

FLEET BAPTIST CHURCH
ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

CHARITY NUMBER 1164766

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

The Trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name	Fleet Baptist Church
Charity Number	1164766
Address	115 Clarence Road Fleet Hampshire GU51 3RS
Trustees	Ms S Rinaldi (Treasurer) Mr M Lewis (Elder) Mr R Fisher (Elder) (Resigned 28 March 2021) Mrs L Yeboah (Elder) (Resigned 16 August 2021) Mrs Y Mandiki (Elder)
Senior Staff Member	The position of Senior Pastor was vacant throughout the year.
Primary Banker	CAF Bank Ltd 25 Kings Hill Ave West Malling Kent ME19 4QJ
Solicitor	Anthony Collins Solicitors LLP 134 Edmund Street Birmingham B3 2ES
Independent Examiner	A J Bennewith FCA, FCPA, FFA, FFTA, FIPA, DChA, FRSA 3 Wey Court Mary Road Guildford Surrey GU1 4QU
Registration	Fleet Baptist Church is registered in England and Wales
Custodian Trustees	The custodian trustee of the Church is the Baptist Union Corporation Limited, which is charity number 249635 and which is controlled by the Baptist Union Council.

Structure, Governance and Management

Fleet Baptist Church ("the Church") is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation governed by the constitution adopted on 10 September 2015. On 9 December 2015, the Church registered with the Charity Commission, receiving the charity number 1164766.

The custodian trustee of the Church is the Baptist Union Corporation Limited, which is charity number 249635 and which is controlled by the Baptist Union Council.

Trustees are appointed by the Church Members' Meeting to be responsible for the governance of the Church and the fulfilment of its objectives through its activities. On appointment, Trustees are provided with copies of the constitution and the Baptist Union Corporation Limited Guideline Leaflet C15: Help I'm a Charity Trustee, as well as copies of recent Leadership Team meeting minutes and financial reports. Trustees, with the exception of the Senior Pastor, receive no financial benefit for their trustee service.

The Trustees aim to meet bi-monthly to prayerfully review progress against objectives, to discern God's will in relation to the Church's objectives and activities and to exercise governance. They delegate day to day operation of Church activities to the Pastors and volunteers appointed to lead various ministries. Church Members' Meetings are held at regular intervals (at least four times a year) to worship, to discern God's will in relation to proposals brought by the Trustees and to prayerfully consider matters in the life of the Church, such as the budget, financial reports, membership and general church activities.

The Church is a member of the Baptist Union of Great Britain, the South-Eastern Baptist Association and the Evangelical Alliance.

The Trustees have reviewed the major risks that the Church is exposed to and systems and procedures have been established to manage those risks.

Objectives and Activities

The principal objective of the Church is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination. The Church may also advance education and carry out other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and/or other parts of the world, including through gift and grant-making.

The Trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In fulfilling the above objectives, the Church will engage in a range of activities either on its own or with others that will vary from time to time with activities being initiated, expanded, or closed, as appropriate. These activities may include but are not restricted to:

- regular public worship, prayer, Bible study, teaching and training;
- baptism, as defined in the Baptist Union's Declaration of Principle;
- the Communion of the Lord's Supper which shall normally be observed at least once a month;
- evangelism and mission, locally, regionally, nationally and internationally;
- teaching, encouragement, welcome and inclusion of children & young people;
- the nurture and spiritual formation of Christian disciples;
- education and training for Christian and community service;
- giving and encouraging pastoral care;
- supporting and encouraging charitable social action in the United Kingdom and abroad;
- encouraging relationships with, and supporting, Baptists, other churches and Christians.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church buildings.

The Trustees would like to thank all the volunteers who contribute and work so hard to support the Church's activities and enable it to function.

Achievements and Performance

Although Church ministry is not solely measured in numbers, including financial numbers, they are an indication of whether resources, efforts and energies are being wisely channelled and utilised. However, less 'statistical' areas such as meaningful fellowship, pastoral support and encouragement, the teaching of God's word and the work of the Holy Spirit are also an important part of the mix and often difficult to measure.

