SHEDDINGDEAN BAPTIST CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1168341

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2016-07-20
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: THE PRINCIPAL PURPOSE 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.

Activities: We are a Christian Church offering facilities to the general public which include, Christian Services, youth Clubs, Toddler groups, mens groups and womens groups.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- West Sussex

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Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£123,893	£43,659	-	-
2023-12-31	£108,638	£54,558	-	-
2022-12-31	£91,884	£55,123	-	-
2021-12-31	£99,073	£81,672	-	-
2020-12-31	£109,246	£386,220	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
COLIN ALLEN		2014-11-27
DEBORAH McDONALD		2018-11-27
Eric Pollard		2022-11-22
Gillian Davison		2022-11-22
MRS Sylvia Lewis		2017-11-28
Susan Jenkinson		2022-11-22
Valerie Batten Dando		2021-11-23

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Accounts

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name: SHEDDINGDEAN BAPTIST CHURCH BURGESS HILL SUSSEX

On accounts for the year ended: 31st DECEMBER 2024

Charity no (if any): 1168341

Set out on pages: 1-21 Plus EXAMINERS REPORT (1)

(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 31/12/2024

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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 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 accounts to be reached.

Signed: [signature] **Date:** 27/05/2025

Name: Neil Watts

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): F.P.M.I.

Address: 25 Greenlands Close Burgess Hill Sussex RH150AR

Section B	Disclosure
	Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).
Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.	



Sheddingdean Baptist Church
Annual Report and Accounts
for year ended 31st December 2024

The Leadership Team (all of whom are the church's trustees under the Charities Act) are pleased to present the Annual Report, together with the accounts that have been examined in accordance with the requirements of the Charity Commission, for the year to 31 December 2024.

The financial statements comply with the required Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP).

The Trustees are so thankful for all the encouragement and support that they have received from the membership and congregation throughout the year.

Reference and Administrative details of the Charity and its Trustees

Charity Status

Sheddingdean Baptist Church is a Registered Charity - number 1168341. 20 July 2016.

The Church does not currently own a place of worship but meets at Sheddingdean Primary School.

Managing Trustees

The Church is administered by the current Diaconate who are the Managing Trustees of the Charity comprising:

Moderator: Rev Stuart Davison

Deacons: Treasurer: Susan Jenkinson

Colin Allen (until Nov 2024)

Sylvia Lewis

Deborah McDonald

Valerie Dando

Gillian Davison

Eric Pollard

There is still a ministerial vacancy which we are actively seeking to fill.

Bankers: Nat West Bank, 1 Muster Green, Haywards Heath, West Sussex RH16 4AP

Baptist Union Corporation Ltd, Baptist House, PO Box 44, 129 Broadway, Didcot, OX11 8RT

CAF Bank Ltd, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 44JQ

Independent Examiner:

Mr Neil Watts, F.P.M.I., 25 Greenlands Close, Burgess Hill,

RH15 0AR

Structure, governance and management

Governing Document

Sheddingdean Baptist Church is an un-incorporated body, a member of the Baptist Union of Great Britain, Didcot, Oxfordshire. It is governed by the terms set out in its own Constitution.

The current Constitution was adopted on 27 January 2015 at a Special Church Meeting and was amended on 27 November 2018 in order to allow a higher number of Trustees, and in July 2022 to allow 'equivalents to be treasurer and secretary'. It was again updated in February 2023 to allow up to nine deacons.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

The method of recruitment and appointment of trustees is set out in section 15 of the Church Constitution. Under guidelines issued by the Baptist Union, those appointed by the constitutional process to serve as elders or deacons, and those appointed to specific posts by the constitutional process, such as Secretary and Treasurer, automatically become Trustees on their appointment.

Organisational Structure

The Church is governed and regulated by its own members where all aspects of the work of the Church are subject to the approval of the Church meeting that is normally held five times a year. The Minister of the Church, when in office, is a paid Managing Trustee, and with the Deacons, and Moderator, gives leadership to the Church. The Deacons assist the Minister in his/her role and are also responsible for preparing the business for the Church Meetings.

The Baptist Union and South Eastern Baptist Association

The Church is part of the wider Baptist family and is therefore a member church of the South Eastern Baptist Association (SEBA) and of the Baptist Union of Great Britain (BUGB). Both organisations are registered charities. The Church pays an annual subscription to SEBA and to BUGB based upon its membership numbers and also makes a donation to BUGB (Home Mission Fund) for the Baptist family in the UK.

Custodian Trustee

The Baptist Union holds the deeds for the Manse. This property is 31 Chestnut Close, Burgess Hill, RH15 0HN. No property valuation has been undertaken in recent years and the value shown in the accounts is the estimated value based on local market house sale prices and the Nationwide price increase index for the area.

Relationships between the Charity and Related Parties

Members of the fellowship have engaged and continue to serve in many ways in the local community including the Respect Youth club. Relationships are being strengthened with the Windmills Opportunity Playgroup which meet at the Community Centre. The Sheddingdean Strummers, all of whom are members of the church, are a Ukulele, Guitar, Song and Dance Group which performs in local venues.

The church continues its support of Befriended, an organisation providing support and friendship for the lonely and elderly.

Members of the fellowship regularly contribute items of food and toiletries to the Basics Bank at Brighton and Hove City Mission; this forms a food bank in Brighton.

Several Ministers of local churches continue to meet monthly for prayer and there are regular joint church prayer events.

The Church remains committed to promoting and using fairly-traded produce.

Members of the Fellowship continue to support the Cornerstone Project financially.

Charity Vision and Mission Statement

'Connecting more deeply with God (worship) so that we can connect God to every part of our lives (discipleship) and then connect others to Jesus (mission).'

At Sheddingdean Baptist Church we are seeking to be

- A praying community
- A kingdom community
- A welcoming community
- A caring and loving community
- A community in which trusting relationships are built
- A community who loves the scriptures
- A spirit led community
- A diverse but integrated community
- A community in which God's creation is respected and nurtured

Objectives and Activities

The principal purpose of the Church is the advancement of the Christian faith according to Holy Scripture and 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.

The Activities, which seek to serve both the membership and the local and wider community include, but are not restricted to:

• regular public worship, prayer, Bible study, preaching and teaching

• baptism, as defined in the Baptist Union's Declaration of Principle

• the Communion of the Lord's Supper

- evangelism and mission, locally, regionally, nationally and internationally
- the teaching, encouragement, welcome and inclusion of young people
- nurture and growth 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 and other Christians

Worship

Weekly services have been held at Sheddingdean Primary School.

Services have been led by members of the church and there have been visiting preachers most weeks. Stuart Davison, a church member and our moderator, has preached once a month.

A church member has produced short dramas to include in some of our services.

We connect with IBTI (International Bible Training Institute) and welcome the students to lead worship.

Sermons are recorded and put on the website each week.

Prayer

Prayer is a fundamental part of our life at Sheddingdean Baptist Church.
During 2024 our online Tuesday morning prayer has continued and flourished. The half an hour spent together is an important time in the week. We usually focus on three different relevant topics as well as praying for pastoral needs in the church.
We also meet for prayer in person once a month on a Tuesday evening at the Community Centre. This has been well supported.

Throughout 2024 the weekly prayer walk around our community on Thursday afternoons has continued. During this time, we have prayed all around our area: Sheddingdean, the Cornerstone site, the Industrial estate, Bedelands and the new areas of Brookleigh, Abbeville and Fairways. Welcome leaflets have been delivered to the new houses.
We have picked up litter around the area, and engaged in conversations wherever possible. It is a wonderful time of prayer as well as fellowship together as we walk.

Connection Groups

There are currently six active connection groups in the Church encouraging members to grow in faith and love, mutually caring for each other through Bible study, Prayer and Fellowship. They are the first port of call for pastoral care and are also attended by some who do not attend our regular Church services. Groups meet either weekly, fortnightly or monthly at different times of the day to serve the needs of their respective members.

Over the past year we have asked our preachers to provide questions based on the sermon and these have been the focus of Bible Study and discussion in most groups.
Fellowship is an integral part of meeting together and is usually over tea and cake, or lunch groups. Other activities such as Walks, Bowling or sharing a take-away together provide further opportunities for fellowship and to invite partners or friends.

Church Website.
Our website has been redesigned by our tech team to make it more accessible. It is updated regularly and is visited by church members and those outside the church.

Children and Youth

Sheddingdean Baptist Church is actively engaging in the community. We have good connections with various families through Messy Church and it's a surprise to many how SBC, a small church, can organise such a fun and engaging event. This is all down to the gifts our God has provided and how he is working in the Sheddingdean Community.

Activities are available when young children come to the service with their parents.

Messy Church continued in 2024 and was held every other month throughout the year, alternating with a planning/preparation meeting. We had a regular attendance of 30 to 40 children accompanied by their parents/guardians and they enjoyed a morning of crafts, games and hospitality as well as a celebration time with bible stories or songs.



Community Carol Singing.



On a very wet evening in December, we were joined by two donkeys as we went carol singing. We started on the new Brookleigh estate and walked to Burgess Hill Town Football Club. We sang carols along the way and then sang some more inside the club where refreshments were served. The aim was to connect with the community, encouraging families to come and have photos with the donkeys. Despite the rain it was a successful evening.





Sheddingdean Easter Egg Hunt

2024 was the fourth consecutive year of holding our Community Easter Egg Hunt on Good Friday. Despite the wet and muddy conditions, about 300 children came and enjoyed the hunt around the Bedelands Nature Reserve. Each child was given a copy of the Easter story as well as an Easter gift. Our marvellous volunteers from SBC and Messy Church acted as guides, tea-makers, and hot cross bun butterers! We received donations of hot cross buns from the local Co-op, and some funding from the local housing association.



Cornerstone Café

The Cornerstone café continued to be open in 2024 twice monthly until September, attracting visitors from the church and the community. It was valued by those who visited it but, due to falling numbers, the café closed for the time being.

Pudding and Coffee Club

Pudding and Coffee Club currently meets at a Garden Centre on the third Saturday of each month. It is intended to maintain contact between the ladies, who over the years, have had a connection with the church fellowship. Attendance varies between ten and fifteen.

Walks

There are two walking groups open to anyone in the fellowship and beyond. The 'pilgrims' group continue to walk from time to time, usually visiting a church on route.

A men's walking group meet for a walk followed by a pub lunch.

Sheddingdean Strummers

The Sheddingdean Strummers have continued to perform in 2024 bringing the joy of music and hope to various groups locally and further afield.
Our repertoire of songs, both secular and sacred, are performed with the intention of bringing joy to people, particularly seniors and residents of care homes. Sometimes people like to support the work that we do by giving gifts to the Cornerstone project.
In February 2024 we sang at Villa Adastra in Hassocks.
In March we were at Haywards Heath Baptist Church.
In April we sang at St Wilfred's Vintage Club. In May we visited Forest View Care Home in Burgess Hill.
In June we were back at Chailey Heritage again.
We were performing for "Befriended" at Gateway Baptist Church in July.
In September we had the joy of singing at Crossways Care Home in Lindfield where Dora, one of our church members, lives.
In October we sang for Befriended and in November we sang at Burgess Hill bereavement group.
In November we were at Forest View Care Home to sing to one of our fellowship and the other residents.
Finally in December we played at Christmas events; the WI that meet at St Wilfred's in Burgess Hill, a "The Happy Circle" group at Plumpton Village Hall and finally at our own Sheddingdean Baptist Church Carol Service.

Links with other churches.

Joint services and times of fellowship have been developed with Gateway – the other Baptist Church in town.

Churches have joined together for prayer walks.

Mission

The Church provides financial and prayer support to organisations working for the advancement of the Christian faith both in the UK and in the wider world.
Each year the church fellowship gives to various organisations.

Total mission giving was 22% of total receipts (excludes Cornerstone income)

- Baptist mission giving was £10,163 (84% of mission giving)
- Giving to other causes was £1,882 (16% of mission giving)

The Church has maintained its support for its mission partners across the world through the Baptist Missionary Society (BMS); to Baptist Union Home Mission, to Baptist Twinning in Israel (for NETS – Nazareth Evangelical Theological Seminary, and to Tek Ura, a Baptist charity in Albania.

The Church Anniversary Appeal was given to Spurgeon's College, a training college for ministers.

Harvest-time – our offering was for the BMS Appeal 'Seek First the Kingdom'. This is to help people in Bangladesh to get children into school, help distribute emergency food, and relief in disasters.

Giving (apart from Baptist giving) includes regular support of the Savage family who planted and now lead a church, along with its associated activities, in Hem, Northern France. The church works with children and young people as well as people facing many difficulties in life. It also holds community events annually.

Regular support is also given to Brighton & Hove City Mission for their work with the needy, which includes going into schools and care homes, and running the local foodbank.

This year saw continued regular giving to a charity called TEK URA. This is based in Albania, and works with the underprivileged who have little access to appropriate healthcare, especially physiotherapy. Locals are being trained as professionals and encouraged to take on leadership roles.

Once again, the church supported Samaritan's Purse' 'Operation Christmas Child'. Shoe boxes were sent to disadvantaged children in different parts of the world, accompanied by donations to assist with transport.

Local Mission - The Church is situated on the edge of the Northern Arc development which will see thousands of new homes built over the next 15 years. We see this this as a significant part of our mission field as we seek to serve and build relationships in the area and create a bridge between the existing and new communities.

The Church Anniversary Appeal in 2023 was for a replacement tree outside the local Coop. This tree had been planted for the community as a remembrance to loved ones lost during the Covid Pandemic, but, sadly, had been vandalised. We are pleased to say that in 2024 this was replaced and is doing well!



Our final appeal for the year was at Christmas…for a local group, 'Christmas Wishes'. These ladies collect gifts to give to children, and provide Christmas meals for those in need in the local community.



GDPR

The Church Leadership is fully committed to implementing the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

GDPR came into force on 27th May 2018 and the Trustees are fully committed to implementing it. Three people attended a course at Gateway Baptist Church organised by SEBA. Subsequent to this, a GDPR Policy was drawn up and passed by the Membership at the AGM.

The Church now holds signed permission by everyone in the database. The Leadership will update the policy as and when required to make sure that we conform to the regulations.

The Cornerstone Project.

We have continued to seek God's direction for a new building. At a special church meeting in June, there was a clear consensus of sharing in a vision to build, but the members were undecided as to whether or not the current plans, timing and location were right. The church remains committed to the mission element of the Cornerstone project.

Achievements and Performance

The Church does not measure the success of its activities purely by numbers, including financial numbers, but also in less tangible factors such as fellowship and encouragement. The Trustees acknowledge that these are difficult to measure but believe that 2024 was a good year in the life of the Church, particularly in the current climate.

As at 31st December there were:

Baptisms	0
New Members	2
Deaths	2
Total Members	56

The average attendance for 2024 was 50, and the wider church fellowship prospered through various activities in and with the local community.

Financial review

Sheddingdean Baptist Church's principal source of income arises from gifts received from members and others who are personally associated with the church.

Finance is also required for the upkeep of the Manse, the stipend and housing of the Pastor and the hiring of venues for church activities. There are no other paid employees.

During the year the church continued to make significant gifts to home and overseas missions and relief appeals: some of these gifts were made directly by individual members online, rather than through the church's accounts.

Policy on Reserves

While the Trustees continue to believe that it is not appropriate to hold excessive reserves, they recognise that a general reserve is required to provide:

- Working capital
- A cushion against seasonal variations in income and expenditure
- Contingency provision against unexpected costs
- Flexibility to respond to unexpected needs and opportunities
- Provision for speedy access to capital for premises demands

All payments are subject to the availability of funds. In order to provide for these requirements, the Trustees believe that an appropriate level for the general reserve should fall about midway between the average of three months expenditure and one quarter of the annual budget. It is reviewed on an annual basis.

In 2018 the prudent balance figure was changed to £17,500 which, although slightly higher than the requirements set out above, was considered prudent whilst the Cornerstone Project is active. Reserves remained above this figure at all times throughout this year. In the event of the general reserve falling short of this 'prudent balance', action would be taken at the earliest opportunity to inform all members, and further steps would be taken to address the situation through the budgetary process. From December 2021 the majority of this money has been in an interest- bearing account. Given the requirement to give 3 months' notice to withdraw the funds, the decision was made to leave the remaining £2,500 within the General current account.

The examined Accounts for the year 2024 follow in the subsequent pages of the report.

Sheddingdean Baptist Church - General Accounts							
Analysis of Receipts and Payments - 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024							
Headings	General Account £s					Totals £s	Totals £s
Page 1 of 2	Un-restricted		Designated		Restricted	This year	Last year
Receipts	**General Fund**	**General Reserves**	**Mission**	**Com-passion**	**CStone**	**2024**	**2023**
Donations and legacies							
General Collection, BACS receipts	£50,996.32					£50,996.32	£41,613.00
Mission			£0.00			£0.00	£0.00
Anniversary gift			£117.00			£117.00	£177.00
Mission - Seasonal			£1,172.15			£1,172.15	£1,743.00
Mission - Love Gift			£233.00			£233.00	£327.00
Received Funds from Operation other	£9.83					£9.83	£25,649.00
Operational - Café	£70.00					£70.00	£315.00
Premises repayments received by	£167.40					£167.40	£0.00
Ministry other	£0.00					£0.00	£0.00
Compassion				£0.00		£0.00	£0.00
General Funds owed from and now received from CS	£1,000.00					£1,000.00	£1,600.00
Mission Funds owed from and now received from CS			£0.00				
Donations and legacies Totals	£52,243.55		£1,522.15			**£53,765.70**	**£71,424.00**
Charitable Activities							
	£0.00					£0.00	£0.00
Total Receipts - charitable activities	**£0.00**		**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**
Investments							
Interest on Bank Deposit Accounts	£0.00	£1,591.65	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,591.65	£354.71
Investments Totals	£0.00	£1,591.65	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	**£1,591.65**	**£354.71**
Other Income							
Gift Aid/GASDS received [a]	£15,613.47					£15,613.47	£7,526.38
Manse Rent received	£16,742.97					£16,742.97	£1,067.20
Other Receipts Totals	**£32,356.44**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£32,356.44**	**£8,593.58**
Receipts Grand totals	**£84,599.99**	**£1,591.65**	**£1,522.15**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£87,713.79**	**£80,372.29**

