



2021 Annual report for the Charities Commission

This is the sixth 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. 2021 was a very unusual year due to the Covid-19 pandemic and our normal activities were very much affected by this.

Church Services

We began the year in full lockdown and were not able to attend church in person, our services were pre-recorded by our minister, with his family assisting him with the music and worship. Other people were also able to contribute with Bible readings, prayers and interviews using the Zoom recording facility. Communion was shared in one of these services each month.

By Easter the government restrictions were relaxed so that we were able to meet together in person, there were still limitations and we kept strictly within the rules using guidance from both the Baptist Union and the government.

Our Easter celebrations took place outside the building where we had a display which was visible to the community as they walked along the pavement; this showed the Garden of Gethsemane, the Cross, and the Tomb. The Easter Sunday service took place outside with markers to help people to keep socially distanced.

During the summer we continued to meet outside for the beginning of the service when we sang together, moving indoors for the sermon and readings. When the cooler weather arrived, we had the whole service indoors following Covid restrictions as recommended.

Our Christmas celebrations also took place outdoors with a special 'Sense Christmas' event where we linked the 5 senses with 5 Bible readings. Some families blessed the community by providing a Christmas Day dinner for those who would otherwise have been alone.

Teaching Activities for Children and Young People

Sunday School took place on-line at the beginning of the year, moving to in person in April when the children met outside with the adults to begin with and then went into the hall for their time together. Some young people were involved in helping with the Sunday School groups and creche, alongside adult leaders. The Sunday School children put on an amazing nativity production in church at Christmas. The 11 – 14 group (Grid) met on Zoom at the start of the year, moving to alternate weeks of meeting in-person as the restrictions allowed.

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.

Our minister was involved with the local primary school during the Autumn term, helping with lessons and assemblies.

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 with us on a Sunday. All of the house groups met using Zoom to begin with and they changed to meeting in person when they were comfortable to do so. They were able to offer each other mutual support and friendship as well as meeting for prayer and Bible study. The church also held a weekly Zoom prayer meeting.

Community and Charitable Activities

Our weekly toddler group was able to re-open following the lifting of the Covid-19 restrictions in September. This is a popular weekly club held during term times and the families were pleased to be able to get back to more normal activities. Many of the children had not been able to spend time with other children until this point in their lives, so it was particularly valued in these times.

The weekly coffee morning, mostly attended by the elderly, also re-opened in September. Members of this group had kept in touch regularly on the telephone and friendships had been maintained, they were all very pleased to be able to meet together in person again.

Our weekly craft group also re-opened in September, they had maintained contact through WhatsApp and regular Zoom meetings but were very happy to get together in the church hall once more.

The local Scout group met away from the building most weeks, when the weather allowed them to meet outdoors, but they had the use of our hall whenever they needed it.

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.

Church Fellowship

The plans to develop the church hall are going ahead, and we have had some very good, successful events to raise funds also allowing opportunities to socialise. In April we had a family quiz evening on Zoom. There was a sponsored 100-mile cycle ride to Southwold in September; the cyclists were waved off and were met at the other end where we enjoyed fun and fish and chips together. At Christmas there was a fundraising carol quiz sheet.

The trustees and their families enjoyed a barbecue together in the manse garden during the summer, and then a meal out for Christmas.

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

Statistics and Trustees

At the end of 2021 there were 71 church members, with another 50 adults also attending church-run groups. There were also approximately 50 children under 11, and 17 young people aged 11-18 in regular attendance on Sundays or during the week. Due to Covid our Sunday service attendance had dropped to an average of 40 people per week when we returned to regular indoor services in September, with some preferring to watch the live Zoom service from home or viewing the recorded service on YouTube during the week.

There is one non-elected Trustee (the minister), and at the end of 2021 there were nine 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 2021

Charity no
(if any)

1164945

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

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:

C. Taylor Taylor

Date:

13.04.2022

Name:

C. TAYLOR TAYLOR & CO F.C.C.A

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

ASSOCIATION OF CHARTERED CERTIFIED
ACCOUNTANTS

Address:

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Charity Name
Zion Baptist Church Melbourne

No (if any)
1164945

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from 01/01/2021 To 31/12/2021

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
General fund	57,701	-	-	57,701	49,267
Fabric fund	-	65,149	-	65,149	20,622
Sponsorship fund	-	-	-	-	-
Soul Survivor	-	-	-	-	-
Church weekend	-	-	-	-	-
Christ's Hope International	-	884	-	884	960
Activities	264	-	-	264	493
HMRC Gift Aid	12,165	5,044	-	17,210	18,493
Other income	125	352	-	477	354
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	70,255	71,429	-	141,685	90,189
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	70,255	71,429	-	141,685	90,189
A3 Payments					
Ministry Expenses	46,606	-	-	46,606	46,011
Manse Expenses	19,317	-	-	19,317	8,766
Church Expenses	9,385	3,120	-	12,505	8,456
Charitable Donations	8,775	1,182	-	9,957	4,603
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	84,083	4,302	-	88,384	67,836
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	84,083	4,302	-	88,384	67,836
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 13,828	67,128	-	53,300	22,353
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	80,651	113,235	-	193,886	171,533
Cash funds this year end	66,823	180,363	-	247,186	193,886

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	66,823	-	-
	Fabric fund	-	180,188	-
	Other restricted funds	-	175	-
	Total cash funds	66,823	180,363	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

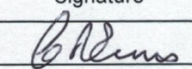

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
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		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	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	17/4/22
	L HORDEN	20/4/22