As a Church we continue to pray and seek growth; both in size and influence. We long to see more people coming to faith in Jesus Christ and to help nurture and encourage individuals in their own spiritual growth. Also, the importance of being 'light and love' in the community is an ever-growing value as well as learning how to serve the surrounding area more effectively.

As of 31st December 2021, our membership was 130. During 2021, 6 people were received into membership and we had 1 resignation. Two members died. There were no Baptisms during 2021.

Last year, the impact of COVID-19 completely changed our 'modus operandi' in every area. Creative pastoral thinking, virtual spaces, and online services injected fresh perspectives in all areas and activities of Church life. As soon as the UK went into Lockdown during March 2020, Sunday services were streamed online and for all smaller gatherings, connect groups and members meetings, Zoom became first choice for fellowship and communication. We continually re-assessed our activities, taking advice from the Baptist Union regarding Covid compliance and government restrictions.

Our road back to in-person gatherings began at Easter 2021 after a whole year of lockdown and Covid-compliance. Continuing with an air of caution and safe-space awareness, our Easter Sunday service was an amazing time of celebration. This was also a return home to our premises at Clarence Road after taking the decision to cease meeting at All Saints Junior School, Fleet. Behind the scenes, time and investment had been put into renovating, decorating, and improving the Church buildings alongside forward planning for an overhaul of our heating and boilers. Preparation for our next season! Returning to Clarence Road was enthusiastically welcomed by our members and congregation.

As we progressed into the year, it was noticeable that returning to in-person gatherings was a cautious journey for some of our congregation. This was understandable and importance was placed on keeping good communication with those individuals and families. We were however, finding a fresh momentum. Sunday services, Powerhouse children's work, worship evenings, Men's breakfasts, 'Woven' events for women began to take shape and find a restored energy. Also, a successful Alpha course began in September which provided huge encouragement to the vision for future Alpha courses, which have continued in 2022 with resulting salvations and baptisms.

We invited guest speakers to input into our journey, including Mark Madavan, Gordon & Rachel Hickson and Helen Azer, and later in the year, Patrick Regan from Kintsugi Hope, a charity based in the UK striving to make a difference to people's mental wellbeing. We also invited our leaders to a special seminar with Patrick.

In October we celebrated our 175th anniversary as a Church with a service of gratitude for all God has done and is continuing to do. We ate together and fellowshiped together as family, excited about what lies ahead.

The Church encourages and supports members' involvement in the local community and there are many serving as volunteers and trustees in other local charities and organisations. These include Fleet Angels, Fleet Carnival, Fleet Baptist Pre-School, Fleet Christmas events and Fleet Marathons. We also support Hart Food Bank and a local charity working into schools. During 2021, involvement in these activities were re-starting after lockdown with plans for deeper involvement in some as we look ahead into 2022.

The Church conducts some of its activities through gift and grant-making. Gifts and grants were made to organisations operating overseas, nationally, and locally whose objectives reflect its own. Grants were also given to support members and attenders pursuing mission and vocational work.

Financial Review

The Church's accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021 are set out on pages 9 to 17. The Church's main source of income is offerings and donations from members and attendees and the associated gift aid claims. Expenditure over the year has supported the activities of the church by supporting staff, providing for ministries, maintaining property, and making gifts and grants.

Unrestricted income decreased by 6.08% to £194,621 (2020: £207,231). This slight decrease reflects the partial continuation of 'lockdown' where public meetings were prohibited and restricted for the first 4 months of 2021. Also, we cannot underestimate the changes and uncertainty in the wider economy and people's own financial positions as influences.

Unrestricted expenditure decreased by 22.71% to £176,278 (2020: £228,086) mainly reflecting a reduction in salary costs due the absence of a Senior Pastor in position.

After this, the Church's activities in 2021 led to an excess of incoming resources over resources expended of £18,576, being a surplus of £18,343 on unrestricted funds and a surplus of £233 on restricted funds. After the movement on the defined benefit pension scheme, the net movements are surpluses of £19,113 and £233 on unrestricted and restricted funds respectively.

Reserves Policy

The Church's policy on reserves is that Unrestricted funds are needed to provide protection against, and the ability to continue operating despite events such as a sudden loss of income or the need to designate funds to specific projects or items of expenditure at short notice. The majority of the Church's funds are in the form of the property that it uses to carry out its charitable activities (the Church buildings and the Manse), so could not be used in practice in such circumstances. Therefore, this policy focuses on the reserves that are represented by cash.