Sheddingdean Baptist Church - General Accounts Analysis of Receipts and Payments - 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024							
Headings	General Account £s					Totals	Totals
Page 2 of 2	Un-restricted				Restricted	This year	Last year
Payments	**General Fund**	**General Reserves**	**Mission**	**Com-passion**	**Corner-stone**	**2024**	**2023**
Raising funds							
Payments on charitable activities							
Operational							
Administration	£4,542.48					£4,542.48	£4,530.91
Community & outreach	£687.24					£687.24	£141.25
Youth	£575.57					£575.57	£634.02
Operational other - Café	£0.00					£0.00	£267.04
Operational other	£0.00					£0.00	£320.00
Pastorlal Connection Group	£0.00					£0.00	£0.00
Pastoral Gifts/flowers	£322.43					£322.43	£571.67
Compassion				£1,000.00		£1,000.00	£21.69
Training & BU Assembly	£20.00					£20.00	£747.00
Worship	£2,749.27					£2,749.27	£2,447.77
Premises	£14,206.40					£14,206.40	£6,435.83
Operational Sub-total	**£23,103.39**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£1,000.00**		**£24,103.39**	**£16,117.18**
Manse							
Insurance	£349.53					£349.53	£336.42
Maintenance/repairs	£6,124.65					£6,124.65	£8,876.32
Manse Sub-total	**£6,474.18**					**£6,474.18**	**£9,212.74**
Minstry							
In lieu payments						£0.00	£0.00
Retirement Pension payments	£0.00					£0.00	£660.00
Minister & allowances	£976.25					£976.25	£16,327.24
Ministry Sub-total	**£976.25**					**£976.25**	**£16,987.24**
Mission [b]							
Budgeted Mission			£8,460.00			£8,460.00	£8,020.00
Non Budgeted Mission			£500.00			£500.00	£60.00
Mission Anniversary Gift			£439.11			£439.11	£0.00
Appeals/seasonal			£1,423.48			£1,423.48	£3,594.75
Mission - Love Gift			£1,223.00				£506.25
Mission Sub-total			**£12,045.59**			**£12,045.59**	**£12,181.00**
Payments-charitable activities Sub-totals	**£30,553.82**	**£0.00**	**£12,045.59**	**£1,000.00**		**£43,599.41**	**£54,498.16**
Other Payments							
	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Other Payments Totals	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Payments Grand totals	**£30,553.82**	**£0.00**	**£12,045.59**	**£1,000.00**	**£0.00**	**£43,599.41**	**£54,498.16**
In year surplus/deficit	**£54,046.17**	**£1,591.65**	**-£10,523.44**	**-£1,000.00**	**£0.00**	**£44,114.38**	**£25,874.13**
Transfers between General A/C funds [c]	-£40,523.44	£29,000.00	£10,523.44	£1,000.00	£0.00	**£0.00**	**£0.00**
Net Transfers betwn Funds during year [d]					£546.25	£546.25	-£18.75
In Year Balances	**£13,522.73**	**£30,591.65**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£546.25**	**£44,660.63**	**£25,855.38**
Balance b/f	£11,890.53	£40,422.25	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£52,312.78	£26,457.40
Balance c/f	**£25,413.26**	**£71,013.90**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£546.25**	**£96,973.41**	**£52,312.78**
End of year fund adjustments				**£0.00**	**-£546.25**	-£546.25	
Balance after end of year adjustmts (does not include fixed assets)	**£25,413.26**	**£71,013.90**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£96,427.16**	**£52,312.78**

Sheddingdean Baptist Church						
Analysis of Receipts and Payments - 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024						
Headings	Cornerstone Account £s		General Funds held £s		Totals £s	Totals £s
	Restricted	Designated	Unrestricted		This year	Last year
Receipts	**Cornerstone**	**Cornerstone**	**Missn**	**Gen Fund**	**2024**	**2023**
Donations and legacies Totals						
Cornerstone Offering	£4,329.41				£4,329.41	£800.00
CS Regular online giving	£12,480.00				£12,480.00	£14,767.00
CS Regular Giving (cash/cheques)	£1,330.00				£1,330.00	£1,460.00
Cornerstone Large Gifts	£0.00				£0.00	£0.00
Money from Trusts	£0.00				£0.00	£0.00
Donations and legacies Totals	£18,139.41	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£18,139.41	£17,027.00
Charitable Activities						
Fund Raiser Event	£0.00				£0.00	£0.00
Fundraising sponsored	£0.00				£0.00	£0.00
Memorial Funds/Funerals	£770.00				£770.00	£0.00
Gift Day	£0.00				£0.00	£0.00
Collection boxes	£0.00				£0.00	£0.00
Sale of coins/cables	£0.00				£0.00	£0.00
Easy Fundraising	£41.89				£41.89	£93.86
Sheddingdean Sewers	£0.00				£0.00	£0.00
Sheddingdean Strummers	£402.00				£402.00	£104.00
Total Receipts - charitable activities	**£1,213.89**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£1,213.89**	**£197.86**
Investments						
Interest on CAF Current account	£218.68				£218.68	£326.29
Interest on CAF Gold Account	£473.38				£473.38	
Interest on Liquidity Account	£1,690.54				£1,690.54	£1,206.42
Interest on BU Deposit Accounts	£10,709.30				£10,709.30	£6,861.00
Investments Totals	**£13,091.90**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£13,091.90**	**£8,393.71**
Other Receipts						
Gift Aid/GASDS received	£3,734.36				£3,734.36	£2,648.00
Other Receipts Totals	**£3,734.36**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£3,734.36**	**£2,648.00**
Receipts Grand totals	**£36,179.56**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£36,179.56**	**£28,266.57**
Expenses	**Cornerstone**	**Cornerstone**	**Missn**	**Gen Fund**	**2024**	**2023**
Payments						
Surveys and Planning	£0.00				£0.00	£0.00
Publicity	£0.00				£0.00	£0.00
Solicitor's fees	£0.00				£0.00	£0.00
Cornerstone Consultancy Fees	£0.00				£0.00	£0.00
Architect Fees	£0.00				£0.00	£0.00
Cornerstone Fundraising costs	£0.00				£0.00	£0.00
Monthly Account Fees CAF	£60.00				£60.00	£60.00
Payments Grand totals	**£60.00**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£60.00**	**£60.00**
In year surplus/deficit	**£36,119.56**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£36,119.56**	**£28,206.57**
Net money received for and paid out to General fund during year	£0.00		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Transfers between CS and General Funds during year						
In Year Balances	**£36,119.56**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£36,119.56**	**£28,206.57**
Balance B/F with EOY adjustment	**£422,600.06**	**£19,586.00**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£442,186.06**	**£413,979.49**
Bal c/f	**£458,719.62**	**£19,586.00**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£478,305.62**	**£442,186.06**
End of year fund adjustments					£0.00	£0.00
Balance after end of year adjustmts (does not include fixed assets)	**£458,719.62**	**£19,586.00**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£478,305.62**	**£442,186.06**

1. The Receipts and Payments of the General accounts and the Cornerstone accounts are presented separately on Excel software, and this allows them to be managed independently. Columns within each section indicate which funds are held within these accounts.
2. The church holds a NatWest Current account for Sheddingdean Baptist Church General Funds as well as a 3 month notice interest generating Liquidity Manager Saver Account which holds the majority of the Reserve funds (see also the information given in the Financial Review). The church also holds a CAF (Charities Aid Foundation) bank account for Cornerstone funds, as well as a NatWest Current Account, two Baptist Union Deposit Accounts and a NatWest Liquidity Manager Saver Account.
3. The format for these accounts is set out to comply with SORP regulations. This shows in detail the Receipts and Payments, and Assets and Liabilities of the Church.
4. Assets and liabilities are recorded on a separate page. Depreciation is calculated by British straight-line method.

   Further notes, see 'notes' that follow.

   S Jenkinson, VB Dando & JT Styles

<u>These notes form an integral part of the Statement of Accounts</u>

a. Gift Aid was received at the rate of 20% tax of gross (before tax) income. Benefit was also received from the Gift Aid Small Donation Scheme (GASDS). All Gift Aid is received into the General account and the proportion of Gift Aid that is received for donations to Cornerstone is then transferred into the Cornerstone account.
b. Mission income is that due to special appeals for mission and donations that are marked for mission. These are accounted for, over and above the church's normal allocation for mission work which is included in the Annual Budget, and funded from the general Fund. Giving to mission (that was processed through the church accounts) amounted to 14.2% of total receipts in 2024.
c. Transfers between General funds during the year included the levelling off of the compassion and mission funds, as, unless a specific donation has been made for a particular project or cause, the funds are set to '£0' for the following year. A budget amount is set for both these funds.
d. Monies owing to the Cornerstone account but held in the General Current Account, and vice versa, that were transferred during the year are recorded as 'Transfers of different funds during the year' and is shown in the rows below the 'in year surplus/deficit' row.

Further notes:

The church building project is called The Cornerstone Project (labelled as Cornerstone in the accounts) and records monies given specifically for this purpose. The majority of standing orders to Cornerstone are paid into the NatWest Account and Cornerstone Collection monies are generally paid into the NatWest bank account. In order to keep the balance of money held in the NatWest Cornerstone Current Account to a level that does not attract business rates, transfers of money are made to the CAF bank account during the year. This account is used to make payments relating to Cornerstone. Cornerstone has been nominated as a recipient for some memorial funds.

S Jenkinson (Treasurer), VB Dando & JT Styles (Treasury Team)

Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by fund) as at 31 December 2024

			Balance		Previous Balance
Tangible Assets	**General Fund**		**31.12.2024**		**31.12.2023**
Equipment: Computer Equipment and PA			**£4,684.00**		**£5,392.00**
Manse[a]			**£371,500.00**		**£367,300.00**
		Tangible Assets	**£376,184.00**		**£372,692.00**
Cornerstone Funds			**31.12.2024**		**31.12.2023**
			Balance		**Previous Balance**
Cash at bank and in hand					
Cornerstone Current Account NatWest - Asset		**Funds**		**Actual**	
	Cornerstone	**Restricted**	**£3,146.12**		**£5,058.46**
	Cornerstone	**Designated**	**£19,586.00**		**£19,586.00**
	General Fund	**Unrestricted**	**£0.00**		**£0.00**
	General Fund Mission	**Designated**	**£0.00**		**£0.00**
			£22,732.12		**£24,644.46**
Cornerstone Liquid Manager NatWest		**Restricted**	**£54,143.79**		**£52,453.25**
CAF Bank Cornerstone Account					
	Cornerstone	**Restricted**	**£41,556.87**		**£126,398**
	Cornerstone	**Designated**	**£0.00**		**£0.00**
	General Fund	**Unrestricted**	**£0.00**		**£0.00**
	General Fund - mission	**Designated**	**£0.00**		**£0.00**
			£41,556.87		**£126,398.19**
CAF Bank Gold Account	**Cornerstone**	**Restricted**	**£110,473.38**		**£0.00**
	Cornerstone	**Designated**			
BU Deposit Account G08S006		**Restricted**	**£56,399.63**		**£184,983.23**
BU Deposit Account NS024		**Restricted**	**£192,999.83**		**£53,706.93**
Cash at bank and in hand Cornerstone			**£478,305.62**		**£442,186.06**
			31.12.2024		**31.12.2023**
			Balance		**Previous Balance**
		Funds			
General Bank Account					
	Cornerstone (GA to trfr)	**Restricted**	£546.25		**£0.00**
	Mission Designated		£0.00		**£0.00**
	Compassion Designated		£0.00		**£0.00**
	General	**Unrestricted**	£25,413.26		**£11,890.53**
			£25,959.51		£11,890.53
35 day Liquidity Manager Account Reserve Account	**General**	**Unrestricted**	**£71,013.90**		**£40,422.25**
BU account	**General**	**Unrestricted**	**£0.00**		
Cash at bank and in hand General			**£96,973.41**		**£52,312.78**
Total General and Cornerstone Cash at bank and in hand			**£575,279.03**		**£494,498.84**
Grand Total			**£951,463.03**		**£867,190.84**

Note a Nationwide house price index, and recent sales in the area.

S Jenkinson (Treasurer), VB Dando, JT Styles (Treasury Team)

Examiner of Accounts

The examiner of the 2024 accounts was Mr Neil Watts, F.P.M.I. We are very grateful to him for all his help.

Declaration

Accounts prepared by the Treasury Team.

Approved by the Trustees of Sheddingdean Baptist Church on 13.5.2025 and signed on their behalf by:

Susan Jenkinson	Valerie Dando
Treasurer/Trustee	Trustee

SHEDDINGDEAN BAPTIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1168341

Accounts

Sheddingdean Baptist Church

Somewhere to Belong and Believe

Sheddingdean Baptist Church
Annual Report and Accounts
for year ended 31st December 2023

I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my loving eye on you. Psalm 32:8



The Church said goodbye to Trevor Beckett and his family at the end of June 2023. Our thanks go to Trevor and the family for their service to SBC. We are grateful for Trevor's ministry, teaching and leadership, and for making a difference in our lives and in the community.

The Leadership Team (all of whom are the church's trustees under the Charities Act) are pleased to present the Annual Report, together with the accounts that have been examined in accordance with the requirements of the Charity Commission, for the year to 31 December 2023.

The financial statements comply with the required Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP).

The Trustees are so thankful for all the encouragement and support that they have received from the membership and congregation throughout the year.

Reference and Administrative details of the Charity and its Trustees

Charity Status

Sheddingdean Baptist Church is a Registered Charity - number 1168341. 20 July 2016.

The Church does not currently own a place of worship but meets at Sheddingdean Primary School.

Managing Trustees

The Church is administered by the current Diaconate who are the Managing Trustees of the Charity comprising:

Pastor: Reverend Trevor Beckett (retired June 2023)

Deacons: Treasurer: Susan Jenkinson

Colin Allen

Sylvia Lewis

Deborah McDonald

Valerie Dando

Gillian Davison

Eric Pollard

Bankers: Nat West Bank, 1 Muster Green, Haywards Heath, West Sussex RH16 4AP

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CAF Bank Ltd, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 44JQ

Independent Examiner:

Mr Neil Watts, F.P.M.I., 25 Greenlands Close, Burgess Hill,

RH15 0AR

Structure, governance and management

Governing Document

Sheddingdean Baptist Church is an un-incorporated body, a member of the Baptist Union of Great Britain, Didcot, Oxfordshire. It is governed by the terms set out in its own Constitution.

The current Constitution was adopted on 27 January 2015 at a Special Church Meeting and was amended on 27 November 2018 in order to allow a higher number of Trustees, and in July 2022 to allow 'equivalents to be treasurer and secretary'.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

The method of recruitment and appointment of trustees is set out in section 15 of the Church Constitution. Under guidelines issued by the Baptist Union, those appointed by the constitutional process to serve as elders or deacons, and those appointed to specific posts by the constitutional process, such as Secretary and Treasurer, automatically become Trustees on their appointment.

Organisational Structure

The Church is governed and regulated by its own members where all aspects of the work of the Church are subject to the approval of the Church meeting that is normally held five times a year. The Minister of the Church is a paid Managing Trustee and with the Deacons gives leadership to the Church. The Deacons assist the Minister in his/her role and are also responsible for preparing the business for the Church Meetings.

The Baptist Union and South Eastern Baptist Association

The Church is part of the wider Baptist family and is therefore a member church of the South Eastern Baptist Association (SEBA) and of the Baptist Union of Great Britain (BUGB). Both organisations are registered charities. The Church pays an annual subscription to SEBA and to BUGB based upon its membership numbers and also makes a donation to BUGB (Home Mission Fund) for the Baptist family in the UK.

Custodian Trustee

The Baptist Union holds the deeds for the Manse. This property is 31 Chestnut Close, Burgess Hill, RH15 0HN. No property valuation has been undertaken in recent years and the value shown in the accounts is the estimated value based on local market house sale prices and the Nationwide price increase index for the area.

Relationships between the Charity and Related Parties

Members of the fellowship have engaged and continue to serve in many ways in the local community including the Respect Youth club. Relationships are being strengthened with the Windmills Opportunity Playgroup which meet at the Community Centre. The Sheddingdean Strummers, all of whom are members of the church, are a Ukulele, Guitar, Song and Dance Group which performs in local venues.

The church continues its support of Befriended, an organisation providing support and friendship for the lonely and elderly. A church trustee is a volunteer for them and was formerly a trustee on the Befriended Committee.

Members of the fellowship regularly contribute items of food and toiletries to the Basics Bank at Brighton and Hove City Mission, this forms a food bank in Brighton.

Several Ministers of local churches continue to meet monthly for prayer and there are regular joint church prayer events.

The Church remains committed to promoting and using fairly-traded produce.

Members of the Fellowship continue to support the Cornerstone Project financially.

Charity Vision and Mission Statement

'Connecting more deeply with God (worship) so that we can connect God to every part of our lives (discipleship) and then connect others to Jesus (mission).'

At Sheddingdean Baptist Church we are seeking to be

- A praying community
- A kingdom community
- A welcoming community
- A caring and loving community
- A community in which trusting relationships are built
- A community who loves the scriptures
- A spirit led community
- A diverse but integrated community
- A community in which God's creation is respected and nurtured

Objectives and Activities

The principal purpose of the Church is the advancement of the Christian faith according to Holy Scripture and 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.

The Activities, which seek to serve both the membership and the local and wider community include, but are not restricted to:

- regular public worship, prayer, Bible study, preaching and teaching
- baptism, as defined in the Baptist Union's Declaration of Principle
- the Communion of the Lord's Supper
- evangelism and mission, locally, regionally, nationally and internationally
- the teaching, encouragement, welcome and inclusion of young people
- nurture and growth 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 and other Christians

Worship

Weekly services have been held at Sheddingdean Primary School. Until June, monthly services were held at Gateway Baptist Church, in the afternoon, to accommodate more people and to enable us to serve refreshments. This afternoon service has also incorporated Senior Songs of Praise.

Until his retirement at the end of June, the Minister had overall responsibility for services and for preaching. Since June, services have been led by members of the church and there have been visiting preachers each week. Stuart Davison, a church member and our moderator, has preached once a month.

We connect with IBTI (International Bible Training Institute) and welcome the students to lead worship.



Prayer

Prayer is a fundamental part of our life at Sheddingdean Baptist Church.
During 2023 our online Tuesday morning prayer has continued and flourished. The half an hour spent together is an important time in the week. We usually focus on three different relevant topics as well as praying for pastoral needs in the church.
We have also started meeting for prayer again in person once a month on a Tuesday evening at the Community Centre.

Throughout 2023 the weekly prayer walk around our community on Thursday afternoons has continued. During this time we have not only prayed all around our area: Sheddingdean, the Cornerstone site, the Industrial estate, Bedelands and the new area of Brookleigh, but we have made good relationships with the builders on the new estate.
We have picked up litter around the area, and engaged in conversations wherever possible. It is a wonderful time of prayer as well as fellowship together as we walk.

Connection Groups

The Church runs a number of Connection groups with the aim of providing fellowship, pastoral care and the growth of faith and discipleship. Attendance has increased and, in the summer one group divided to form two new groups both of which have flourished and welcomed new members, including some who are unable to attend Sunday worship. Groups are encouraged to find the right time of day and day of week which best suits their members (e.g., the more elderly or those with a disability often prefer daytime meetings). Transport needs are also taken into account.

Church Awayday

In October the church enjoyed a day of worship and teaching at the Jubilee Centre, Barcombe.
This was led by our moderator, Stuart, and fantastic worship led by Gill. We shared a very moving time of communion where we served and prayed for each other. The day focused on Moses, looking at the Passover, Moses' leadership of the people and his encounter with God.
The church family shared an excellent lunchtime together, and afterwards many enjoyed a walk around the area of Barcombe in the warm sunshine.



A stroll through the countryside during our Awayday.

Children and Youth

Sheddingdean Baptist Church is active and engaging in the community. We have good connections with various families through Messy Church and it's a surprise to many how SBC and a small 'church' can organise such a fun and engaging event. This is all down to the gifts our God has provided and how he is working in the Sheddingdean Community.

Messy Church continued in 2023 and was held every other month throughout the year alternating with a planning/preparation meeting. We had a regular attendance of between 30 to 40 children accompanied by their parents/guardians and they enjoyed a morning of crafts, games and hospitality as well as a celebration time with bible stories or songs.

Sheddingdean Easter Egg Hunt



2023 was the third consecutive year of holding our Community Easter Egg Hunt. On Good Friday, about 300 children came once again, all receiving the Easter Message when attending our Hunt around the Bedelands Nature Reserve. Our marvellous volunteers from SBC and Messy Church acted as guides, tea-makers, and hot cross bun butterers! We received donations of hot cross buns from the local Coop, and some funding from the local housing association.

