



2020 Annual report for the Charities Commission

This is the fifth Annual Report of Zion Baptist Church Melbourn CIO, which was registered as a charity on 21 December 2015. The stated principal purposes of the Church are the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination and the advancement of education and the carrying out of other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and other parts of the world.

We began 2020 engaging in a range of activities to carry out these purposes, all of which were open to any members of the public to attend. Due to the pandemic, the regulations from the government, and recommendations from the Baptist Union of Great Britain our regular activities were restricted from March 18th when we began using on-line events.

Church Services

Regular services took place at 10:30 am every Sunday morning. Following the introduction of COVID-19 restrictions we then made our services available on-line, including public worship, Bible teaching and prayer. Communion was shared in one of these services each month. Within the regulations for COVID-19 we were able to hold some evening services. One wedding took place in 2020. There was an open-air Christmas Carol service within the safety restrictions, attended by 41 people. Extra on-line services were produced for viewing during the Christmas period.

Teaching Activities for Children and Young People

Sunday school groups for children aged three to fifteen met on every Sunday during the morning service until March 15th. Some young people were involved in helping with the Sunday School groups and Creche, alongside adults.

Following the lockdown restrictions, we provided on-line activities for the younger children through newsletters and Facebook links. The 11 – 14 group continued to meet on Zoom. The Sunday school children presented a lovely nativity drama for the on-line Christmas recording.

Our midweek youth group continued throughout the year following government guidelines and led by our student youth worker. This involved a mixture of Zoom and in person meetings, which were restricted to 15 young people.

Other Teaching and Prayer Activities for Adults

The majority of adults who attend the Church are part of a house group, some of which include people who do not regularly worship at the Church. The groups met regularly, in homes and later met using Zoom, for prayer, Bible study and mutual support. The Church also held a weekly morning prayer meeting, which later became a weekly on-line evening prayer meeting.

Community and Charitable Activities

The Church hosted a weekly toddler group during term time, which attracted up to 60 families. This had to close because of the COVID-19 restrictions from mid-March. There was also a weekly coffee morning,

mostly attended by the elderly, these have been contacted weekly by the leader of the group since the start of the pandemic. The weekly craft group was also open to all, making cards to raise money for charity but ceased to meet in March. The Church premises were used weekly to host a local Scout group, this moved to outdoor and zoom activities following the government guidelines and scout association guidelines. The church hosted a local Foodbank to help the families who were struggling during the summer holidays.

The Church makes a regular tithe to the Baptist Union charities Home Mission (working in the UK) and BMS World Mission (working overseas). The church collected shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse as part of the Operation Christmas Child programme. We continue to collect monetary donations for Christ's Hope International, a charity which works with children in Africa.

Our Remembrance Day project involved participation from many people from the local community who were invited to add their own home-made poppies to the display which we placed at the front of the Church.

Church Fellowship

The plans to develop the church hall are going ahead.

We have introduced a Zoom coffee gathering every Sunday afternoon which has been well attended and is an opportunity for participants to keep up with regular conversations, keeping friendships strong. We have also been joined by people from a distance including from other countries which has strengthened contacts with some of our missionaries.

The secretarial team have produced regular newsletters keeping the fellowship informed and involved.

Statistics and Trustees

At the end of 2020, there were 71 members of the Church. Until March, in regular contact on Sundays and with other Church run groups there were approximately 90 children under 11 and 10 young people aged 11-18. Typically, around 90 to 100 people attended the service on a Sunday morning.

On-line services on YouTube show as being viewed between 60 and 170 times and by December 2020 we had 126 subscribers to our channel.

There is one non-elected Trustee (the Minister), and at the end of 2020 there were eight elected trustees.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Zion Baptist Church Melbourn

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 December 2020

**Charity no
(if any)**

1164945

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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 December 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 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.

Signed:

Date:

18 March 2021

Name:

Christopher Dougherty

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

Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

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Charity Name
Zion Baptist Church Melbourn

No (if any)
1164945

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from 01/01/2020 To 31/12/2020

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
General fund	49,267	-	-	49,267	54,387
Fabric fund	-	20,622	-	20,622	27,636
Sponsorship fund	-	-	-	-	2,000
Soul Survivor	-	-	-	-	458
Church weekend	-	-	-	-	5,985
Christ's Hope International	-	960	-	960	825
Activities	493	-	-	493	547
HMRC Gift Aid	14,805	3,688	-	18,493	25,584
Other income	-	354	-	354	2,824
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	64,565	25,624	-	90,189	120,246
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	64,565	25,624	-	90,189	120,246
A3 Payments					
Ministry Expenses	44,971	1,040	-	46,011	44,109
Manse Expenses	8,766	-	-	8,766	6,708
Church Expenses	8,456	-	-	8,456	18,927
Charitable Donations	3,293	1,310	-	4,603	7,775
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	65,486	2,350	-	67,836	77,519
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	65,486	2,350	-	67,836	77,519
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 921	23,274	-	22,353	42,727
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	81,572	89,961	-	171,533	128,806
Cash funds this year end	80,651	113,235	-	193,886	171,533

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	General Fund	80,651	-	-
	Fabric fund	-	113,109	-
	Other restricted funds	-	126	-
	Total cash funds	80,651	113,235	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

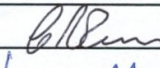
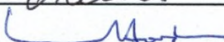
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
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		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
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	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	C R SIMS	13/03/21
	L HORDEN	13/3/21