Much of the Church's expenditure is fixed or semi-fixed in nature, mainly being premises-related or staff costs. Charitable gifts and donations are not fixed in nature but, for relationship reasons, suspension of these by the Church at short notice would only be considered in extreme circumstances. The Church's income comes primarily from collections and donations from Church Members and the associated Gift Aid. Whilst there is no reliance on a dominant local employer, the risk exists of small number of significant donors suffering a dramatic fall in their income or moving away.

The Trustees believe that the minimum level of unrestricted cash reserves should be sufficient to allow for expenditure to be reduced gradually over 18 months following a sustained reduction of income to 25% below the expenditure budget. This 18-month period would comprise 6 months of review followed by 12 months of gradual cost reduction and as such a reserve of 25% of the annual expenditure budget would be required.

On 31 December 2021 unrestricted cash reserves were £166,246 (31 December 2020: £199,560), well above the budgeted reserves policy figure of £53,670. Reasons for the decrease include project expenses relating to the Church Kitchen, Garden, Lounge & an entire Boiler & Radiator installation, For the 2022 Budget the reserves policy figure is £47,580.

Plans for Future Periods

Since in-person gatherings were re-instated at Easter-time 2021 there has been an increasing sense of hope and vision, which gained momentum throughout last year and is even more evident in 2022. This momentum shift is changing the shape and substance of who we are. This is reflected in growing attendance on Sundays and in our mid-week activities, regular newcomers, welcoming new members, encouraging Alpha courses with resulting salvations and baptisms, vibrant collective worship and increasing involvement from members. Our reach within the community will continue to expand with potential plans and initiatives for 2022. Being an outward-facing church, immersed within community,

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is one of our major values alongside prayer & corporate worship, teaching and application of the Word of God, and 'being' family together.

Trustees' Responsibilities in relation to the Accounts

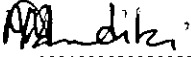
Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the Charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those accounts, the Trustees are required to:

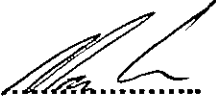
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the accounts; and
- prepare the accounts on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ascertain to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the provisions of the Trust Deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees on: 30/10/2022

And signed on their behalf by:


.....
Name: **Yvonne Mandiki**
Trustee


.....
Name: **Martin Lewis**
Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF FLEET BAPTIST CHURCH

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Fleet Baptist Church (the Trust) for the year ended 31 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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

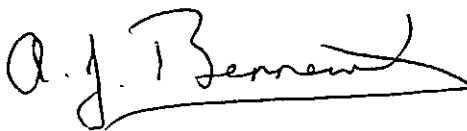
Independent examiner's statement

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 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 content of 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 confirm that there are no other matters to which your attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date:31 October 2022.....

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Note	2021 Unrestricted	2021 Restricted	2021 Total	2020 Total
		£	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	3	177,354	365	177,719	205,160
Charitable activities	4	-	-	-	2,170
Other trading activities	5	9,950	-	9,950	4,260
Investment income	6	432	-	432	953
Other income	7	6,885	-	6,885	396
Total income		194,621	365	194,986	212,939
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities:					
Ministry	8	100,698	-	100,698	158,571
Mission and events	9	29,547	132	29,679	37,311
Establishment	11	46,033	-	46,033	39,948
Total expenditure		176,278	132	176,410	235,830
Net income/(expenditure)		18,343	233	18,576	(22,891)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Other recognised gains/losses					
Actuarial (loss)/gain on defined benefit scheme	20	770	-	770	14,709
Net movement in funds		19,113	233	19,346	(8,182)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		609,950	7,734	617,684	625,866
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		629,063	7,967	637,030	617,684

The notes on pages 11 to 17 form an integral part of these accounts.