Cornerstone Café

The Cornerstone café continued to be open in 2023 twice monthly attracting visitors from the church and the community. It was valued by those who visited it but, due to falling numbers, the café closed temporarily at the end of July for the summer period.

After rebranding as The Community Café, we reopened in November on a bi-monthly basis on the 2nd Saturday of the month. A play and craft area was made available for children and this was widely advertised to our Messy community.

On our opening day the café was blessed with visitors from all ages and it was therefore decided to continue with this venture in the New Year and build on its success.



Pudding and Coffee Club

Pudding and Coffee Club currently meets at Notcutts Garden Centre, Ditchling on the third Saturday of each month. It is intended to maintain contact between ladies, who over the years, have had a connection with the church fellowship. Attendance varies between ten and fifteen.

Sheddingdean Strummers

The Sheddingdean Strummers; Martin, Tafrina, Maggie, Eric, Stuart and Gill have continued in 2023 to perform to various local groups bringing the joy of music and hope to various groups locally and further afield.
Our repertoire of songs, both secular and sacred are performed with the intention of bringing joy to people, particularly seniors and residents of care homes. Sometimes people like to support the work that we do by giving gifts to the Cornerstone project.
In February 2023 we returned to Chailey Heritage to perform to some of the pupils there, and also to Clayton Court in Burgess Hill to sing to the homeowners.
In March we were at Glentworth House in Hove working alongside the Brighton and Hove City Mission in their work there.
In April we sang at St Wilfred's Vintage Club, and in June we were back at Chailey Heritage again.
We joined in the farewell lunch for our Pastor Trevor and his family at Sheddingdean Community Centre in June and we were performing for "Befriended" at Gateway Baptist Church in July.
In October we had the joy of singing at Crossways Care Home in Lindfield where Dora, one of our church members lives.
In November we were at Forest View to sing to Roger and the other residents there.
Finally in December we played at Christmas events; the WI that meet at St Wilfred's in Burgess Hill and "The Happy Hour" group at Plumpton Village Hall and finally at our own Sheddingdean Baptist Church Carol Service.

Welcome Leaflet

A Welcome Leaflet has been produced for residents of the new Brookleigh development situated adjacent to the Sheddingdean area. The leaflet gives details of all the churches in the town and the facilities they offer which may support members of the community. These have been delivered by the prayer walkers on a Thursday afternoon.

Mission

The Church provides financial and prayer support to organisations working for the advancement of the Christian faith both in the UK and in the wider world.

Each year the church fellowship gives to various organisations.
Total mission giving was 22% of total receipts (excludes Cornerstone income)

- ✞ Baptist mission giving was £9531 (81% of mission giving)
- ✞ Giving to other causes was £2105 (19% of mission giving)

The Church has maintained its support for its mission partners across the world through the Baptist Missionary Society (BMS); to Baptist Union Home Mission (8.1% of total receipts) and to Baptist Twinning in Israel (for NETS – Nazareth Evangelical Theological Seminary).

Fellowship members requested giving to the Turkey/Syria earthquake in February.

The Church Anniversary Appeal was for a replacement tree outside the local Coop. This tree had been planted for the community as a remembrance to loved ones lost during the Covid Pandemic, but had been vandalised. This will be purchased and planted next spring.

Harvest-time – our offering was for the BMS Appeal 'Days of Plenty'. This was to help people in Uganda to buy seeds and to sell their crops, following drought, wildfires, and the effects of climate change.

Our final appeal for the year was at Christmas…for a local charity, 'Kangaroos'. This charity enables folk with learning disabilities and additional needs to enjoy a full and varied social life.



Giving (apart from Baptist giving) includes regular support of the Savage family who planted and now lead a church, along with its associated activities, in Hem, Northern France. The church works with children and young people as well as people facing many difficulties in life. It also holds community events annually.

Regular support is also given to Brighton & Hove City Mission for their work with the needy, which includes going into schools and care homes, and running the local foodbank.

This year saw the beginning of new regular giving to a charity called TEK URA. This is based in Albania, and works with the underprivileged who have little access to appropriate healthcare, especially physiotherapy. Locals are being trained as professionals and encouraged to take on leadership roles.

Once again, the church supported Samaritan's Purse' 'Operation Christmas Child'. Shoe boxes were sent to disadvantaged children in different parts of the world, accompanied by donations to assist with transport.







Local Mission - The Church is situated on the edge of the Northern Arc development which will see thousands of new homes built over the next 15 years. We see this this as a significant part of our mission field as we seek to serve and build relationships in the area and create a bridge between the existing and new communities.

GDPR

The Church Leadership is fully committed to implementing the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

GDPR came into force on 27th May 2018 and the Trustees are fully committed to implementing it. Three people attended a course at Gateway Baptist organised by SEBA. Subsequent to this, a GDPR Policy was drawn up and passed by the Membership at the AGM.

The Church now holds signed permission by everyone in the database. The Leadership will update the policy as and when required to make sure that we conform to the regulations.

The Cornerstone Project

'Church, Community and Creation working together in harmony'

In January, a new planning application was submitted to Mid Sussex District Council, detailing designs from Pod Developments Ltd. Planning permission was granted in April. This modular design will enable the project to be completed in phases, which will make the start of the build more achievable. There is still a shortfall in finances needed to commence building and the Church remains in a period of praying about the future direction of the building project whilst focussing on the missional elements of the Cornerstone vision.

Achievements and Performance

The Church does not measure the success of its activities purely by numbers, including financial numbers, but also in less tangible factors such as fellowship and encouragement. The Trustees acknowledge that these are difficult to measure but believe that 2023 was a good year in the life of the Church, particularly in the current climate.

As at 31st December there were:

Baptisms	0
New Members	2
Deaths	0
Total Members	61

The average attendance for 2023 was 45, and the wider church fellowship prospered through various activities in and with the local community.

Financial review

Sheddingdean Baptist Church's principal source of income arises from gifts received from members and others who are personally associated with the church.

Since the launch of the Cornerstone Project, some large gifts have been donated by members of the fellowship and others have also been given and pledged by various trusts. Income has also been generated by charitable activities.

Finance is also required for the upkeep of the Manse, the stipend and housing of the Pastor and the hiring of venues for church activities. There are no other paid employees.

During the year the church continued to make significant gifts to home and overseas missions and relief appeals: some of these gifts were made directly by individual members online, rather than through the church's accounts.

Policy on Reserves

While the Trustees continue to believe that it is not appropriate to hold excessive reserves, they recognise that a general reserve is required to provide:

- Working capital
- A cushion against seasonal variations in income and expenditure
- Contingency provision against unexpected costs
- Flexibility to respond to unexpected needs and opportunities
- Provision for speedy access to capital for premises demands

All payments are subject to the availability of funds. In order to provide for these requirements, the Trustees believe that an appropriate level for the general reserve should fall about midway between the average of three months expenditure and one quarter of the annual budget. It is reviewed on an annual basis.

In 2018 the prudent balance figure was changed to £17,500 which, although slightly higher than the requirements set out above, was considered prudent whilst the Cornerstone Project is active. Reserves remained above this figure at all times throughout this year. In the event of the general reserve falling short of this 'prudent balance', action would be taken at the earliest opportunity to inform all members, and further steps would be taken to address the situation through the budgetary process. From December 2021 the majority of this money has been in an interest- bearing account. Given the requirement to give 3 months' notice to withdraw the funds, the decision was made to leave the remaining £2,500 within the General current account.

The examined Accounts for the year 2023 follow in the subsequent pages of the report.

Sheddingdean Baptist Church							
Analysis of Receipts and Payments - 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023							
Headings	General Account £s					Totals £s	Totals £s
Page 1 of 2	**Un-restricted**		**Designated**		**Restricted**	**This year**	**Last year**
Receipts	**General Fund**	**General Reserves**	**Mission**	**Com-passion**	**CStone**	**2023**	**2022**
Donations and legacies							
General Collection, BACS receipts	£41,613.00					£41,613.00	£45,510.70
Mission			£0.00			£0.00	£0.00
Anniversary gift			£177.00			£177.00	£55.00
Mission - Seasonal			£1,743.00			£1,743.00	£2,226.00
Mission - Love Gift			£327.00			£327.00	£0.00
Received Funds from Operation other	£25,649.00					£25,649.00	£912.80
Operational - Café	£315.00					£315.00	£835.23
Premises repayments received by	£0.00					£0.00	£0.00
Ministry other	£0.00					£0.00	£0.00
Compassion				£0.00		£0.00	£0.00
General Funds received from CS	£1,600.00					£1,600.00	
Mission Funds received from CS			£0.00				
Donations and legacies Totals	£69,177.00		£2,247.00			**£71,424.00**	**£49,539.73**
Charitable Activities							
	£0.00					£0.00	£0.00
Total Receipts - charitable activities	**£0.00**		**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**
Investments							
Interest on Bank Deposit Accounts	£0.00	£354.71	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£354.71	£67.03
Investments Totals	£0.00	£354.71	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	**£354.71**	**£67.03**
Other Income							
Gift Aid/GASDS received [a]	£7,526.38					£7,526.38	£9,348.45
Manse Rent received	£1,067.20					£1,067.20	
Other Receipts Totals	**£8,593.58**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£8,593.58**	**£9,348.45**
Receipts Grand totals	**£77,770.58**	**£354.71**	**£2,247.00**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£80,372.29**	**£58,955.21**

Sheddingdean Baptist Church Analysis of Receipts and Payments - 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023							
Headings	General Account £s					Totals	Totals
Page 2 of 2	**Un-restricted**				**Restricted**	**This year**	**Last year**
Payments	**General Fund**	**General Reserves**	**Mission**	**Com-passion**	**Corner-stone**	**2023**	**2022**
Raising funds							
Payments on charitable activities							
Operational							
Administration	£4,530.91					£4,530.91	£4,107.47
Community & outreach	£141.25					£141.25	£557.25
Youth	£634.02					£634.02	£694.42
Operational other - Café	£267.04					£267.04	£582.85
Operational other	£320.00					£320.00	£307.60
Pastorlal Connection Group	£0.00					£0.00	£253.48
Pastoral Gifts/flowers	£571.67					£571.67	£0.00
Compassion				£21.69		£21.69	£537.23
Training & BU Assembly	£747.00					£747.00	£1,007.95
Worship	£2,447.77					£2,447.77	£908.82
Premises	£6,435.83					£6,435.83	£3,153.20
Operational Sub-total	**£16,095.49**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£21.69**		**£16,117.18**	**£12,110.27**
Manse							
Insurance	£336.42					£336.42	£287.30
Maintenance/repairs	£8,876.32					£8,876.32	£306.40
Manse Sub-total	**£9,212.74**					**£9,212.74**	**£593.70**
Minstry							
In lieu payments						£0.00	£0.00
Retirement Pension payments	£660.00					£660.00	£2,040.00
Minister & allowances	£16,327.24					£16,327.24	£30,624.50
Ministry Sub-total	**£16,987.24**					**£16,987.24**	**£32,664.50**
Mission							
Budgeted Mission			£8,020.00			£8,020.00	£7,580.00
Non Budgeted Mission			£60.00			£60.00	£1,608.75
Mission Anniversary Gift			£0.00			£0.00	£0.00
Appeals/seasonal			£3,594.75			£3,594.75	£485.00
Mission - Love Gift			£506.25				
Mission Sub-total [b]			**£12,181.00**			**£12,181.00**	**£9,673.75**
Payments-charitable activities Sub-totals	**£42,295.47**	**£0.00**	**£12,181.00**	**£21.69**		**£54,498.16**	**£55,042.22**
Other Payments							
	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Other Payments Totals	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Payments Grand totals	**£42,295.47**	**£0.00**	**£12,181.00**	**£21.69**	**£0.00**	**£54,498.16**	**£55,042.22**
In year surplus/deficit	**£35,475.11**	**£354.71**	**-£9,934.00**	**-£21.69**	**£0.00**	**£25,874.13**	**£3,912.99**
Transfers between General A/C funds [c]	-£34,572.69	£25,000.00	£9,551.00	£21.69	£0.00	**£0.00**	**£0.00**
Net Transfers betwn Funds during year [d]					-£18.75	-£18.75	-£2,900.00
In Year Balances	**£902.42**	**£25,354.71**	**-£383.00**	**£0.00**	**-£18.75**	**£25,855.38**	**£1,012.99**
Balance B/F with EOY adjustment	£10,988.11	£15,067.54	£383.00	£0.00	£18.75	£26,457.40	£25,444.41
Balance C/F	**£11,890.53**	**£40,422.25**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£52,312.78**	**£26,457.40**
End of year fund adjustments				**£0.00**	**£0.00**	£0.00	-£383.00
Balance after end of year adjustmts (does not include fixed assets)	**£11,890.53**	**£40,422.25**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£52,312.78**	**£26,074.40**

Sheddingdean Baptist Church Analysis of Receipts and Payments - 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023						
Headings	Cornerstone Account £s		General Funds held £s		Totals £s	Totals £s
	Restricted	Designated	Unrestricted		This year	Last year
Receipts	**Cornerstone**	**Cornerstone**	**Missn**	**Gen Fund**	**2023**	**2022**
Donations and legacies						
Cornerstone Offering	£800.00				£800.00	£1,497.00
CS Regular online giving	£14,767.00				£14,767.00	£22,469.00
CS Regular Giving (cash/cheques)	£1,460.00				£1,460.00	£1,887.00
In lieu of pension					£0.00	£0.00
Cornerstone Large Gifts	£0.00				£0.00	£0.00
Money from Trusts	£0.00				£0.00	£0.00
Donations and legacies Totals	£17,027.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£17,027.00	£25,853.00
Charitable Activities						
Fund Raiser Event	£0.00				£0.00	£11.00
Sky Dive					£0.00	£0.00
Fundraising sponsored	£0.00				£0.00	£0.00
Memorial Funds/Funerals	£0.00				£0.00	£85.00
Gift Day	£0.00				£0.00	£0.00
Collection boxes	£0.00				£0.00	£54.00
Sale of coins/cables	£0.00				£0.00	£0.00
Easy Fundraising	£93.86				£93.86	£44.85
Sheddingdean Sewers	£0.00				£0.00	£0.00
Sheddingdean Strummers	£104.00				£104.00	£235.00
Total Receipts - charitable activities	**£197.86**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£197.86**	**£429.85**
Investments						
Interest on CAF account	£326.29				£326.29	£163.16
Interest on Liquidity Account	£1,206.42				£1,206.42	£228.01
Interest on Bank Deposit Accounts	£6,861.00				£6,861.00	£1,892.25
Investments Totals	**£8,393.71**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£8,393.71**	**£2,283.42**
Other Receipts						
Gift Aid/GASDS received	£2,648.00				£2,648.00	£4,362.58
Other Receipts Totals	**£2,648.00**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£2,648.00**	**£4,362.58**
Receipts Grand totals	**£28,266.57**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£28,266.57**	**£32,928.85**
Expenses	**Cornerstone**	**Cornerstone**	**Missn**	**Gen Fund**	**2023**	**2022**
Payments						
Surveys and Planning	£0.00				£0.00	£0.00
Publicity	£0.00				£0.00	£0.00
Solicitor's fees	£0.00				£0.00	£0.00
Cornerstone Consultancy Fees	£0.00				£0.00	£0.00
Architect Fees	£0.00				£0.00	£0.00
Cornerstone Fundraising costs	£0.00				£0.00	£0.00
Monthly Account Fees CAF	£60.00				£60.00	£81.00
Payments Grand totals	**£60.00**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£60.00**	**£81.00**
In year surplus/deficit	**£28,206.57**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£28,206.57**	**£32,847.85**
Net money received for and paid out to General fund during year	£0.00		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Transfers between CS and General Funds during year						£2,900.00
In Year Balances	**£28,206.57**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£28,206.57**	**£35,747.85**
Balance B/F with EOY adjustment	**£394,393.49**	**£19,586.00**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£413,979.49**	**£378,231.64**
Bal c/f	**£422,600.06**	**£19,586.00**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£442,186.06**	**£413,979.49**
End of year fund adjustments					£0.00	£0.00
Balance after end of year adjustmts (does not include fixed assets)	**£422,600.06**	**£19,586.00**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£442,186.06**	**£413,979.49**

1. The Receipts and Payments of the General accounts and the Cornerstone accounts are presented separately on Excel software, and this allows them to be managed separately. Columns within each section indicate which funds are held within these accounts.
2. There was a total of £25K of transfers not showing as cleared 31 December 2023 (from General Ac to Gen Reserve Ac). This transfer is reflected in the NatWest Current Ac and General Reserve Ac shown.
3. The church holds a NatWest Current account for Sheddingdean Baptist Church General Funds as well as a 3 month notice interest generating Liquidity Manager Saver Account which holds the majority of the Reserve funds (see also the information given in the Financial Review). The church also holds a CAF (Charities Aid Foundation) bank account for Cornerstone funds, as well as a NatWest Current Account, Two Baptist Union Deposit Accounts and a NatWest Liquidity Manager Saver Account. Currently, there is an additional £25k located with the Reserve Account. This was a gift from the Redfern Trust to use as the church desires.
4. The format for these accounts is set out to comply with SORP regulations. This shows in detail the Receipts and Payments, and Assets and Liabilities of the Church.
5. Assets and liabilities are recorded on a separate page.
6. For further notes, see 'notes' that follow.
   S Jenkinson, VB Dando & JT Styles

<u>These notes form an integral part of the Statement of Accounts</u>

a. Gift Aid was received at the rate of 20% tax of gross (before tax) income. Benefit was also received from the Gift Aid Small Donation Scheme (GASDS). All Gift Aid is received into the General account and the proportion of Gift Aid that is received for donations to Cornerstone is then transferred into the Cornerstone account.
b. Mission income is that due to special appeals for mission and donations that are marked for mission. These are accounted for, over and above the church's normal allocation for mission work which is included in the Annual Budget, and funded from the general Fund. Giving to mission (that was processed through the church accounts) amounted to 22% of total receipts in 2023.
c. Transfers between General funds during the year included the levelling off of the compassion and mission funds, as, unless a specific donation has been made for a particular project or cause, the funds are set to '£0' for the following year. A budget amount is set for both these funds.
d. Monies owing to the Cornerstone account but held in the General Current Account, and vice versa, that were transferred during the year are recorded as 'Transfers of different funds during the year' and is shown in the rows below the 'in year surplus/deficit' row.

Further notes:

Any funds still requiring to be transferred, i.e. that were received for a specific mission, but have not been paid out from the General fund are entered in the row labelled 'End of year fund adjustments', which will be transferred during the following year.

The church building project is called The Cornerstone Project (labelled as Cornerstone in the accounts) and records monies given specifically for this purpose. The majority of standing orders to Cornerstone are paid into the NatWest Account and Cornerstone Collection monies are generally paid into the NatWest bank account. In order to keep the balance of money held in the NatWest Cornerstone Current Account to a level that does not attract business rates, transfers of money are made to the CAF bank account during the year. This account is used to make payments relating to Cornerstone. Cornerstone has been nominated as a recipient for some memorial funds.

