January 2021	36,138	-		36,138	37,574
Cash Funds as at 31st December 2021	<u>357,364</u>	<u>-</u>	<u></u>	<u>357,364</u>	<u>36,138</u>

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Dunstable Baptist Church

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

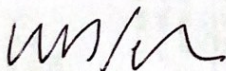
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's 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 charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. The financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of financial statements set out in the Charities (Financial statements and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.



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Date :

4 April 2022