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BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Note	2021 Unrestricted	2021 Restricted	2021 Total	2020 Total
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	14	452,985	-	452,985	433,149
Current assets					
Debtors and prepayments	15	43,697	-	43,697	17,503
Cash at bank and in hand	16	166,246	7,967	174,213	207,294
		209,943	7,967	217,910	224,797
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17	(10,165)	-	(10,165)	(10,850)
Net current assets		199,778	7,967	207,745	213,947
Total assets less current liabilities		652,763	7,967	660,730	647,096
Liabilities					
Funds of the charity					
Unrestricted – General Fund				629,063	609,950
Restricted Funds				7,967	7,734
Total Funds	18			637,030	617,684

The notes on pages 11 to 17 form an integral part of these accounts.

Approved by the trustees on: 30/10/2022

And signed on their behalf by:



Name: Yvonne Mandiki
Trustee



Name: Martin Lewis
Trustee

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1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a Basis of preparation

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing the accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015), Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

b Offerings, donations, and tax refunds

Offerings and donations are accounted for gross when received. The associated tax refunds are accounted for on a receivable basis in line with the offering or donation.

c Legacies

Legacies are accounted for when their receipt is certain and can be properly quantified.

d Investment income

Investment income is included in the accounts in the year in which it is receivable.

e Fund raising and publicity costs

Expenditure on these items is not material.

f Grants payable

The Church makes grants to other organisations whose charitable objects complement its work. They are accounted for in the year in which they are payable.

g Governance costs

This represents direct expenditure on the governance of the Church. Most of the management is carried out without charge by volunteers. This intangible cost is not included in the Statement of Financial Activities since there is no measurable cost to the volunteers for their service.

h Fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Church are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £250.

The freehold land and buildings and other major assets purchased prior to 1 January 1997 were recognised in the balance sheet at their transfer value from the previous charity.

i Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, except freehold land, at rates calculated to write off their cost or valuation, less estimated residual value, of each asset over its expected useful life.

Freehold buildings transferred from previous charity	- over 31 years
Freehold buildings	- over 50 years
Furniture and fittings	- 2-4 years straight line
Equipment	- 2-4 years straight line

j. Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the Trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

k. Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

l. Pension

The church participates in a pension scheme known as the Baptist Pension Scheme. Deficit contributions to the defined benefit element of the Baptist Pension Scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities as future liabilities. Contributions to the defined contribution element are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the year to which they relate. Further details of the scheme are included in the notes of the financial statements.

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Note

		2021 £		2020 £
2	Net movement in funds			
	The net movement in funds is stated after charging:			
	Independent Examiner's Remuneration	3,600		4,000
	Independent Examiner's fees for bookkeeping and accountancy services	4,600		4,440
		2021 Unrestricted £	2021 Restricted £	2021 Total £
				2020 Total £
3	Donations and legacies			
	Offerings:			
	- Church	150,321	200	150,521
	Other donations			
	- Church	-	165	165
	Legacies	-		-
	Tax refunds	27,033	-	27,033
		<u>177,354</u>	<u>365</u>	<u>177,719</u>
				<u>205,160</u>
4	Charitable Activities			
	To further charity's objects:			
	Church events and conferences	-	-	-
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
				<u>2,170</u>
5	Other Trading Activities			
	Church premises lettings and sales of goods	9,950	-	9,950
		<u>9,950</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,950</u>
6	Investment income			
	Interest on bank and building society accounts	432	-	432
		<u>432</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>432</u>
7	Other Income			
	Miscellaneous income	-	-	-
	Profit on disposal of fixed asset	6,885	-	6,885
		<u>6,885</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,885</u>
				<u>396</u>
8	Ministry			
	Staff costs (note 12)	63,030	-	63,030
	Ministerial expenses and subscriptions	669	-	669
	Manse costs	6,920	-	6,920
	Worship, ministry teams, pastoral and youth work	15,046	-	15,046
	Administration	15,033	-	15,033
		<u>100,698</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>100,698</u>
				<u>158,571</u>