S Jenkinson (Treasurer), VB Dando & JT Styles (Treasury Team)

Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by fund) as at 31 December 2023

				Balance		Previous Balance
Tangible Assets	General Fund			**31.12.2023**		**31.12.2022**
Equipment: Computer Equipment and PA				£5,392.00		£3,758.56
Manse[a]				£367,300.00		£391,000.00
			Tangible Assets	**£372,692.00**		**£394,758.56**
Cornerstone Funds				**31.12.2023**		**31.12.2022**
				Balance		Previous Balance
Cash at bank and in hand						
Cornerstone Current Account NatWest - Asset			**Funds**		Actual	
	Cornerstone		Restricted	£5,058.46		5185.6
	Cornerstone		Restricted	£19,586.00		£19,586.00
	Cornerstone		Designated	£0.00		£0.00
	General Fund		Unrestricted	£0.00		£0.00
				£24,644.46		**£24,771.60**
Cornerstone Liquid Manager NatWest			Restricted	**£52,453.25**		**51246.83**
CAF Bank Cornerstone Account						
	Cornerstone		Restricted	£126,398.19		£196,132
	Cornerstone		Designated	£0.00		£0.00
	General Fund		Unrestricted	£0.00		£0.00
	General Fund - mission		Designated	£0.00		£0.00
				£126,398.19		**£196,131.90**
BU Deposit Account G08S006			Restricted	£184,983.23		**£89,175.29**
BU Deposit Account NS024 (previously G12S001)			Restricted	£53,706.93	**£0.00**	**£52,653.87**
Cash at bank and in hand Cornerstone				**£442,186.06**		**£413,979.49**
				31.12.2023		**31.12.2022**
				Balance		Previous Balance
			Funds			
General Bank Account						
	Cornerstone		Restricted	£0.00		£0.00
	Mission Designated			£0.00		£383.00
	Compassion Designated			£0.00		£0.00
	General		Unrestricted	£11,890.53		£11,006.86
				£11,890.53		**£11,389.86**
35 day Liquidity Manager Account Reserve Account	General		Unrestricted	**£40,422.25**		£15,067.54
Cash at bank and in hand General				**£52,312.78**		**£26,457.40**
Total General and Cornerstone Cash at bank and in hand				**£494,498.84**		**£440,436.89**
Grand Total				**£867,190.84**		**£835,195.45**

Note a Nationwide index and recent sales in the area.

S Jenkinson (Treasurer) JT Styles, VB Dando (Treasury Team)

Examiner of Accounts

The examiner of the 2023 accounts was Mr Neil Watts, F.P.M.I. We are very grateful to him for all his help.

Declaration

Accounts prepared by the Treasury Team.

Approved by the Trustees of Sheddingdean Baptist Church on 13.5.2024 and signed on their behalf by:

Susan Jenkinson	Valerie Dando
Treasurer/Trustee	Trustee

Sheddingdean Baptist Church

Somewhere to Belong and Believe

Sheddingdean Baptist Church
Annual Report and Accounts
for year ended 31st December 2023

I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my loving eye on you. Psalm 32:8



The Church said goodbye to Trevor Beckett and his family at the end of June 2023. Our thanks go to Trevor and the family for their service to SBC. We are grateful for Trevor's ministry, teaching and leadership, and for making a difference in our lives and in the community.

The Leadership Team (all of whom are the church's trustees under the Charities Act) are pleased to present the Annual Report, together with the accounts that have been examined in accordance with the requirements of the Charity Commission, for the year to 31 December 2023.

The financial statements comply with the required Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP).

The Trustees are so thankful for all the encouragement and support that they have received from the membership and congregation throughout the year.

Reference and Administrative details of the Charity and its Trustees

Charity Status

Sheddingdean Baptist Church is a Registered Charity - number 1168341. 20 July 2016.

The Church does not currently own a place of worship but meets at Sheddingdean Primary School.

Managing Trustees

The Church is administered by the current Diaconate who are the Managing Trustees of the Charity comprising:

Pastor: Reverend Trevor Beckett (retired June 2023)

Deacons: Treasurer: Susan Jenkinson

Colin Allen

Sylvia Lewis

Deborah McDonald

Valerie Dando

Gillian Davison

Eric Pollard

Bankers: Nat West Bank, 1 Muster Green, Haywards Heath, West Sussex RH16 4AP

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CAF Bank Ltd, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 44JQ

Independent Examiner:

Mr Neil Watts, F.P.M.I., 25 Greenlands Close, Burgess Hill,

RH15 0AR

Structure, governance and management

Governing Document

Sheddingdean Baptist Church is an un-incorporated body, a member of the Baptist Union of Great Britain, Didcot, Oxfordshire. It is governed by the terms set out in its own Constitution.

The current Constitution was adopted on 27 January 2015 at a Special Church Meeting and was amended on 27 November 2018 in order to allow a higher number of Trustees, and in July 2022 to allow 'equivalents to be treasurer and secretary'.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

The method of recruitment and appointment of trustees is set out in section 15 of the Church Constitution. Under guidelines issued by the Baptist Union, those appointed by the constitutional process to serve as elders or deacons, and those appointed to specific posts by the constitutional process, such as Secretary and Treasurer, automatically become Trustees on their appointment.

Organisational Structure

The Church is governed and regulated by its own members where all aspects of the work of the Church are subject to the approval of the Church meeting that is normally held five times a year. The Minister of the Church is a paid Managing Trustee and with the Deacons gives leadership to the Church. The Deacons assist the Minister in his/her role and are also responsible for preparing the business for the Church Meetings.

The Baptist Union and South Eastern Baptist Association

The Church is part of the wider Baptist family and is therefore a member church of the South Eastern Baptist Association (SEBA) and of the Baptist Union of Great Britain (BUGB). Both organisations are registered charities. The Church pays an annual subscription to SEBA and to BUGB based upon its membership numbers and also makes a donation to BUGB (Home Mission Fund) for the Baptist family in the UK.

Custodian Trustee

The Baptist Union holds the deeds for the Manse. This property is 31 Chestnut Close, Burgess Hill, RH15 0HN. No property valuation has been undertaken in recent years and the value shown in the accounts is the estimated value based on local market house sale prices and the Nationwide price increase index for the area.

Relationships between the Charity and Related Parties

Members of the fellowship have engaged and continue to serve in many ways in the local community including the Respect Youth club. Relationships are being strengthened with the Windmills Opportunity Playgroup which meet at the Community Centre. The Sheddingdean Strummers, all of whom are members of the church, are a Ukulele, Guitar, Song and Dance Group which performs in local venues.

The church continues its support of Befriended, an organisation providing support and friendship for the lonely and elderly. A church trustee is a volunteer for them and was formerly a trustee on the Befriended Committee.

Members of the fellowship regularly contribute items of food and toiletries to the Basics Bank at Brighton and Hove City Mission, this forms a food bank in Brighton.

Several Ministers of local churches continue to meet monthly for prayer and there are regular joint church prayer events.

The Church remains committed to promoting and using fairly-traded produce.

Members of the Fellowship continue to support the Cornerstone Project financially.

Charity Vision and Mission Statement

'Connecting more deeply with God (worship) so that we can connect God to every part of our lives (discipleship) and then connect others to Jesus (mission).'

At Sheddingdean Baptist Church we are seeking to be

- A praying community
- A kingdom community
- A welcoming community
- A caring and loving community
- A community in which trusting relationships are built
- A community who loves the scriptures
- A spirit led community
- A diverse but integrated community
- A community in which God's creation is respected and nurtured

Objectives and Activities

The principal purpose of the Church is the advancement of the Christian faith according to Holy Scripture and 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.

The Activities, which seek to serve both the membership and the local and wider community include, but are not restricted to:

- regular public worship, prayer, Bible study, preaching and teaching
- baptism, as defined in the Baptist Union's Declaration of Principle
- the Communion of the Lord's Supper
- evangelism and mission, locally, regionally, nationally and internationally
- the teaching, encouragement, welcome and inclusion of young people
- nurture and growth 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 and other Christians

Worship

Weekly services have been held at Sheddingdean Primary School. Until June, monthly services were held at Gateway Baptist Church, in the afternoon, to accommodate more people and to enable us to serve refreshments. This afternoon service has also incorporated Senior Songs of Praise.

Until his retirement at the end of June, the Minister had overall responsibility for services and for preaching. Since June, services have been led by members of the church and there have been visiting preachers each week. Stuart Davison, a church member and our moderator, has preached once a month.

We connect with IBTI (International Bible Training Institute) and welcome the students to lead worship.



Prayer

Prayer is a fundamental part of our life at Sheddingdean Baptist Church.
During 2023 our online Tuesday morning prayer has continued and flourished. The half an hour spent together is an important time in the week. We usually focus on three different relevant topics as well as praying for pastoral needs in the church.
We have also started meeting for prayer again in person once a month on a Tuesday evening at the Community Centre.

Throughout 2023 the weekly prayer walk around our community on Thursday afternoons has continued. During this time we have not only prayed all around our area: Sheddingdean, the Cornerstone site, the Industrial estate, Bedelands and the new area of Brookleigh, but we have made good relationships with the builders on the new estate.
We have picked up litter around the area, and engaged in conversations wherever possible. It is a wonderful time of prayer as well as fellowship together as we walk.

Connection Groups

The Church runs a number of Connection groups with the aim of providing fellowship, pastoral care and the growth of faith and discipleship. Attendance has increased and, in the summer one group divided to form two new groups both of which have flourished and welcomed new members, including some who are unable to attend Sunday worship. Groups are encouraged to find the right time of day and day of week which best suits their members (e.g., the more elderly or those with a disability often prefer daytime meetings). Transport needs are also taken into account.

Church Awayday

In October the church enjoyed a day of worship and teaching at the Jubilee Centre, Barcombe.
This was led by our moderator, Stuart, and fantastic worship led by Gill. We shared a very moving time of communion where we served and prayed for each other. The day focused on Moses, looking at the Passover, Moses' leadership of the people and his encounter with God.
The church family shared an excellent lunchtime together, and afterwards many enjoyed a walk around the area of Barcombe in the warm sunshine.



A stroll through the countryside during our Awayday.

Children and Youth

Sheddingdean Baptist Church is active and engaging in the community. We have good connections with various families through Messy Church and it's a surprise to many how SBC and a small 'church' can organise such a fun and engaging event. This is all down to the gifts our God has provided and how he is working in the Sheddingdean Community.

Messy Church continued in 2023 and was held every other month throughout the year alternating with a planning/preparation meeting. We had a regular attendance of between 30 to 40 children accompanied by their parents/guardians and they enjoyed a morning of crafts, games and hospitality as well as a celebration time with bible stories or songs.

Sheddingdean Easter Egg Hunt



2023 was the third consecutive year of holding our Community Easter Egg Hunt. On Good Friday, about 300 children came once again, all receiving the Easter Message when attending our Hunt around the Bedelands Nature Reserve. Our marvellous volunteers from SBC and Messy Church acted as guides, tea-makers, and hot cross bun butterers! We received donations of hot cross buns from the local Coop, and some funding from the local housing association.

Cornerstone Café

The Cornerstone café continued to be open in 2023 twice monthly attracting visitors from the church and the community. It was valued by those who visited it but, due to falling numbers, the café closed temporarily at the end of July for the summer period.

After rebranding as The Community Café, we reopened in November on a bi-monthly basis on the 2nd Saturday of the month. A play and craft area was made available for children and this was widely advertised to our Messy community.

On our opening day the café was blessed with visitors from all ages and it was therefore decided to continue with this venture in the New Year and build on its success.



Pudding and Coffee Club

Pudding and Coffee Club currently meets at Notcutts Garden Centre, Ditchling on the third Saturday of each month. It is intended to maintain contact between ladies, who over the years, have had a connection with the church fellowship. Attendance varies between ten and fifteen.

Sheddingdean Strummers

The Sheddingdean Strummers; Martin, Tafrina, Maggie, Eric, Stuart and Gill have continued in 2023 to perform to various local groups bringing the joy of music and hope to various groups locally and further afield.
Our repertoire of songs, both secular and sacred are performed with the intention of bringing joy to people, particularly seniors and residents of care homes. Sometimes people like to support the work that we do by giving gifts to the Cornerstone project.
In February 2023 we returned to Chailey Heritage to perform to some of the pupils there, and also to Clayton Court in Burgess Hill to sing to the homeowners.
In March we were at Glentworth House in Hove working alongside the Brighton and Hove City Mission in their work there.
In April we sang at St Wilfred's Vintage Club, and in June we were back at Chailey Heritage again.
We joined in the farewell lunch for our Pastor Trevor and his family at Sheddingdean Community Centre in June and we were performing for "Befriended" at Gateway Baptist Church in July.
In October we had the joy of singing at Crossways Care Home in Lindfield where Dora, one of our church members lives.
In November we were at Forest View to sing to Roger and the other residents there.
Finally in December we played at Christmas events; the WI that meet at St Wilfred's in Burgess Hill and "The Happy Hour" group at Plumpton Village Hall and finally at our own Sheddingdean Baptist Church Carol Service.

Welcome Leaflet

A Welcome Leaflet has been produced for residents of the new Brookleigh development situated adjacent to the Sheddingdean area. The leaflet gives details of all the churches in the town and the facilities they offer which may support members of the community. These have been delivered by the prayer walkers on a Thursday afternoon.

Mission

The Church provides financial and prayer support to organisations working for the advancement of the Christian faith both in the UK and in the wider world.

Each year the church fellowship gives to various organisations.
Total mission giving was 22% of total receipts (excludes Cornerstone income)

- ✞ Baptist mission giving was £9531 (81% of mission giving)
- ✞ Giving to other causes was £2105 (19% of mission giving)

The Church has maintained its support for its mission partners across the world through the Baptist Missionary Society (BMS); to Baptist Union Home Mission (8.1% of total receipts) and to Baptist Twinning in Israel (for NETS – Nazareth Evangelical Theological Seminary).

Fellowship members requested giving to the Turkey/Syria earthquake in February.

The Church Anniversary Appeal was for a replacement tree outside the local Coop. This tree had been planted for the community as a remembrance to loved ones lost during the Covid Pandemic, but had been vandalised. This will be purchased and planted next spring.

Harvest-time – our offering was for the BMS Appeal 'Days of Plenty'. This was to help people in Uganda to buy seeds and to sell their crops, following drought, wildfires, and the effects of climate change.

Our final appeal for the year was at Christmas…for a local charity, 'Kangaroos'. This charity enables folk with learning disabilities and additional needs to enjoy a full and varied social life.



Giving (apart from Baptist giving) includes regular support of the Savage family who planted and now lead a church, along with its associated activities, in Hem, Northern France. The church works with children and young people as well as people facing many difficulties in life. It also holds community events annually.

Regular support is also given to Brighton & Hove City Mission for their work with the needy, which includes going into schools and care homes, and running the local foodbank.

This year saw the beginning of new regular giving to a charity called TEK URA. This is based in Albania, and works with the underprivileged who have little access to appropriate healthcare, especially physiotherapy. Locals are being trained as professionals and encouraged to take on leadership roles.

Once again, the church supported Samaritan's Purse' 'Operation Christmas Child'. Shoe boxes were sent to disadvantaged children in different parts of the world, accompanied by donations to assist with transport.







Local Mission - The Church is situated on the edge of the Northern Arc development which will see thousands of new homes built over the next 15 years. We see this this as a significant part of our mission field as we seek to serve and build relationships in the area and create a bridge between the existing and new communities.

GDPR

The Church Leadership is fully committed to implementing the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

GDPR came into force on 27th May 2018 and the Trustees are fully committed to implementing it. Three people attended a course at Gateway Baptist organised by SEBA. Subsequent to this, a GDPR Policy was drawn up and passed by the Membership at the AGM.

The Church now holds signed permission by everyone in the database. The Leadership will update the policy as and when required to make sure that we conform to the regulations.

The Cornerstone Project

'Church, Community and Creation working together in harmony'

In January, a new planning application was submitted to Mid Sussex District Council, detailing designs from Pod Developments Ltd. Planning permission was granted in April. This modular design will enable the project to be completed in phases, which will make the start of the build more achievable. There is still a shortfall in finances needed to commence building and the Church remains in a period of praying about the future direction of the building project whilst focussing on the missional elements of the Cornerstone vision.

Achievements and Performance

The Church does not measure the success of its activities purely by numbers, including financial numbers, but also in less tangible factors such as fellowship and encouragement. The Trustees acknowledge that these are difficult to measure but believe that 2023 was a good year in the life of the Church, particularly in the current climate.

As at 31st December there were:

Baptisms	0
New Members	2
Deaths	0
Total Members	61

The average attendance for 2023 was 45, and the wider church fellowship prospered through various activities in and with the local community.

Financial review

Sheddingdean Baptist Church's principal source of income arises from gifts received from members and others who are personally associated with the church.

Since the launch of the Cornerstone Project, some large gifts have been donated by members of the fellowship and others have also been given and pledged by various trusts. Income has also been generated by charitable activities.

Finance is also required for the upkeep of the Manse, the stipend and housing of the Pastor and the hiring of venues for church activities. There are no other paid employees.

During the year the church continued to make significant gifts to home and overseas missions and relief appeals: some of these gifts were made directly by individual members online, rather than through the church's accounts.

Policy on Reserves

While the Trustees continue to believe that it is not appropriate to hold excessive reserves, they recognise that a general reserve is required to provide:

- Working capital
- A cushion against seasonal variations in income and expenditure
- Contingency provision against unexpected costs
- Flexibility to respond to unexpected needs and opportunities
- Provision for speedy access to capital for premises demands

All payments are subject to the availability of funds. In order to provide for these requirements, the Trustees believe that an appropriate level for the general reserve should fall about midway between the average of three months expenditure and one quarter of the annual budget. It is reviewed on an annual basis.

In 2018 the prudent balance figure was changed to £17,500 which, although slightly higher than the requirements set out above, was considered prudent whilst the Cornerstone Project is active. Reserves remained above this figure at all times throughout this year. In the event of the general reserve falling short of this 'prudent balance', action would be taken at the earliest opportunity to inform all members, and further steps would be taken to address the situation through the budgetary process. From December 2021 the majority of this money has been in an interest- bearing account. Given the requirement to give 3 months' notice to withdraw the funds, the decision was made to leave the remaining £2,500 within the General current account.

The examined Accounts for the year 2023 follow in the subsequent pages of the report.