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Note	2021 Unrestricted	2021 Restricted	2021 Total	2020 Total
	£	£	£	£
9 Mission and events				
Church:				
- Events (including Alpha)	1,590	-	1,590	4,275
- Gifts and grants payable (note 10)	27,957	132	28,089	33,036
	<u>29,547</u>	<u>132</u>	<u>29,679</u>	<u>37,311</u>
10 Gifts and grants payable				
Joyful Willing Heart Community - India	-	-	-	2,225
Grants to people	3,920	80	4,000	-
Baptist Missionary Society	9,998	-	9,998	9,968
Wycliffe	1,500	-	1,500	-
Fleet and Crookham Churches Together in Schools (FACCTS)	4,500	-	4,500	4,500
Compassion Ministries	-	-	-	4,000
Karuna Action	-	-	-	2,600
Partners in Harvest	-	-	-	1,571
Open Doors	1,600	-	1,600	1,567
Other*	4,439	52	4,491	6,455
FBC Pre-School	2,000	-	2,000	-
Churches Together in Fleet and Crookham	-	-	-	150
	<u>27,957</u>	<u>132</u>	<u>28,089</u>	<u>33,036</u>
*Includes leaving collections, gifts to speakers and other small donations.				
11 Establishment				
Repairs and maintenance	16,258	-	16,258	7,073
Light and heat	5,505	-	5,505	6,002
Rates and insurance	3,347	-	3,347	3,317
Depreciation	20,923	-	20,923	23,556
	<u>46,033</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>46,033</u>	<u>39,948</u>

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Note

12	Staff costs (note 8)	2021	2020
		£	£
	Salaries	58,400	93,821
	Social security costs	1,622	5,311
	Pension costs	3,008	6,867
		<u>63,030</u>	<u>105,999</u>

The average number of employees during the year was 2 (2020: 3). No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000 during the year. The salaried employees are the two Associate Pastors (2020: the Senior Pastor to July and the two Associate Pastors throughout).

13 Trustees' Remuneration, Benefits and expenses.

There were no trustees' remuneration or benefits for the year. For 2020, the Senior Pastor until July 2020, Reverend Christopher Bird, a trustee, received £26,689, plus church pension contributions of £2,098 which are all included in staff costs. In addition, he was provided with manse accommodation for the better performance of his duties. Full details of the pension scheme are set out in note 20.

Ms Sue Rinaldi was paid £12,200 for worship leading, administrative and other general duties including streaming and leading services during lockdown (2020: £13,150 for worship leading, administrative and other duties).

There were no trustees' expenses for the year. For 2020, expenses totalling £4,406 were paid to one trustee in respect of travel, subsistence and sundry expenses.

Note

14	Tangible fixed assets	Church Premises	Manse	Equipment	Furniture & Fittings	Total
	Cost or valuation	£	£	£	£	£
	Balance at 1 January 2021	344,036	118,114	51,493	32,867	546,510
	Additions	-	-	3,005	37,754	40,759
	Disposals	-	-	(12,219)	-	(12,219)
	As at 31 December 2021	<u>344,036</u>	<u>118,114</u>	<u>42,279</u>	<u>70,621</u>	<u>575,050</u>
	Depreciation					
	Balance at 1 January 2021	38,048	10,620	43,360	21,333	113,361
	Charge for the year	7,872	2,197	6,961	3,893	20,923
	Disposals	-	-	(12,219)	-	(12,219)
	As at 31 December 2021	<u>45,920</u>	<u>12,817</u>	<u>38,102</u>	<u>25,226</u>	<u>122,065</u>
	Net book amount					
	As at 31 December 2021	<u>298,116</u>	<u>105,297</u>	<u>4,177</u>	<u>45,395</u>	<u>452,985</u>
	As at 31 December 2020	<u>305,988</u>	<u>107,494</u>	<u>8,133</u>	<u>11,534</u>	<u>433,149</u>

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Note		2021	2020
		£	£
15	Debtors and prepayments		
	Gift Aid receivable	42,618	15,586
	Interest receivable	230	556
	Prepayments	849	1,135
	Other debtors	-	226
		<u>43,697</u>	<u>17,503</u>

Note

16	Cash at bank and in hand		
	Church:		
	- CAF cash account	16,761	22,692
	- CAF gold account	10,763	18,618
	- Office expenses account (CAF)	497	549
	- Stewardship deposit account	67,432	77,282
	- NCBS deposit account	78,760	88,153
		<u>174,213</u>	<u>207,294</u>
17	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
	Accruals	10,165	10,850
		<u>10,165</u>	<u>10,850</u>

	Balance at 01.01.21	Movement in Incoming resources	Movement in resources expended	Transfer to/from Other Funds	Actuarial movement on defined benefit scheme	Balance at 31.12.2021
	£	£	£	£		£
18 Funds						
Church:						
- General Fund	609,950	194,621	(176,278)	-	770	629,063
- Charity Fund	4,016	365	(132)	-	-	4,249
- Emmanuel Fund	496	-	-	-	-	496
Toddle Along	3,222	-	-	-	-	3,222
Total	617,684	194,986	(176,410)	-	770	637,030

The Charity fund is for restricted funds received and then paid out for their specific purposes. The Emmanuel Fund is used to bless those known to Fleet Baptist Church who are unable to meet their immediate material needs. Toddle Along is an organisation that operates within Fleet Baptist Church.