Sheddingdean Baptist Church							
Analysis of Receipts and Payments - 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023							
Headings	General Account £s					Totals £s	Totals £s
Page 1 of 2	**Un-restricted**		**Designated**		**Restricted**	**This year**	**Last year**
Receipts	**General Fund**	**General Reserves**	**Mission**	**Com-passion**	**CStone**	**2023**	**2022**
Donations and legacies							
General Collection, BACS receipts	£41,613.00					£41,613.00	£45,510.70
Mission			£0.00			£0.00	£0.00
Anniversary gift			£177.00			£177.00	£55.00
Mission - Seasonal			£1,743.00			£1,743.00	£2,226.00
Mission - Love Gift			£327.00			£327.00	£0.00
Received Funds from Operation other	£25,649.00					£25,649.00	£912.80
Operational - Café	£315.00					£315.00	£835.23
Premises repayments received by	£0.00					£0.00	£0.00
Ministry other	£0.00					£0.00	£0.00
Compassion				£0.00		£0.00	£0.00
General Funds received from CS	£1,600.00					£1,600.00	
Mission Funds received from CS			£0.00				
Donations and legacies Totals	£69,177.00		£2,247.00			**£71,424.00**	**£49,539.73**
Charitable Activities							
	£0.00					£0.00	£0.00
Total Receipts - charitable activities	**£0.00**		**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**
Investments							
Interest on Bank Deposit Accounts	£0.00	£354.71	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£354.71	£67.03
Investments Totals	£0.00	£354.71	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	**£354.71**	**£67.03**
Other Income							
Gift Aid/GASDS received [a]	£7,526.38					£7,526.38	£9,348.45
Manse Rent received	£1,067.20					£1,067.20	
Other Receipts Totals	**£8,593.58**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£8,593.58**	**£9,348.45**
Receipts Grand totals	**£77,770.58**	**£354.71**	**£2,247.00**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£80,372.29**	**£58,955.21**

Sheddingdean Baptist Church Analysis of Receipts and Payments - 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023							
Headings	General Account £s					Totals	Totals
Page 2 of 2	**Un-restricted**				**Restricted**	**This year**	**Last year**
Payments	**General Fund**	**General Reserves**	**Mission**	**Com-passion**	**Corner-stone**	**2023**	**2022**
Raising funds							
Payments on charitable activities							
Operational							
Administration	£4,530.91					£4,530.91	£4,107.47
Community & outreach	£141.25					£141.25	£557.25
Youth	£634.02					£634.02	£694.42
Operational other - Café	£267.04					£267.04	£582.85
Operational other	£320.00					£320.00	£307.60
Pastorlal Connection Group	£0.00					£0.00	£253.48
Pastoral Gifts/flowers	£571.67					£571.67	£0.00
Compassion				£21.69		£21.69	£537.23
Training & BU Assembly	£747.00					£747.00	£1,007.95
Worship	£2,447.77					£2,447.77	£908.82
Premises	£6,435.83					£6,435.83	£3,153.20
Operational Sub-total	**£16,095.49**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£21.69**		**£16,117.18**	**£12,110.27**
Manse							
Insurance	£336.42					£336.42	£287.30
Maintenance/repairs	£8,876.32					£8,876.32	£306.40
Manse Sub-total	**£9,212.74**					**£9,212.74**	**£593.70**
Minstry							
In lieu payments						£0.00	£0.00
Retirement Pension payments	£660.00					£660.00	£2,040.00
Minister & allowances	£16,327.24					£16,327.24	£30,624.50
Ministry Sub-total	**£16,987.24**					**£16,987.24**	**£32,664.50**
Mission							
Budgeted Mission			£8,020.00			£8,020.00	£7,580.00
Non Budgeted Mission			£60.00			£60.00	£1,608.75
Mission Anniversary Gift			£0.00			£0.00	£0.00
Appeals/seasonal			£3,594.75			£3,594.75	£485.00
Mission - Love Gift			£506.25				
Mission Sub-total [b]			**£12,181.00**			**£12,181.00**	**£9,673.75**
Payments-charitable activities Sub-totals	**£42,295.47**	**£0.00**	**£12,181.00**	**£21.69**		**£54,498.16**	**£55,042.22**
Other Payments							
	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Other Payments Totals	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Payments Grand totals	**£42,295.47**	**£0.00**	**£12,181.00**	**£21.69**	**£0.00**	**£54,498.16**	**£55,042.22**
In year surplus/deficit	**£35,475.11**	**£354.71**	**-£9,934.00**	**-£21.69**	**£0.00**	**£25,874.13**	**£3,912.99**
Transfers between General A/C funds [c]	-£34,572.69	£25,000.00	£9,551.00	£21.69	£0.00	**£0.00**	**£0.00**
Net Transfers betwn Funds during year [d]					-£18.75	-£18.75	-£2,900.00
In Year Balances	**£902.42**	**£25,354.71**	**-£383.00**	**£0.00**	**-£18.75**	**£25,855.38**	**£1,012.99**
Balance B/F with EOY adjustment	£10,988.11	£15,067.54	£383.00	£0.00	£18.75	£26,457.40	£25,444.41
Balance C/F	**£11,890.53**	**£40,422.25**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£52,312.78**	**£26,457.40**
End of year fund adjustments				**£0.00**	**£0.00**	£0.00	-£383.00
Balance after end of year adjustmts (does not include fixed assets)	**£11,890.53**	**£40,422.25**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£52,312.78**	**£26,074.40**

Sheddingdean Baptist Church Analysis of Receipts and Payments - 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023						
Headings	Cornerstone Account £s		General Funds held £s		Totals £s	Totals £s
	Restricted	Designated	Unrestricted		This year	Last year
Receipts	**Cornerstone**	**Cornerstone**	**Missn**	**Gen Fund**	**2023**	**2022**
Donations and legacies						
Cornerstone Offering	£800.00				£800.00	£1,497.00
CS Regular online giving	£14,767.00				£14,767.00	£22,469.00
CS Regular Giving (cash/cheques)	£1,460.00				£1,460.00	£1,887.00
In lieu of pension					£0.00	£0.00
Cornerstone Large Gifts	£0.00				£0.00	£0.00
Money from Trusts	£0.00				£0.00	£0.00
Donations and legacies Totals	£17,027.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£17,027.00	£25,853.00
Charitable Activities						
Fund Raiser Event	£0.00				£0.00	£11.00
Sky Dive					£0.00	£0.00
Fundraising sponsored	£0.00				£0.00	£0.00
Memorial Funds/Funerals	£0.00				£0.00	£85.00
Gift Day	£0.00				£0.00	£0.00
Collection boxes	£0.00				£0.00	£54.00
Sale of coins/cables	£0.00				£0.00	£0.00
Easy Fundraising	£93.86				£93.86	£44.85
Sheddingdean Sewers	£0.00				£0.00	£0.00
Sheddingdean Strummers	£104.00				£104.00	£235.00
Total Receipts - charitable activities	**£197.86**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£197.86**	**£429.85**
Investments						
Interest on CAF account	£326.29				£326.29	£163.16
Interest on Liquidity Account	£1,206.42				£1,206.42	£228.01
Interest on Bank Deposit Accounts	£6,861.00				£6,861.00	£1,892.25
Investments Totals	**£8,393.71**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£8,393.71**	**£2,283.42**
Other Receipts						
Gift Aid/GASDS received	£2,648.00				£2,648.00	£4,362.58
Other Receipts Totals	**£2,648.00**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£2,648.00**	**£4,362.58**
Receipts Grand totals	**£28,266.57**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£28,266.57**	**£32,928.85**
Expenses	**Cornerstone**	**Cornerstone**	**Missn**	**Gen Fund**	**2023**	**2022**
Payments						
Surveys and Planning	£0.00				£0.00	£0.00
Publicity	£0.00				£0.00	£0.00
Solicitor's fees	£0.00				£0.00	£0.00
Cornerstone Consultancy Fees	£0.00				£0.00	£0.00
Architect Fees	£0.00				£0.00	£0.00
Cornerstone Fundraising costs	£0.00				£0.00	£0.00
Monthly Account Fees CAF	£60.00				£60.00	£81.00
Payments Grand totals	**£60.00**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£60.00**	**£81.00**
In year surplus/deficit	**£28,206.57**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£28,206.57**	**£32,847.85**
Net money received for and paid out to General fund during year	£0.00		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Transfers between CS and General Funds during year						£2,900.00
In Year Balances	**£28,206.57**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£28,206.57**	**£35,747.85**
Balance B/F with EOY adjustment	**£394,393.49**	**£19,586.00**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£413,979.49**	**£378,231.64**
Bal c/f	**£422,600.06**	**£19,586.00**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£442,186.06**	**£413,979.49**
End of year fund adjustments					£0.00	£0.00
Balance after end of year adjustmts (does not include fixed assets)	**£422,600.06**	**£19,586.00**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£442,186.06**	**£413,979.49**

1. The Receipts and Payments of the General accounts and the Cornerstone accounts are presented separately on Excel software, and this allows them to be managed separately. Columns within each section indicate which funds are held within these accounts.
2. There was a total of £25K of transfers not showing as cleared 31 December 2023 (from General Ac to Gen Reserve Ac). This transfer is reflected in the NatWest Current Ac and General Reserve Ac shown.
3. The church holds a NatWest Current account for Sheddingdean Baptist Church General Funds as well as a 3 month notice interest generating Liquidity Manager Saver Account which holds the majority of the Reserve funds (see also the information given in the Financial Review). The church also holds a CAF (Charities Aid Foundation) bank account for Cornerstone funds, as well as a NatWest Current Account, Two Baptist Union Deposit Accounts and a NatWest Liquidity Manager Saver Account. Currently, there is an additional £25k located with the Reserve Account. This was a gift from the Redfern Trust to use as the church desires.
4. The format for these accounts is set out to comply with SORP regulations. This shows in detail the Receipts and Payments, and Assets and Liabilities of the Church.
5. Assets and liabilities are recorded on a separate page.
6. For further notes, see 'notes' that follow.
   S Jenkinson, VB Dando & JT Styles

<u>These notes form an integral part of the Statement of Accounts</u>

a. Gift Aid was received at the rate of 20% tax of gross (before tax) income. Benefit was also received from the Gift Aid Small Donation Scheme (GASDS). All Gift Aid is received into the General account and the proportion of Gift Aid that is received for donations to Cornerstone is then transferred into the Cornerstone account.
b. Mission income is that due to special appeals for mission and donations that are marked for mission. These are accounted for, over and above the church's normal allocation for mission work which is included in the Annual Budget, and funded from the general Fund. Giving to mission (that was processed through the church accounts) amounted to 22% of total receipts in 2023.
c. Transfers between General funds during the year included the levelling off of the compassion and mission funds, as, unless a specific donation has been made for a particular project or cause, the funds are set to '£0' for the following year. A budget amount is set for both these funds.
d. Monies owing to the Cornerstone account but held in the General Current Account, and vice versa, that were transferred during the year are recorded as 'Transfers of different funds during the year' and is shown in the rows below the 'in year surplus/deficit' row.

Further notes:

Any funds still requiring to be transferred, i.e. that were received for a specific mission, but have not been paid out from the General fund are entered in the row labelled 'End of year fund adjustments', which will be transferred during the following year.

The church building project is called The Cornerstone Project (labelled as Cornerstone in the accounts) and records monies given specifically for this purpose. The majority of standing orders to Cornerstone are paid into the NatWest Account and Cornerstone Collection monies are generally paid into the NatWest bank account. In order to keep the balance of money held in the NatWest Cornerstone Current Account to a level that does not attract business rates, transfers of money are made to the CAF bank account during the year. This account is used to make payments relating to Cornerstone. Cornerstone has been nominated as a recipient for some memorial funds.

S Jenkinson (Treasurer), VB Dando & JT Styles (Treasury Team)

Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by fund) as at 31 December 2023

				Balance		Previous Balance
Tangible Assets	General Fund			**31.12.2023**		**31.12.2022**
Equipment: Computer Equipment and PA				£5,392.00		£3,758.56
Manse[a]				£367,300.00		£391,000.00
			Tangible Assets	**£372,692.00**		**£394,758.56**
Cornerstone Funds				**31.12.2023**		**31.12.2022**
				Balance		Previous Balance
Cash at bank and in hand						
Cornerstone Current Account NatWest - Asset			**Funds**		Actual	
	Cornerstone		Restricted	£5,058.46		5185.6
	Cornerstone		Restricted	£19,586.00		£19,586.00
	Cornerstone		Designated	£0.00		£0.00
	General Fund		Unrestricted	£0.00		£0.00
				£24,644.46		**£24,771.60**
Cornerstone Liquid Manager NatWest			Restricted	**£52,453.25**		**51246.83**
CAF Bank Cornerstone Account						
	Cornerstone		Restricted	£126,398.19		£196,132
	Cornerstone		Designated	£0.00		£0.00
	General Fund		Unrestricted	£0.00		£0.00
	General Fund - mission		Designated	£0.00		£0.00
				£126,398.19		**£196,131.90**
BU Deposit Account G08S006			Restricted	£184,983.23		**£89,175.29**
BU Deposit Account NS024 (previously G12S001)			Restricted	£53,706.93	**£0.00**	**£52,653.87**
Cash at bank and in hand Cornerstone				**£442,186.06**		**£413,979.49**
				31.12.2023		**31.12.2022**
				Balance		Previous Balance
			Funds			
General Bank Account						
	Cornerstone		Restricted	£0.00		£0.00
	Mission Designated			£0.00		£383.00
	Compassion Designated			£0.00		£0.00
	General		Unrestricted	£11,890.53		£11,006.86
				£11,890.53		**£11,389.86**
35 day Liquidity Manager Account Reserve Account	General		Unrestricted	**£40,422.25**		£15,067.54
Cash at bank and in hand General				**£52,312.78**		**£26,457.40**
Total General and Cornerstone Cash at bank and in hand				**£494,498.84**		**£440,436.89**
Grand Total				**£867,190.84**		**£835,195.45**

Note a Nationwide index and recent sales in the area.

S Jenkinson (Treasurer) JT Styles, VB Dando (Treasury Team)

Examiner of Accounts

The examiner of the 2023 accounts was Mr Neil Watts, F.P.M.I. We are very grateful to him for all his help.

Declaration

Accounts prepared by the Treasury Team.

Approved by the Trustees of Sheddingdean Baptist Church on 13.5.2024 and signed on their behalf by:

Susan Jenkinson	Valerie Dando
Treasurer/Trustee	Trustee

Section B	Disclosure
	Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).
Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.	

SHEDDINGDEAN BAPTIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1168341

Accounts

Sheddingdean Baptist Church

Somewhere to Belong and Believe

Sheddingdean Baptist Church
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for year ended 31st December 2022

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We must pay the most careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away.



Delighted children at Sheddingdean School receiving their Easter Egg Hunt prizes.

The Leadership Team (all of whom are the church's trustees under the Charities Act) are pleased to present the Annual Report, together with the accounts that have been examined in accordance with the requirements of the Charity Commission, for the year to 31 December 2022.

The financial statements comply with the required Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP).

The Trustees are so thankful for all the encouragement and support that they have received from the membership and congregation throughout the year.

Reference and Administrative details of the Charity and its Trustees

Charity Status

Sheddingdean Baptist Church is a Registered Charity - number 1168341. 20 July 2016.

The Church does not currently own a place of worship but has resumed meeting in person at the Sheddingdean Community Centre and monthly at Gateway Baptist Church.

Managing Trustees

The Church is administered by the current Diaconate who are the Managing Trustees of the Charity comprising:

Pastor: Reverend Trevor Beckett

Deacons: Treasurer: Tafrina Styles (until November 2022)

Colin Allen

Sylvia Lewis

Kay Norman (until May 2022)

Debbie McDonald

Val Dando

Sue Jenkinson (from Nov 2022) (Treasurer from Jan 2023)

Gill Davison (from Nov 2022)

Eric Pollard (from Nov 2022)

Bankers: Nat West Bank, 1 Muster Green, Haywards Heath, West Sussex RH16 4AP

Baptist Union Corporation Ltd, Baptist House, PO Box 44, 129 Broadway, Didcot, OX11 8RT

CAF Bank Ltd, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 44JQ

Independent Examiner:

Mr Neil Watts, F.P.M.I., 25 Greenlands Close, Burgess Hill,

RH15 0AR

Structure, governance and management

Governing Document

Sheddingdean Baptist Church is an un-incorporated body, a member of the Baptist Union of Great Britain, Didcot, Oxfordshire. It is governed by the terms set out in its own Constitution.

The current Constitution was adopted on 27 January 2015 at a Special Church Meeting and was amended on 27 November 2018 in order to allow a higher number of Trustees, and in July 2022 to allow 'equivalents to be treasurer and secretary'.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

The method of recruitment and appointment of trustees is set out in section 15 of the Church Constitution. Under guidelines issued by the Baptist Union, those appointed by the constitutional process to serve as elders or deacons, and those appointed to specific posts by the constitutional process, such as Secretary and Treasurer, automatically become Trustees on their appointment.

Organisational Structure

The Church is governed and regulated by its own members where all aspects of the work of the Church are subject to the approval of the Church meeting that is normally held five times a year. The Minister of the Church is a paid Managing Trustee and with the Deacons gives leadership to the Church. The Deacons assist the Minister in his role and are also responsible for preparing the business for the Church Meetings.

The Baptist Union and South Eastern Baptist Association

The Church is part of the wider Baptist family and is therefore a member church of the South Eastern Baptist Association (SEBA) and of the Baptist Union of Great Britain (BUGB). Both organisations are registered charities. The Church pays an annual subscription to SEBA and to BUGB based upon its

membership numbers and also makes a donation to BUGB (Home Mission Fund) for the Baptist family in the UK.

Custodian Trustee

The Baptist Union holds the deeds for the Manse. This property is 31 Chestnut Close, Burgess Hill, RH15 0HN. No property valuation has been undertaken in recent years and the value shown in the accounts is the estimated value based on local market house sale prices and the Nationwide price increase index for the area.

Relationships between the Charity and Related Parties

Members of the fellowship have engaged and continue to serve in many ways in the local community including the Respect Youth club. Relationships are being strengthened with the Windmills Playgroup which meet at the Community Centre. Two members of the church sit on the management committee of the Maple Drive Community Group. The Sheddingdean Strummers, all of whom are members of the church, are a Ukulele, Guitar, Song and Dance Group which performs in local venues.

Pastor Trevor is the SEBA representative on the Baptist Union Environmental Network.

The church continues its support of Befriended, an organisation providing support and friendship for the lonely and elderly. A church trustee is a volunteer for them and was formerly a trustee on the Befriended Committee.

Members of the fellowship regularly contribute items of food and toiletries to the Basics Bank at Brighton and Hove City Mission, this forms a food bank in Brighton.

Several Ministers of local churches continue to meet monthly for prayer and there are regular joint church prayer events.

The Church remains committed to promoting and using fairly-traded produce.

Members of the Fellowship continue to support the Cornerstone Project financially.

Charity Vision and Mission Statement

'Connecting more deeply with God (worship) so that we can connect God to every part of our lives (discipleship) and then connect others to Jesus (mission).'

At Sheddingdean Baptist Church we are seeking to be

- A praying community
- A kingdom community
- A welcoming community
- A caring and loving community
- A community in which trusting relationships are built
- A community who loves the scriptures
- A spirit led community

- A diverse but integrated community
- A community in which God's creation is respected and nurtured

Objectives and Activities

The principal purpose of the Church is the advancement of the Christian faith according to Holy Scripture and 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.

The Activities, which seek to serve both the membership and the local and wider community include, but are not restricted to:

• regular public worship, prayer, Bible study, preaching and teaching

• baptism, as defined in the Baptist Union's Declaration of Principle

• the Communion of the Lord's Supper

• evangelism and mission, locally, regionally, nationally and internationally

• the teaching, encouragement, welcome and inclusion of young people

• nurture and growth 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 and other Christians

Worship

Weekly services have been held at the Community Centre at Sheddingdean with the service being live-streamed. Once a month our service is held at Gateway Baptist Church, in the afternoon, to accommodate more people and to enable us to serve refreshments. This afternoon service has also incorporated Senior Songs of Praise.

The Minister has overall responsibility for services and for preaching, but members of the fellowship are encouraged to be involved in various ways such as leading the worship, preaching and playing musical instruments. A Christmas Carol Service was held, to which the community were invited.

Prayer

Prayer is a fundamental part of our life at Sheddingdean Baptist Church.
During 2022 our online Tuesday morning prayer has continued and flourished. The half an hour spent together is an important time in the week. We usually focus on three different relevant topics as well as praying for pastoral needs in the church.