19 Related Party Disclosures

The custodian trustee of the Church is the Baptist Union Corporation Limited, which is charity number 249635 and which is controlled by the Baptist Union Council. The Church is also a member of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and the South Eastern Baptist Association.

There were no related party expenses during the years ended 31 December 2021 or 31 December 2020.

In 2021, the Trustees made total unrestricted donations of £12,060 to the Church (2020: £22,778).

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20 Pensions

The Church is an employer participating in the Baptist Pension Scheme ("the BPS") and prior to the current year-end was also participating in the Baptist Union Staff Pension Scheme ("the BUSPS"). The BPS is a separate legal entity administered by the Pension Trustee (Baptist Pension Trust Limited). The BUSPS has now wound up but was also a separate legal entity administered by the Pension Trustee.

BPS is considered to be a multi-employer scheme as described in Section 28 of FRS 102. This is because it is not possible to attribute BPS's assets and liabilities to specific employers and means that contributions are accounted for as if BPS was a defined contribution scheme. The pensions costs charged to the SoFA in the year are contributions payable towards benefits and expenses accrued in that year, plus any impact of deficiency contributions.

From January 2012, pension provision for the Minister and members of staff is being made through the Defined Contribution (DC) Plan within the BPS. In general, members pay 8% of their Pensionable Income and employers pay 6% of members' Pensionable Income into individual pension accounts. In addition, the employer pays a further 4% of Pensionable Income to cover Death in Service Benefits, administration costs, and an associated insurance policy which provides income protection for BPS members in the event that they are unable to work due to long-term incapacity. This income protection policy has been insured by the Baptist Union of Great Britain with Aviva. Members of the Basic Section of BPS pay reduced contributions of 5% of Pensionable Income, and their employers also pay a total of 5%.

Benefits in respect of service prior to 1 January 2012 are provided through the Defined Benefit (DB) Plan within the BPS, or through the BUSPS prior to its wind-up. The main benefits were:

- In the BPS, a defined benefit pension of one eightieth of Final Minimum Pensionable Income for each year of Pensionable Service, together with additional pension in respect of premiums paid on Pensionable Income in excess of Minimum Pensionable Income; and
- In the BUSPS, a pension of one seventieth of a member's average salary over the last three years of pensionable service.

The BPS, previously known as the Baptist Ministers' Pension Fund, started in 1925, and the BUSPS started in 1969. Both schemes were closed to future accrual of defined benefits on 31 December 2011. The BUSPS completed winding-up on 18 September 2019.

Actuarial Valuation

The table below summarises the main results of the most recent actuarial valuations of the BUSPS and the Defined Benefit (DB) Plan in the BPS. These valuations were performed by a professionally qualified Actuary using the Projected Unit Method.

	BPS DB Plan	BUSPS
Date of valuation	31 December 2019	1 January 2017
Date next valuation due	31 December 2022	N/A – Scheme is in wind-up
Market value of scheme assets (A)	£298m	£10.3m
Technical provisions (B)	£316m	£16.2m
Deficit [(B) – (A)]	£18m	£5.9m
Funding level [(A)/(B)]	94%	64%

As a result of the valuations, in addition to the contributions to the DC Plan set out above, the following deficiency contributions were agreed:

- For the BPS, the standard rate of deficiency contributions payable remains at previously agreed levels, increasing each year in line with increases in the Minimum Pensionable Income. The deficiency contributions are broadly based on 12% of Pensionable Income / Minimum Pensionable Income, reflecting each employer's contributions in March 2015. Some employers that were involved in the DB Plan for a short period pay lower contributions. The Trustee and the Council agreed a 50% reduction for all deficiency contributions payable between 1 July 2020 to 31 December 2020. In addition, the Baptist Union of Great Britain agreed to contribute a lump sum of £0.5m by 31 December 2020. The current Recovery Plan dated 30 September 2020 envisages deficiency contributions continuing until 30 June 2026.
- At the end of June 2022, the BPS signed an agreement with the insurance company Just Group to secure members' pension benefits under the DB Plan. As a result, the Scheme no longer has a shortfall. A revised statement of contributions was announced in July 2022 with deficit contributions from each participating employer in the DB Plan reducing to £1 per month from August 2022. However, participating employers remain responsible for providing a share of any additional funds that the DB Plan may require in the future.
- For the BUSPS, previously agreed contributions of £759,000 pa (payable from 1 January 2016 and increasing each January in line with RPI inflation) were due until 31 January 2018. Following this, a lump sum payment of £2,734,062 was paid in February 2018 and further contributions were made to ensure the Scheme had sufficient assets to secure the BUSPS's benefits in full with an insurer. The total contributions were split between the sponsoring employers in line with their estimated share of the BUSPS's liabilities. These significant contributions were part of a plan to wind up the BUSPS. The Scheme formally triggered wind-up on 31 August 2018, and wind-up was completed in September 2019. As part of this, the benefits for BUSPS members who are also active members of the BPS were increased to offset the fact that their BUSPS benefits will no longer increase in future in line with changes in their salary. An additional contribution was also made to the DC Plan within the BPS for members who are yet to retire and have a BPS DC fund. In practice the Association paid money to BUGB in 2018 which was intended to cover all of the Association's outstanding commitments to the BUSPS, and a portion of this money (to the extent it was not required to secure the benefits in full and cover outstanding costs) was returned to the Association by BUGB in 2019.

The key financial assumptions underlying the valuations were as follows:

Type of assumption	BPS % pa	BUSPS % pa
RPI price inflation assumption	3.20	3.45
CPI price inflation assumption	2.70	2.70
Minimum Pensionable Income increases (BPS only)	3.20	n/a
Pensionable Salary increases (BUSPS only)	n/a	3.70
Assumed investment returns		
- Pre-retirement	2.95	3.50

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- Post retirement	1.70	2.25
Deferred pension increases		
- Pre April 2009	3.20	3.45
- Post April 2009	2.50	2.50
Pension increases (BPS main scheme pension and BUSPS pension)		
- Pre April 2006	2.70	3.25
- Post April 2006	2.70	2.15

Movement in Balance Sheet liability

Section 28.11A of FRS 102 requires agreed deficit recovery payments to be recognised as a liability. The movement in the provision is set out in the table below.

	2021	2020
	£	£
Liability at the beginning of the year	29,412	47,074
Contributions for the year	(5,050)	(3,722)
Interest cost	108	769
Remaining charge/(credit) to balance sheet (recognised in SoFA)	(770)	(14,709)
Liability at the end of the year	<u>23,700</u>	<u>29,412</u>

21 Comparatives for the Statement of Financial Activities (31 December 2020)

	2020 Unrestricted £	2020 Restricted £	2020 Total £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	200,867	4,293	205,160
Charitable activities	755	1,415	2,170
Other trading activities	4,260	-	4,260
Investment income	953	-	953
Other income	396	-	396
Total income	<u>207,231</u>	<u>5,708</u>	<u>212,939</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities:			
Ministry	158,547	24	158,571
Mission and events	29,591	7,720	37,311
Establishment	39,948	-	39,948
Total expenditure	<u>228,086</u>	<u>7,744</u>	<u>235,830</u>
Net income/ (expenditure)	<u>(20,855)</u>	<u>(2,036)</u>	<u>(22,891)</u>
Transfers between funds	<u>66</u>	<u>(66)</u>	<u>-</u>
Other recognised gains / losses			
Actuarial (loss)/gain on defined benefit scheme	14,709	-	14,709
Net movement in funds	<u>(6,080)</u>	<u>(2,102)</u>	<u>(8,182)</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	<u>616,030</u>	<u>9,836</u>	<u>625,866</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>609,950</u>	<u>7,734</u>	<u>617,684</u>