We have also started meeting for prayer again in person- once a month on a Tuesday evening at the Community Centre.
Throughout 2022 the weekly prayer walk around our community on Thursday afternoons has continued. During this time we have not only prayed all around our area; Sheddingdean, the Cornerstone site, the Industrial estate, Bedelands and the new area of Brookleigh, but we have made good relationships with

the builders on the new estate. They have encouraged and advertised our outreaches into the community- for example the Easter egg hunt on Bedelands (they provided some of the Easter eggs). We have picked up litter around the area, and engaged in conversations wherever possible. It is a wonderful time of prayer as well as fellowship together as we walk.

Connection Groups

The Church runs a number of Connection groups with the aim of providing fellowship, pastoral care and the growth of faith and discipleship. New groups have evolved to reflect the diverse and changing needs of the fellowship. Groups are encouraged to find the right time of day and days of week that best suit their members (e.g., the more elderly or those with a disability often prefer daytime meetings). Transport needs are also taken into account. Some groups are meeting face to face while others are continuing to meet on Zoom.

Children and Youth



Messy Church continued in 2022 and was held every other month throughout the year alternating with a planning/preparation meeting. We had a regular attendance of between 30 to 40 children accompanied by their parents/guardians and they enjoyed a morning of crafts, games and hospitality as well as a celebration time with bible stories or songs. On Good Friday, we held a special Easter Egg hunt at our local nature reserve and gave away 240 Easter eggs to participating children as well as hot cross buns, (donated by the local Co-op), to the adults. In December, we were able to return to Sheddingdean Community Primary School, a larger space which enabled us to reach out to more families in the community.

Cornerstone Café

In response to the adverse effects on well-being due to the pandemic, the church set up a pilot community café in September to be held on a Saturday twice a month. The aim is to provide a safe and welcoming space where members of the community can chat, find a listening ear or just be themselves. Resources are available to support signposting to other agencies and a member of the church attends as our artist in residence.

A grant was received from Burgess Hill Town Council to facilitate the purchase of a coffee machine, and hot drinks and cakes are provided without charge, although voluntary donations are welcomed. Numbers attending grew and In December it was agreed to continue the café on a more regular basis in 2023. Links have been made with a Housing Association in the new Brookleigh community and it has been suggested that the café may be used as a base for their Financial and Wellbeing team.





Cornerstone Cafe



Pudding and Coffee Club

Pudding and Coffee Club continues in a different format. Once a month, on a Saturday afternoon, several ladies meet at a local garden centre, and an annual social was held this year, at the home of a couple from the church - at Wivelsfield Green.

Sheddingdean Strummers.

The Sheddingdean Strummers are a six piece band (ukulele, guitar, percussion, singing and dancing) who are members of Sheddingdean Baptist Church.
They perform a repertoire of songs from the 40s through to the 80s, which include both secular and sacred music, with the intention of bringing joy to people, particularly seniors and residents of care homes.
This last year they began to perform more again after the shutdowns due to Covid.
They joined with our Pastor in April in providing a devotional time with lots of songs at one of our local McCarthy and Stone residences in Burgess Hill.
In June they helped the retired civil servants group on one day, and a local WI on another to celebrate the Queen's platinum Jubilee, with songs that spanned the reign of our late Queen.
In September they made an exciting new link with the Brighton and Hove City Mission. As a church we have long been supporters of their work, but now opportunity has come for the Strummers to be actively involved in their work. As part of their care homes team they visited Glentworth Nursing Home in Hove, and will be doing so in the future too.
This last Christmas they visited Francis Court, a care home in Copthorne; the local "Befriended" group's Christmas meal and a festive tea at Plumpton Ladies Group.
It is good to have the privilege of seeing folks enjoying the music, singing and dancing as well!

Welcome Leaflet

A Church Member has been working with representatives from three other churches in the town to produce a Welcome Leaflet for residents of the new Brookleigh development situated adjacent to the Sheddingdean area. The leaflet gives details of all the churches in the town, and the facilities they offer, which may support members of the community.

The leaflet is due to be printed in early 2023 and will be delivered to the first new residents by the Thursday Prayer Walkers.

Mission

The Church provides financial and prayer support to organisations working for the advancement of the Christian faith both in the UK and in the wider world.

Each year the church fellowship gives to various organisations.
Total mission giving was 20.5% of total receipts (excludes Cornerstone income)

- Baptist mission giving was £7268 (75.1% of mission giving)
- Giving to other causes was £2405 (24.9% of mission giving)

The Church has maintained its support for its mission partners across the world through the Baptist Missionary Society (BMS) with regular giving to a missionary couple located in the Middle East; to Baptist Union Home Mission (7.5% of total receipts) and to Baptist Twinning in Israel (for NETS – Nazareth Evangelical Theological Seminary).

The Church Anniversary Appeal was given to the Baptist Missionary Society, IMPACT Appeal - to support people particularly hit hard by the financial crisis around the world. The Christmas Appeal was for another BMS Appeal – Tek Ura – helping Albanian people who are struggling to find a purpose in life. In September the appeal at Harvest went to BMS 'Good Land', helping villagers in Nepal to plant crops. In September an appeal raised funds for the floods in Pakistan, sent through Tearfund. At the beginning of the year the war in Ukraine prompted yet another appeal…actioned through BMS. Due to the nature of Covid and the change in the pattern of people's giving, many more gifts have been donated by individuals, directly to an appeal or cause, rather than being handled by the church accounts.

Giving (apart from Baptist giving) including regular support of the Savage family who planted and now lead a church, along with its associated activities, in Hem, Northern France. The church works with children and young people as well as people facing many difficulties in life. It also holds 2 or 3 community events annually. Regular support is also given to Brighton & Hove City Mission for their work with the needy.

Once again, the church supported Samaritan's Purse 'Operation Christmas Child'. Shoe boxes were sent to disadvantaged children all over the world, accompanied by donations from the Church itself and individuals, to assist with transport.







Local Mission - The Church is situated on the edge of the Northern Arc development which will see 10,000 new homes built over the next 15 years. We see this this as a significant part of our mission field as we seek to serve and build relationships in the area and creating a bridge between the existing and new communities. A member of the church is working with representatives from other local churches to develop a welcome leaflets to deliver to the new homes. A group of prayer walkers have built good relationships with the builders working on the site.

The Church Leadership is fully committed to implementing the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

GDPR came into force on 27th May 2018 and the Trustees are fully committed to implementing it. Three people attended a course at Gateway Baptist organised by SEBA. Subsequent to this, a GDPR Policy was drawn up and passed by the Membership at the AGM.

The Church now holds signed permission by everyone in the database. The Leadership will update the policy as and when required to make sure that we conform to the regulations.

The Cornerstone Project

'Church, Community and Creation working together in harmony'

The leadership recommended to the church that given increasing economic uncertainty in the pandemic period it was necessary to pause and pray further about the future direction of the Cornerstone building, but that should not prevent the church developing further the missional elements of the Cornerstone vision.

In September, an updated report on Cornerstone was submitted by Mike, the Project Manager. Although there were many positive points, the main drawback was the limitation in the worship space. An alternative Eco solution, using Pod Developments Ltd., had been researched and details of this were presented. In November, the church agreed to the compilation and submission of planning permission for a church building by this company.

Achievements and Performance

The Church does not measure the success of its activities purely by numbers, including financial numbers, but also in less tangible factors such as fellowship and encouragement. The Trustees acknowledge that these are difficult to measure but believe that 2022 was a good year in the life of the Church, particularly in the current climate.

As at 31st December there were:

Baptisms	0
New Members	1
Deaths	2
Total Members	68

The average attendance for 2021, in person and on Zoom, was 50, and the wider church fellowship prospered through various activities in and with the local community.

The Church is also involved with the Maple Drive Community Group in organising the Fun Day.

Two members of the church have continued their involvement with the group. The group also gave financial support towards a community Easter egg hunt run by Sheddingdean Baptist Church. Its committee continues to meet online.

Financial review

Sheddingdean Baptist Church's principal source of income arises from gifts received from members and others who are personally associated with the church.

Since the launch of the Cornerstone Project, some large gifts have been donated by members of the fellowship and others have also been given and pledged by various trusts. Income has also been generated by charitable activities.

Finance is also required for the upkeep of the Manse, the stipend and housing of the Pastor and the hiring of venues for church activities. There are no other paid employees.

During the year the church continued to make significant gifts to home and overseas missions and relief appeals: many of these gifts were made directly by individual members online, rather than through the church's accounts.

Policy on Reserves

While the Trustees continue to believe that it is not appropriate to hold excessive reserves, they recognise that a general reserve is required to provide:

- Working capital
- A cushion against seasonal variations in income and expenditure
- Contingency provision against unexpected costs
- Flexibility to respond to unexpected needs and opportunities
- Provision for speedy access to capital for premises demands

All payments are subject to the availability of funds. In order to provide for these requirements, the Trustees believe that an appropriate level for the general reserve should fall about midway between the average of three months expenditure and one quarter of the annual budget. It is reviewed on an annual basis.

In 2018 the prudent balance figure was changed to £17,500 which, although slightly higher than the requirements set out above, was considered prudent whilst the Cornerstone Project is active. Reserves remained above this figure at all times throughout this year. In the event of the general reserve falling short of this 'prudent balance', action would be taken at the earliest opportunity to inform all members, and further steps would be taken to address the situation through the budgetary process. From December 2021 the majority of this money has been in an interest- bearing account. Given the requirement to give 3 months' notice to withdraw the funds, the decision was made to leave the remaining £2,500 within the General current account.

The examined Accounts for the year 2022 follow in the subsequent pages of the report.

Sheddindean Baptist Church							
Analysis of Receipts and Payments - 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022							
Headings	General Account £s					Totals £s	Totals £s
Page 1 of 2	**Un-restricted**		**Designated**		**Restricted**	**This year**	**Last year**
Receipts	**General Fund**	**General Reserves**	**Mission**	**Com-passion**		**2022**	**2021**
Donations and legacies							
General Collection, BACS receipts	£45,511					£45,511	£47,524
Mission[a]			£0			£0	£0
Anniversary gift			£55			£55	£298
Mission - Seasonal			£2,226			£2,226	£716
Mission - Love Gift			£0			£0	£1,825
Received Funds from Operation other	£913					£913	£0
Operational - Café	£835					£835	£0
Premises repayments received by	£0					£0	£0
Ministry other	£0					£0	£0
Compassion				£0		£0	£0
General Funds received from CS[b]	£100						£1,154
Donations and legacies Totals	£47,259		£2,281			£49,540	£51,516
Charitable Activities							
	£0					£0	£0
Total Receipts - charitable activities	**£0**		**£0**	**£0**	**£0**	**£0**	**£0**
Investments							
Interest on Bank Deposit Accounts		£67	£0	£0	£0	£67	£1
Investments Totals	£0	£67	£0	£0	£0	**£67**	**£1**
Other Income							
Gift Aid/GASDS received[c]	£9,348					£9,348	£11,490
Other Receipts Totals	**£9,348**					**£9,348**	**£11,490**
Receipts Grand totals	**£56,607**	**£67**	**£2,281**	**£0**	**£0**	**£58,955**	**£63,007**

Sheddingdean Baptist Church							
Analysis of Receipts and Payments - 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022							
Headings	General Account £s					Totals	Totals
Page 2 of 2	**Un-restricted**				**Restricted**	**This year**	**Last year**
Payments	**General Fund**	**General Reserves**	**Mission**	**Com-passion**	**Corner-stone**	**2022**	**2021**
Raising funds							
Payments on charitable activities							
Operational							
Administration	4107					4107	3631
Community & outreach	557					557	1353
Youth	694					694	0
Operational other - Café	583					583	
Operational other	308					308	
Pastoral Gifts/flowers	253					253	553
Compassion[i]				537		537	300
Training & BU Assembly	1008					1008	224
Worship	909					909	867
Premises	3153					3153	3981
Operational Sub-total	**11573**	**0**	**0**	**537**		**12110**	**10909**
Manse							
Insurance	£287					£287	£309
Maintenance/repairs	£306					£306	£556
Manse Sub-total	**£594**					**£594**	**£865**
Minstry							
In lieu payments[d]						£0	£1,050
Retirement Pension payments	£2,040					£2,040	£750
Minister & allowances	£30,625					£30,625	£29,668
Ministry Sub-total	**£32,665**					**£32,665**	**£31,468**
Mission							
Budgeted Mission[e]			£7,580			£7,580	£8,770
Non Budgeted Mission			£1,609			£1,609	£0
Mission Anniversary Gift			£0			£0	£3,119
Appeals/seasonal			£485			£485	£0
Mission Sub-total			£9,674			**£9,674**	**£11,889**
Payments-charitable activities Sub-totals	**£44,831**	**£0**	**£9,674**	**£537**		**£55,042**	**£55,132**
Other Payments							
	£0		£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Other Payments Totals	£0		£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Payments Grand totals	**£44,831**	**£0**	**£9,674**	**£537**	**£0**	**£55,042**	**£55,132**
In year surplus/deficit	**£11,776**	**£67**	**-£7,393**	**-£537**	**£0**	**£3,913**	**£7,874**
Transfers between General A/C funds	-£8,313		£7,776	£537	£0	**£0**	o
Net Transfers betwn Funds during year[f]	-£3,000		£100		£0	-£2,900	-£7,030
In Year Balances	**£463**	**£67**	**£483**	**£0**	**£0**	**£1,013**	**£844**
Balance B/F with EOY adjustment	£10,544	£15,001	-£100	£0	£0	£25,444	£24,600
Balance C/F	**£11,007**	**£15,068**	**£383**	**£0**	**£0**	**£26,457**	**£25,444**
End of year fund adjustments[g]			**-£383**	**£0**	**£0**	-£383	£100
Balance after end of year adjustmts (does not include fixed assets)	**£11,007**	**£15,068**	**£0**	**£0**	**£0**	**£26,074**	**£25,544**

Sheddingdean Baptist Church Analysis of Receipts and Payments - 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022						
Headings	Cornerstone Account £s		General Funds held £s		Totals £s	Totals £s
	Restricted	Designated	Unrestricted		This year	Last year
Receipts[h]	**Cornerstone**	**Cornerstone**	**Missn**	**Gen Fund**	**2022**	**2021**
Donations and legacies						
Cornerstone Offering	£1,497				£1,497	£525
CS Regular online giving	£22,469				£22,469	£21,069
CS Regular Giving (cash/cheques)	£1,887				£1,887	£3,619
In lieu of pension					£0	£1,150
Cornerstone Large Gifts	£0				£0	£1,500
Money from Trusts	£0				£0	£0
Donations and legacies Totals	£25,853	£0	£0	£0	£25,853	£27,863
Charitable Activities						
Fund Raiser Event	£11				£11	£0
Sky Dive					£0	£0
Fundraising sponsored	£0				£0	£0
Memorial Funds/Funerals[i]	£85				£85	£1,505
Gift Day	£0				£0	£0
Collection boxes	£54				£54	£140
Sale of coins/cables	£0				£0	£0
Easy Fundraising	£45				£45	£16
Sheddingdean Sewers	£0				£0	£0
Sheddingdean Strummers	£235				£235	£15
Total Receipts - charitable activities	**£430**	**£0**	**£0**	**£0**	**£430**	**£1,676**
Investments						
Interest on CAF account	£163				£163	£0
Interest on Liquidity Account	£228				£228	
Interest on Bank Deposit Accounts	£1,892				£1,892	£1,481
Investments Totals	**£2,283**	**£0**	**£0**	**£0**	**£2,283**	**£1,481**
Other Receipts						
Gift Aid/GASDS received	£4,363				£4,363	£5,046
Other Receipts Totals	**£4,363**	**£0**	**£0**	**£0**	**£4,363**	**£5,046**
Receipts Grand totals	**£32,929**	**£0**	**£0**	**£0**	**£32,929**	**£36,067**
Expenses	**Cornerstone**	**Cornerstone**	**Missn**	**Gen Fund**	**2022**	**2021**
Payments						
Surveys and Planning	£0				£0	£26,444
Publicity	£0				£0	£0
Solicitor's fees	£0				£0	£0
Cornerstone Consultancy Fees	£0				£0	£0
Architect Fees	£0				£0	£0
Cornerstone Fundraising costs	£0				£0	£0
Monthly Account Fees CAF	£81				£81	£96
Payments Grand totals	**£81**	**£0**	**£0**	**£0**	**£81**	**£26,540**
In year surplus/deficit	**£32,848**	**£0**	**£0**	**£0**	**£32,848**	**£9,527**
Money received for General funds during year			**£0**	**£0**	£0	**£2,365**
Transfers betwn CS and General Funds during year[g]	£0	£3,000	-£100		£2,900	£4,046
In Year Balances	**£32,848**	**£3,000**	**-£100**	**£0**	**£35,748**	**£15,938**
Balance B/F with EOY adjustment	**£361,546**	**£16,586**	**£100**	**£0**	**£378,232**	**£362,294**
Bal c/f	**£394,393**	**£19,586**	**£0**	**£0**	**£413,979**	**£378,232**
End of year fund adjustments					£0	£0
Balance after end of year adjustmts (does not include fixed assets)	**£394,393**	**£19,586**	**£0**	**£0**	**£413,979**	**£378,232**

1. The Receipts and Payments of the General accounts and the Cornerstone accounts have now been presented separately on Excel software, and this allows them to be managed separately. Columns within each section indicate which funds are held within these accounts.
2. £3,000 was transferred from the General account to the Cornerstone Designated account. This money formed part of the monies to be allocated to Cornerstone by agreement at a church meeting in 2016. At the church meeting in November, 2021, as part of the continued fulfilment of this intention, the church agreed that the Treasurer should transfer a sum of up to £10,000 depending on her discretion dependent upon the fund situation near the very end of the year. £7,000 was transferred in December 2021. The Treasurer decided it was prudent to transfer the remaining £3,000 in 2022.
3. There are no unpresented cheques or owed amounts.
4. The church holds a NatWest Current account for Sheddingdean Baptist Church General Funds as well as a 3 month notice interest generating Liquidity Manager Saver Account which holds the majority of the Reserve funds (see also the information given in the Financial Review). The church also holds a CAF (Charities Aid Foundation) bank account for Cornerstone funds, as well as a NatWest Current Account, Two Baptist Union Deposit Accounts and a NatWest Liquidity Manager Saver Account. A new CAF saver account is due to be opened in 2023.
5. The format for these accounts is set out to comply with SORP regulations. This shows in detail the Receipts and Payments, and Assets and Liabilities of the Church.
6. Assets and liabilities are recorded on a separate page.
7. For further notes, see 'notes' that follow.
   JT Styles & VB Dando

<u>These notes form an integral part of the Statement of Accounts</u>

a. Mission Income is that due to special appeals for Mission and donations that are marked for mission. These are accounted for, over and above the church's normal allocation for mission work which is included in the Annual Budget, and funded from the General Fund. Giving to mission (that was processed through the church accounts) amounted to 20% of total receipts (20% in 2021). Due to the nature of Covid and the change in the pattern of people's giving, some gifts have been donated by individuals directly to an appeal, rather than being processed through the church.

b. Monies that were received into the Cornerstone account, but were for the General account, and have now been transferred to the General account, are labelled 'General funds originally received into CS in error'. This was a £100 mission gift paid by bacs into Cornerstone in error.

c. Gift Aid was received at the rate of 20% tax of gross (before tax) income. Benefit was also received from the Gift Aid Small Donation Scheme (GASDS). All Gift Aid is received into the General account and the proportion of Gift Aid that is received for donations to Cornerstone is then transferred into the Cornerstone account.

d. 'In lieu pension' - was the amount of money that the church gave to Cornerstone instead of paying this amount into the pastor's pension fund and which matched the giving by the pastor in lieu of his paying into a pension fund. This arrangement ceased at the end of August 2021. Instead of the 'In lieu pension' arrangement, the church then began to pay a sum of money directly into the retirement pension fund used by the Pastor. The amount paid was adjusted upwards to account for the length of time the previous arrangement had existed. This entry is shown in the account as Retirement Pension payments.

e. Transfers between General funds during the year included the levelling off of the compassion and mission funds, as, unless a specific donation has been made for a particular project or cause, the funds are set to '£0' for the following year. A budget amount is set for both these funds. However, £1,400 of the mission budget was not allocated, which is not reflected in the accounts above. This amount was paid out in March 2023.

f. Monies owing to the Cornerstone account but held in the General Current Account, and vice versa, that were transferred during the year are recorded as 'Transfers of different funds during the year' and is shown in the rows below the 'in year surplus/deficit' row. The transfers between different funds year total in the General accounts consisted of £100 owing from the Cornerstone fund to the General fund, and a £3,000 transfer which is part of the monies agreed by the church meeting in 2016 that would be transferred when funds allow.

g. Any funds still requiring to be transferred, i.e. that were received for a specific mission, but have not been paid out from the General fund are entered in the row labelled 'End of year fund adjustments', which will be transferred during the following year. These were mission gifts for Tearfund: £60 for Pakistan Flood Appeal, and for BMS: £323 for Good Land Harvest Appeal.

h. The church building project is called The Cornerstone Project (labelled as Cornerstone in the accounts) and records monies given specifically for this purpose. The majority of standing orders to Cornerstone are paid into the NatWest Account and Cornerstone Collection monies are generally paid into the NatWest bank account. In order to keep the balance of money held in the NatWest Cornerstone Current Account to a level that does not attract business rates, transfers of money are made to the CAF bank account during the year. This account is used to make payments relating to Cornerstone. Cornerstone has been nominated as a recipient for some memorial funds.

JT Styles (Treasurer until November 2022) & VB Dando (Treasury Team 2022)

Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by fund) as at 31 December 2022					
			Balance		Previous Balance
Tangible Assets	General Fund		31.12.2022		31.12.2021
Equipment: Computer Equipment and PA			£3,758.56		£2,640.00
Manse[a]			£391,000.00		£380,994.00
		Tangible Assets	**£394,758.56**		**£383,634.00**
Cornerstone Funds			**31.12.2022**		**31.12.2021**
			Balance		Previous Balance
Cash at bank and in hand					
Cornerstone Current Account NatWest - Asset		**Funds**			
	Cornerstone	Restricted	£5,185.60		
	Cornerstone	Restricted	£19,586.00		£19,540.17
	Cornerstone	Designated	£0.00		£16,586.00
	General Fund	Unrestricted	£0.00		£100.00
			£24,771.60		**£36,226.17**
Cornerstone Liquid Manager NatWest		Restricted	**51246.83**		**£51,018.82**
CAF Bank Cornerstone Account					
	Cornerstone	Restricted	£196,131.90		£150,950
	Cornerstone	Designated	£0.00		£0.00
	General Fund	Unrestricted	£0.00		£0.00
	General Fund - mission	Designated	£0.00		£100.00
			£196,131.90		**£151,049.74**
BU Deposit Account G08S006		Restricted	**£89,175.29**		**£87,597**
BU Deposit Account NS024 (previously G12S001)		Restricted	**£52,653.87**		**£52,340**
Cash at bank and in hand Cornerstone			**£413,979.49**		**£378,231.64**
			31.12.2022		**31.12.2021**
			Balance		Previous Balance
		Funds			
General Bank Account					
	Chatterbox	Designated	£0.00		£71.20
	Cornerstone	Restricted	£0.00		£0.00
	Mission Designated		£383.00		-£100.00
	Compassion Designated		£0.00		£0.00
	General	Unrestricted	£11,006.86		£10,472.70
			£11,389.86		**£10,443.90**
35 day Liquidity Manager Account Reserve Account	General	Unrestricted	**£15,067.54**		**£15,000.51**
Cash at bank and in hand			**£26,457.40**		**£25,444.41**
Total General and Cornerstone Cash at bank and in hand			**£440,436.89**		**£403,676.05**
Grand Total			**£835,195.45**		**£787,310.05**

Note a: Nationwide index and recent sales in the area.

JT Styles (Treasurer until November 2022) VB Dando (Treasury Team)

Examiner of Accounts

The examiner of the 2022 accounts was Mr Neil Watts, F.P.M.I. We are very grateful to him for all his help.

Declaration

Accounts prepared by the Treasury Team.

Approved by the Trustees of Sheddingdean Baptist Church on 17.4.2022 and signed on their behalf by:

Susan Jenkinson	Valerie Dando
Treasurer/Trustee	Trustee

Sheddingdean Baptist Church

Somewhere to Belong and Believe

Sheddingdean Baptist Church
Annual Report and Accounts
for year ended 31st December 2022

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We must pay the most careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away.



Delighted children at Sheddingdean School receiving their Easter Egg Hunt prizes.

The Leadership Team (all of whom are the church's trustees under the Charities Act) are pleased to present the Annual Report, together with the accounts that have been examined in accordance with the requirements of the Charity Commission, for the year to 31 December 2022.

The financial statements comply with the required Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP).

The Trustees are so thankful for all the encouragement and support that they have received from the membership and congregation throughout the year.

Reference and Administrative details of the Charity and its Trustees

Charity Status

Sheddingdean Baptist Church is a Registered Charity - number 1168341. 20 July 2016.

The Church does not currently own a place of worship but has resumed meeting in person at the Sheddingdean Community Centre and monthly at Gateway Baptist Church.

Managing Trustees

The Church is administered by the current Diaconate who are the Managing Trustees of the Charity comprising:

Pastor: Reverend Trevor Beckett

Deacons: Treasurer: Tafrina Styles (until November 2022)

Colin Allen

Sylvia Lewis

Kay Norman (until May 2022)

Debbie McDonald

Val Dando

Sue Jenkinson (from Nov 2022) (Treasurer from Jan 2023)

Gill Davison (from Nov 2022)

Eric Pollard (from Nov 2022)

Bankers: Nat West Bank, 1 Muster Green, Haywards Heath, West Sussex RH16 4AP

Baptist Union Corporation Ltd, Baptist House, PO Box 44, 129 Broadway, Didcot, OX11 8RT

CAF Bank Ltd, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 44JQ

Independent Examiner:

Mr Neil Watts, F.P.M.I., 25 Greenlands Close, Burgess Hill,

RH15 0AR

Structure, governance and management

Governing Document

Sheddingdean Baptist Church is an un-incorporated body, a member of the Baptist Union of Great Britain, Didcot, Oxfordshire. It is governed by the terms set out in its own Constitution.

The current Constitution was adopted on 27 January 2015 at a Special Church Meeting and was amended on 27 November 2018 in order to allow a higher number of Trustees, and in July 2022 to allow 'equivalents to be treasurer and secretary'.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

The method of recruitment and appointment of trustees is set out in section 15 of the Church Constitution. Under guidelines issued by the Baptist Union, those appointed by the constitutional process to serve as elders or deacons, and those appointed to specific posts by the constitutional process, such as Secretary and Treasurer, automatically become Trustees on their appointment.

Organisational Structure

The Church is governed and regulated by its own members where all aspects of the work of the Church are subject to the approval of the Church meeting that is normally held five times a year. The Minister of the Church is a paid Managing Trustee and with the Deacons gives leadership to the Church. The Deacons assist the Minister in his role and are also responsible for preparing the business for the Church Meetings.

The Baptist Union and South Eastern Baptist Association

The Church is part of the wider Baptist family and is therefore a member church of the South Eastern Baptist Association (SEBA) and of the Baptist Union of Great Britain (BUGB). Both organisations are registered charities. The Church pays an annual subscription to SEBA and to BUGB based upon its

membership numbers and also makes a donation to BUGB (Home Mission Fund) for the Baptist family in the UK.

Custodian Trustee

The Baptist Union holds the deeds for the Manse. This property is 31 Chestnut Close, Burgess Hill, RH15 0HN. No property valuation has been undertaken in recent years and the value shown in the accounts is the estimated value based on local market house sale prices and the Nationwide price increase index for the area.

Relationships between the Charity and Related Parties

Members of the fellowship have engaged and continue to serve in many ways in the local community including the Respect Youth club. Relationships are being strengthened with the Windmills Playgroup which meet at the Community Centre. Two members of the church sit on the management committee of the Maple Drive Community Group. The Sheddingdean Strummers, all of whom are members of the church, are a Ukulele, Guitar, Song and Dance Group which performs in local venues.

Pastor Trevor is the SEBA representative on the Baptist Union Environmental Network.

The church continues its support of Befriended, an organisation providing support and friendship for the lonely and elderly. A church trustee is a volunteer for them and was formerly a trustee on the Befriended Committee.

Members of the fellowship regularly contribute items of food and toiletries to the Basics Bank at Brighton and Hove City Mission, this forms a food bank in Brighton.

Several Ministers of local churches continue to meet monthly for prayer and there are regular joint church prayer events.

The Church remains committed to promoting and using fairly-traded produce.

Members of the Fellowship continue to support the Cornerstone Project financially.

Charity Vision and Mission Statement

'Connecting more deeply with God (worship) so that we can connect God to every part of our lives (discipleship) and then connect others to Jesus (mission).'

At Sheddingdean Baptist Church we are seeking to be

- A praying community
- A kingdom community
- A welcoming community
- A caring and loving community
- A community in which trusting relationships are built
- A community who loves the scriptures
- A spirit led community

- A diverse but integrated community
- A community in which God's creation is respected and nurtured

Objectives and Activities

The principal purpose of the Church is the advancement of the Christian faith according to Holy Scripture and 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.

The Activities, which seek to serve both the membership and the local and wider community include, but are not restricted to:

• regular public worship, prayer, Bible study, preaching and teaching

• baptism, as defined in the Baptist Union's Declaration of Principle

• the Communion of the Lord's Supper

• evangelism and mission, locally, regionally, nationally and internationally

• the teaching, encouragement, welcome and inclusion of young people

• nurture and growth 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 and other Christians

Worship

Weekly services have been held at the Community Centre at Sheddingdean with the service being live-streamed. Once a month our service is held at Gateway Baptist Church, in the afternoon, to accommodate more people and to enable us to serve refreshments. This afternoon service has also incorporated Senior Songs of Praise.

The Minister has overall responsibility for services and for preaching, but members of the fellowship are encouraged to be involved in various ways such as leading the worship, preaching and playing musical instruments. A Christmas Carol Service was held, to which the community were invited.

Prayer

Prayer is a fundamental part of our life at Sheddingdean Baptist Church.
During 2022 our online Tuesday morning prayer has continued and flourished. The half an hour spent together is an important time in the week. We usually focus on three different relevant topics as well as praying for pastoral needs in the church.

We have also started meeting for prayer again in person- once a month on a Tuesday evening at the Community Centre.
Throughout 2022 the weekly prayer walk around our community on Thursday afternoons has continued. During this time we have not only prayed all around our area; Sheddingdean, the Cornerstone site, the Industrial estate, Bedelands and the new area of Brookleigh, but we have made good relationships with

the builders on the new estate. They have encouraged and advertised our outreaches into the community- for example the Easter egg hunt on Bedelands (they provided some of the Easter eggs). We have picked up litter around the area, and engaged in conversations wherever possible. It is a wonderful time of prayer as well as fellowship together as we walk.

Connection Groups

The Church runs a number of Connection groups with the aim of providing fellowship, pastoral care and the growth of faith and discipleship. New groups have evolved to reflect the diverse and changing needs of the fellowship. Groups are encouraged to find the right time of day and days of week that best suit their members (e.g., the more elderly or those with a disability often prefer daytime meetings). Transport needs are also taken into account. Some groups are meeting face to face while others are continuing to meet on Zoom.

Children and Youth



Messy Church continued in 2022 and was held every other month throughout the year alternating with a planning/preparation meeting. We had a regular attendance of between 30 to 40 children accompanied by their parents/guardians and they enjoyed a morning of crafts, games and hospitality as well as a celebration time with bible stories or songs. On Good Friday, we held a special Easter Egg hunt at our local nature reserve and gave away 240 Easter eggs to participating children as well as hot cross buns, (donated by the local Co-op), to the adults. In December, we were able to return to Sheddingdean Community Primary School, a larger space which enabled us to reach out to more families in the community.

Cornerstone Café

In response to the adverse effects on well-being due to the pandemic, the church set up a pilot community café in September to be held on a Saturday twice a month. The aim is to provide a safe and welcoming space where members of the community can chat, find a listening ear or just be themselves. Resources are available to support signposting to other agencies and a member of the church attends as our artist in residence.

A grant was received from Burgess Hill Town Council to facilitate the purchase of a coffee machine, and hot drinks and cakes are provided without charge, although voluntary donations are welcomed. Numbers attending grew and In December it was agreed to continue the café on a more regular basis in 2023. Links have been made with a Housing Association in the new Brookleigh community and it has been suggested that the café may be used as a base for their Financial and Wellbeing team.





Cornerstone Cafe



Pudding and Coffee Club

Pudding and Coffee Club continues in a different format. Once a month, on a Saturday afternoon, several ladies meet at a local garden centre, and an annual social was held this year, at the home of a couple from the church - at Wivelsfield Green.

Sheddingdean Strummers.

The Sheddingdean Strummers are a six piece band (ukulele, guitar, percussion, singing and dancing) who are members of Sheddingdean Baptist Church.
They perform a repertoire of songs from the 40s through to the 80s, which include both secular and sacred music, with the intention of bringing joy to people, particularly seniors and residents of care homes.
This last year they began to perform more again after the shutdowns due to Covid.
They joined with our Pastor in April in providing a devotional time with lots of songs at one of our local McCarthy and Stone residences in Burgess Hill.
In June they helped the retired civil servants group on one day, and a local WI on another to celebrate the Queen's platinum Jubilee, with songs that spanned the reign of our late Queen.
In September they made an exciting new link with the Brighton and Hove City Mission. As a church we have long been supporters of their work, but now opportunity has come for the Strummers to be actively involved in their work. As part of their care homes team they visited Glentworth Nursing Home in Hove, and will be doing so in the future too.
This last Christmas they visited Francis Court, a care home in Copthorne; the local "Befriended" group's Christmas meal and a festive tea at Plumpton Ladies Group.
It is good to have the privilege of seeing folks enjoying the music, singing and dancing as well!

Welcome Leaflet

A Church Member has been working with representatives from three other churches in the town to produce a Welcome Leaflet for residents of the new Brookleigh development situated adjacent to the Sheddingdean area. The leaflet gives details of all the churches in the town, and the facilities they offer, which may support members of the community.

The leaflet is due to be printed in early 2023 and will be delivered to the first new residents by the Thursday Prayer Walkers.

Mission

The Church provides financial and prayer support to organisations working for the advancement of the Christian faith both in the UK and in the wider world.

Each year the church fellowship gives to various organisations.
Total mission giving was 20.5% of total receipts (excludes Cornerstone income)

- Baptist mission giving was £7268 (75.1% of mission giving)
- Giving to other causes was £2405 (24.9% of mission giving)

The Church has maintained its support for its mission partners across the world through the Baptist Missionary Society (BMS) with regular giving to a missionary couple located in the Middle East; to Baptist Union Home Mission (7.5% of total receipts) and to Baptist Twinning in Israel (for NETS – Nazareth Evangelical Theological Seminary).

The Church Anniversary Appeal was given to the Baptist Missionary Society, IMPACT Appeal - to support people particularly hit hard by the financial crisis around the world. The Christmas Appeal was for another BMS Appeal – Tek Ura – helping Albanian people who are struggling to find a purpose in life. In September the appeal at Harvest went to BMS 'Good Land', helping villagers in Nepal to plant crops. In September an appeal raised funds for the floods in Pakistan, sent through Tearfund. At the beginning of the year the war in Ukraine prompted yet another appeal…actioned through BMS. Due to the nature of Covid and the change in the pattern of people's giving, many more gifts have been donated by individuals, directly to an appeal or cause, rather than being handled by the church accounts.

Giving (apart from Baptist giving) including regular support of the Savage family who planted and now lead a church, along with its associated activities, in Hem, Northern France. The church works with children and young people as well as people facing many difficulties in life. It also holds 2 or 3 community events annually. Regular support is also given to Brighton & Hove City Mission for their work with the needy.

Once again, the church supported Samaritan's Purse 'Operation Christmas Child'. Shoe boxes were sent to disadvantaged children all over the world, accompanied by donations from the Church itself and individuals, to assist with transport.







Local Mission - The Church is situated on the edge of the Northern Arc development which will see 10,000 new homes built over the next 15 years. We see this this as a significant part of our mission field as we seek to serve and build relationships in the area and creating a bridge between the existing and new communities. A member of the church is working with representatives from other local churches to develop a welcome leaflets to deliver to the new homes. A group of prayer walkers have built good relationships with the builders working on the site.

The Church Leadership is fully committed to implementing the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

GDPR came into force on 27th May 2018 and the Trustees are fully committed to implementing it. Three people attended a course at Gateway Baptist organised by SEBA. Subsequent to this, a GDPR Policy was drawn up and passed by the Membership at the AGM.

The Church now holds signed permission by everyone in the database. The Leadership will update the policy as and when required to make sure that we conform to the regulations.

The Cornerstone Project

'Church, Community and Creation working together in harmony'

The leadership recommended to the church that given increasing economic uncertainty in the pandemic period it was necessary to pause and pray further about the future direction of the Cornerstone building, but that should not prevent the church developing further the missional elements of the Cornerstone vision.

In September, an updated report on Cornerstone was submitted by Mike, the Project Manager. Although there were many positive points, the main drawback was the limitation in the worship space. An alternative Eco solution, using Pod Developments Ltd., had been researched and details of this were presented. In November, the church agreed to the compilation and submission of planning permission for a church building by this company.

Achievements and Performance

The Church does not measure the success of its activities purely by numbers, including financial numbers, but also in less tangible factors such as fellowship and encouragement. The Trustees acknowledge that these are difficult to measure but believe that 2022 was a good year in the life of the Church, particularly in the current climate.

As at 31st December there were:

Baptisms	0
New Members	1
Deaths	2
Total Members	68

The average attendance for 2021, in person and on Zoom, was 50, and the wider church fellowship prospered through various activities in and with the local community.

The Church is also involved with the Maple Drive Community Group in organising the Fun Day.

Two members of the church have continued their involvement with the group. The group also gave financial support towards a community Easter egg hunt run by Sheddingdean Baptist Church. Its committee continues to meet online.

Financial review

Sheddingdean Baptist Church's principal source of income arises from gifts received from members and others who are personally associated with the church.

Since the launch of the Cornerstone Project, some large gifts have been donated by members of the fellowship and others have also been given and pledged by various trusts. Income has also been generated by charitable activities.

Finance is also required for the upkeep of the Manse, the stipend and housing of the Pastor and the hiring of venues for church activities. There are no other paid employees.

During the year the church continued to make significant gifts to home and overseas missions and relief appeals: many of these gifts were made directly by individual members online, rather than through the church's accounts.

Policy on Reserves

While the Trustees continue to believe that it is not appropriate to hold excessive reserves, they recognise that a general reserve is required to provide:

- Working capital
- A cushion against seasonal variations in income and expenditure
- Contingency provision against unexpected costs
- Flexibility to respond to unexpected needs and opportunities
- Provision for speedy access to capital for premises demands

All payments are subject to the availability of funds. In order to provide for these requirements, the Trustees believe that an appropriate level for the general reserve should fall about midway between the average of three months expenditure and one quarter of the annual budget. It is reviewed on an annual basis.

In 2018 the prudent balance figure was changed to £17,500 which, although slightly higher than the requirements set out above, was considered prudent whilst the Cornerstone Project is active. Reserves remained above this figure at all times throughout this year. In the event of the general reserve falling short of this 'prudent balance', action would be taken at the earliest opportunity to inform all members, and further steps would be taken to address the situation through the budgetary process. From December 2021 the majority of this money has been in an interest- bearing account. Given the requirement to give 3 months' notice to withdraw the funds, the decision was made to leave the remaining £2,500 within the General current account.

The examined Accounts for the year 2022 follow in the subsequent pages of the report.

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Analysis of Receipts and Payments - 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022							
Headings	General Account £s					Totals £s	Totals £s
Page 1 of 2	**Un-restricted**		**Designated**		**Restricted**	**This year**	**Last year**
Receipts	**General Fund**	**General Reserves**	**Mission**	**Com-passion**		**2022**	**2021**
Donations and legacies							
General Collection, BACS receipts	£45,511					£45,511	£47,524
Mission[a]			£0			£0	£0
Anniversary gift			£55			£55	£298
Mission - Seasonal			£2,226			£2,226	£716
Mission - Love Gift			£0			£0	£1,825
Received Funds from Operation other	£913					£913	£0
Operational - Café	£835					£835	£0
Premises repayments received by	£0					£0	£0
Ministry other	£0					£0	£0
Compassion				£0		£0	£0
General Funds received from CS[b]	£100						£1,154
Donations and legacies Totals	£47,259		£2,281			£49,540	£51,516
Charitable Activities							
	£0					£0	£0
Total Receipts - charitable activities	**£0**		**£0**	**£0**	**£0**	**£0**	**£0**
Investments							
Interest on Bank Deposit Accounts		£67	£0	£0	£0	£67	£1
Investments Totals	£0	£67	£0	£0	£0	**£67**	**£1**
Other Income							
Gift Aid/GASDS received[c]	£9,348					£9,348	£11,490
Other Receipts Totals	**£9,348**					**£9,348**	**£11,490**
Receipts Grand totals	**£56,607**	**£67**	**£2,281**	**£0**	**£0**	**£58,955**	**£63,007**

Sheddingdean Baptist Church							
Analysis of Receipts and Payments - 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022							
Headings	General Account £s					Totals	Totals
Page 2 of 2	**Un-restricted**				**Restricted**	**This year**	**Last year**
Payments	**General Fund**	**General Reserves**	**Mission**	**Com-passion**	**Corner-stone**	**2022**	**2021**
Raising funds							
Payments on charitable activities							
Operational							
Administration	4107					4107	3631
Community & outreach	557					557	1353
Youth	694					694	0
Operational other - Café	583					583	
Operational other	308					308	
Pastoral Gifts/flowers	253					253	553
Compassion[i]				537		537	300
Training & BU Assembly	1008					1008	224
Worship	909					909	867
Premises	3153					3153	3981
Operational Sub-total	**11573**	**0**	**0**	**537**		**12110**	**10909**
Manse							
Insurance	£287					£287	£309
Maintenance/repairs	£306					£306	£556
Manse Sub-total	**£594**					**£594**	**£865**
Minstry							
In lieu payments[d]						£0	£1,050
Retirement Pension payments	£2,040					£2,040	£750
Minister & allowances	£30,625					£30,625	£29,668
Ministry Sub-total	**£32,665**					**£32,665**	**£31,468**
Mission							
Budgeted Mission[e]			£7,580			£7,580	£8,770
Non Budgeted Mission			£1,609			£1,609	£0
Mission Anniversary Gift			£0			£0	£3,119
Appeals/seasonal			£485			£485	£0
Mission Sub-total			£9,674			**£9,674**	**£11,889**
Payments-charitable activities Sub-totals	**£44,831**	**£0**	**£9,674**	**£537**		**£55,042**	**£55,132**
Other Payments							
	£0		£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Other Payments Totals	£0		£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Payments Grand totals	**£44,831**	**£0**	**£9,674**	**£537**	**£0**	**£55,042**	**£55,132**
In year surplus/deficit	**£11,776**	**£67**	**-£7,393**	**-£537**	**£0**	**£3,913**	**£7,874**
Transfers between General A/C funds	-£8,313		£7,776	£537	£0	**£0**	o
Net Transfers betwn Funds during year[f]	-£3,000		£100		£0	-£2,900	-£7,030
In Year Balances	**£463**	**£67**	**£483**	**£0**	**£0**	**£1,013**	**£844**
Balance B/F with EOY adjustment	£10,544	£15,001	-£100	£0	£0	£25,444	£24,600
Balance C/F	**£11,007**	**£15,068**	**£383**	**£0**	**£0**	**£26,457**	**£25,444**
End of year fund adjustments[g]			**-£383**	**£0**	**£0**	-£383	£100
Balance after end of year adjustmts (does not include fixed assets)	**£11,007**	**£15,068**	**£0**	**£0**	**£0**	**£26,074**	**£25,544**

Sheddingdean Baptist Church Analysis of Receipts and Payments - 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022						
Headings	Cornerstone Account £s		General Funds held £s		Totals £s	Totals £s
	Restricted	Designated	Unrestricted		This year	Last year
Receipts[h]	**Cornerstone**	**Cornerstone**	**Missn**	**Gen Fund**	**2022**	**2021**
Donations and legacies						
Cornerstone Offering	£1,497				£1,497	£525
CS Regular online giving	£22,469				£22,469	£21,069
CS Regular Giving (cash/cheques)	£1,887				£1,887	£3,619
In lieu of pension					£0	£1,150
Cornerstone Large Gifts	£0				£0	£1,500
Money from Trusts	£0				£0	£0
Donations and legacies Totals	£25,853	£0	£0	£0	£25,853	£27,863
Charitable Activities						
Fund Raiser Event	£11				£11	£0
Sky Dive					£0	£0
Fundraising sponsored	£0				£0	£0
Memorial Funds/Funerals[i]	£85				£85	£1,505
Gift Day	£0				£0	£0
Collection boxes	£54				£54	£140
Sale of coins/cables	£0				£0	£0
Easy Fundraising	£45				£45	£16
Sheddingdean Sewers	£0				£0	£0
Sheddingdean Strummers	£235				£235	£15
Total Receipts - charitable activities	**£430**	**£0**	**£0**	**£0**	**£430**	**£1,676**
Investments						
Interest on CAF account	£163				£163	£0
Interest on Liquidity Account	£228				£228	
Interest on Bank Deposit Accounts	£1,892				£1,892	£1,481
Investments Totals	**£2,283**	**£0**	**£0**	**£0**	**£2,283**	**£1,481**
Other Receipts						
Gift Aid/GASDS received	£4,363				£4,363	£5,046
Other Receipts Totals	**£4,363**	**£0**	**£0**	**£0**	**£4,363**	**£5,046**
Receipts Grand totals	**£32,929**	**£0**	**£0**	**£0**	**£32,929**	**£36,067**
Expenses	**Cornerstone**	**Cornerstone**	**Missn**	**Gen Fund**	**2022**	**2021**
Payments						
Surveys and Planning	£0				£0	£26,444
Publicity	£0				£0	£0
Solicitor's fees	£0				£0	£0
Cornerstone Consultancy Fees	£0				£0	£0
Architect Fees	£0				£0	£0
Cornerstone Fundraising costs	£0				£0	£0
Monthly Account Fees CAF	£81				£81	£96
Payments Grand totals	**£81**	**£0**	**£0**	**£0**	**£81**	**£26,540**
In year surplus/deficit	**£32,848**	**£0**	**£0**	**£0**	**£32,848**	**£9,527**
Money received for General funds during year			**£0**	**£0**	£0	**£2,365**
Transfers betwn CS and General Funds during year[g]	£0	£3,000	-£100		£2,900	£4,046
In Year Balances	**£32,848**	**£3,000**	**-£100**	**£0**	**£35,748**	**£15,938**
Balance B/F with EOY adjustment	**£361,546**	**£16,586**	**£100**	**£0**	**£378,232**	**£362,294**
Bal c/f	**£394,393**	**£19,586**	**£0**	**£0**	**£413,979**	**£378,232**
End of year fund adjustments					£0	£0
Balance after end of year adjustmts (does not include fixed assets)	**£394,393**	**£19,586**	**£0**	**£0**	**£413,979**	**£378,232**

1. The Receipts and Payments of the General accounts and the Cornerstone accounts have now been presented separately on Excel software, and this allows them to be managed separately. Columns within each section indicate which funds are held within these accounts.
2. £3,000 was transferred from the General account to the Cornerstone Designated account. This money formed part of the monies to be allocated to Cornerstone by agreement at a church meeting in 2016. At the church meeting in November, 2021, as part of the continued fulfilment of this intention, the church agreed that the Treasurer should transfer a sum of up to £10,000 depending on her discretion dependent upon the fund situation near the very end of the year. £7,000 was transferred in December 2021. The Treasurer decided it was prudent to transfer the remaining £3,000 in 2022.
3. There are no unpresented cheques or owed amounts.
4. The church holds a NatWest Current account for Sheddingdean Baptist Church General Funds as well as a 3 month notice interest generating Liquidity Manager Saver Account which holds the majority of the Reserve funds (see also the information given in the Financial Review). The church also holds a CAF (Charities Aid Foundation) bank account for Cornerstone funds, as well as a NatWest Current Account, Two Baptist Union Deposit Accounts and a NatWest Liquidity Manager Saver Account. A new CAF saver account is due to be opened in 2023.
5. The format for these accounts is set out to comply with SORP regulations. This shows in detail the Receipts and Payments, and Assets and Liabilities of the Church.
6. Assets and liabilities are recorded on a separate page.
7. For further notes, see 'notes' that follow.
   JT Styles & VB Dando

<u>These notes form an integral part of the Statement of Accounts</u>

a. Mission Income is that due to special appeals for Mission and donations that are marked for mission. These are accounted for, over and above the church's normal allocation for mission work which is included in the Annual Budget, and funded from the General Fund. Giving to mission (that was processed through the church accounts) amounted to 20% of total receipts (20% in 2021). Due to the nature of Covid and the change in the pattern of people's giving, some gifts have been donated by individuals directly to an appeal, rather than being processed through the church.

b. Monies that were received into the Cornerstone account, but were for the General account, and have now been transferred to the General account, are labelled 'General funds originally received into CS in error'. This was a £100 mission gift paid by bacs into Cornerstone in error.

c. Gift Aid was received at the rate of 20% tax of gross (before tax) income. Benefit was also received from the Gift Aid Small Donation Scheme (GASDS). All Gift Aid is received into the General account and the proportion of Gift Aid that is received for donations to Cornerstone is then transferred into the Cornerstone account.

d. 'In lieu pension' - was the amount of money that the church gave to Cornerstone instead of paying this amount into the pastor's pension fund and which matched the giving by the pastor in lieu of his paying into a pension fund. This arrangement ceased at the end of August 2021. Instead of the 'In lieu pension' arrangement, the church then began to pay a sum of money directly into the retirement pension fund used by the Pastor. The amount paid was adjusted upwards to account for the length of time the previous arrangement had existed. This entry is shown in the account as Retirement Pension payments.

e. Transfers between General funds during the year included the levelling off of the compassion and mission funds, as, unless a specific donation has been made for a particular project or cause, the funds are set to '£0' for the following year. A budget amount is set for both these funds. However, £1,400 of the mission budget was not allocated, which is not reflected in the accounts above. This amount was paid out in March 2023.

f. Monies owing to the Cornerstone account but held in the General Current Account, and vice versa, that were transferred during the year are recorded as 'Transfers of different funds during the year' and is shown in the rows below the 'in year surplus/deficit' row. The transfers between different funds year total in the General accounts consisted of £100 owing from the Cornerstone fund to the General fund, and a £3,000 transfer which is part of the monies agreed by the church meeting in 2016 that would be transferred when funds allow.

g. Any funds still requiring to be transferred, i.e. that were received for a specific mission, but have not been paid out from the General fund are entered in the row labelled 'End of year fund adjustments', which will be transferred during the following year. These were mission gifts for Tearfund: £60 for Pakistan Flood Appeal, and for BMS: £323 for Good Land Harvest Appeal.

h. The church building project is called The Cornerstone Project (labelled as Cornerstone in the accounts) and records monies given specifically for this purpose. The majority of standing orders to Cornerstone are paid into the NatWest Account and Cornerstone Collection monies are generally paid into the NatWest bank account. In order to keep the balance of money held in the NatWest Cornerstone Current Account to a level that does not attract business rates, transfers of money are made to the CAF bank account during the year. This account is used to make payments relating to Cornerstone. Cornerstone has been nominated as a recipient for some memorial funds.

JT Styles (Treasurer until November 2022) & VB Dando (Treasury Team 2022)

Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by fund) as at 31 December 2022					
			Balance		Previous Balance
Tangible Assets	General Fund		31.12.2022		31.12.2021
Equipment: Computer Equipment and PA			£3,758.56		£2,640.00
Manse[a]			£391,000.00		£380,994.00
		Tangible Assets	**£394,758.56**		**£383,634.00**
Cornerstone Funds			**31.12.2022**		**31.12.2021**
			Balance		Previous Balance
Cash at bank and in hand					
Cornerstone Current Account NatWest - Asset		**Funds**			
	Cornerstone	Restricted	£5,185.60		
	Cornerstone	Restricted	£19,586.00		£19,540.17
	Cornerstone	Designated	£0.00		£16,586.00
	General Fund	Unrestricted	£0.00		£100.00
			£24,771.60		**£36,226.17**
Cornerstone Liquid Manager NatWest		Restricted	**51246.83**		**£51,018.82**
CAF Bank Cornerstone Account					
	Cornerstone	Restricted	£196,131.90		£150,950
	Cornerstone	Designated	£0.00		£0.00
	General Fund	Unrestricted	£0.00		£0.00
	General Fund - mission	Designated	£0.00		£100.00
			£196,131.90		**£151,049.74**
BU Deposit Account G08S006		Restricted	**£89,175.29**		**£87,597**
BU Deposit Account NS024 (previously G12S001)		Restricted	**£52,653.87**		**£52,340**
Cash at bank and in hand Cornerstone			**£413,979.49**		**£378,231.64**
			31.12.2022		**31.12.2021**
			Balance		Previous Balance
		Funds			
General Bank Account					
	Chatterbox	Designated	£0.00		£71.20
	Cornerstone	Restricted	£0.00		£0.00
	Mission Designated		£383.00		-£100.00
	Compassion Designated		£0.00		£0.00
	General	Unrestricted	£11,006.86		£10,472.70
			£11,389.86		**£10,443.90**
35 day Liquidity Manager Account Reserve Account	General	Unrestricted	**£15,067.54**		**£15,000.51**
Cash at bank and in hand			**£26,457.40**		**£25,444.41**
Total General and Cornerstone Cash at bank and in hand			**£440,436.89**		**£403,676.05**
Grand Total			**£835,195.45**		**£787,310.05**

Note a: Nationwide index and recent sales in the area.

JT Styles (Treasurer until November 2022) VB Dando (Treasury Team)

Examiner of Accounts

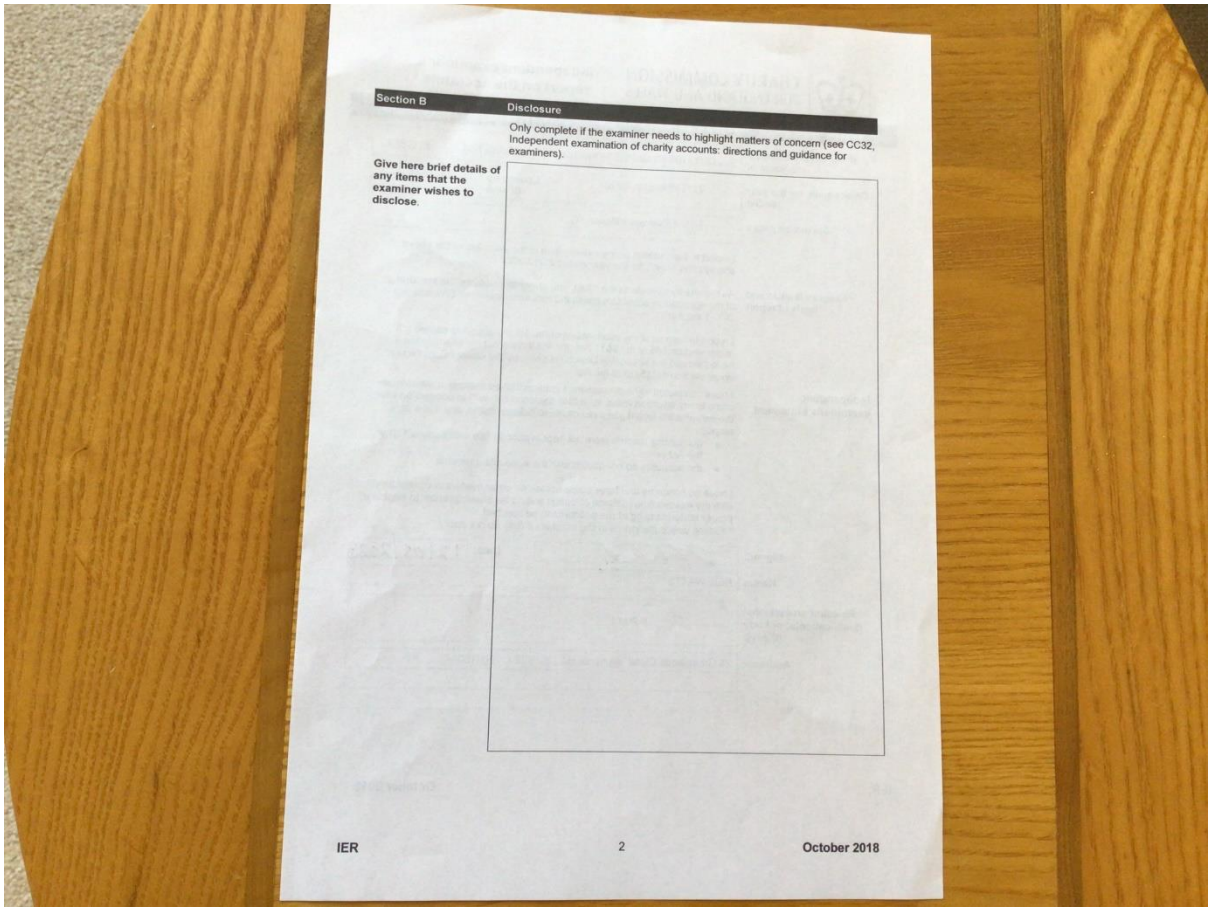
The examiner of the 2022 accounts was Mr Neil Watts, F.P.M.I. We are very grateful to him for all his help.

Declaration

Accounts prepared by the Treasury Team.

Approved by the Trustees of Sheddingdean Baptist Church on 17.4.2022 and signed on their behalf by:

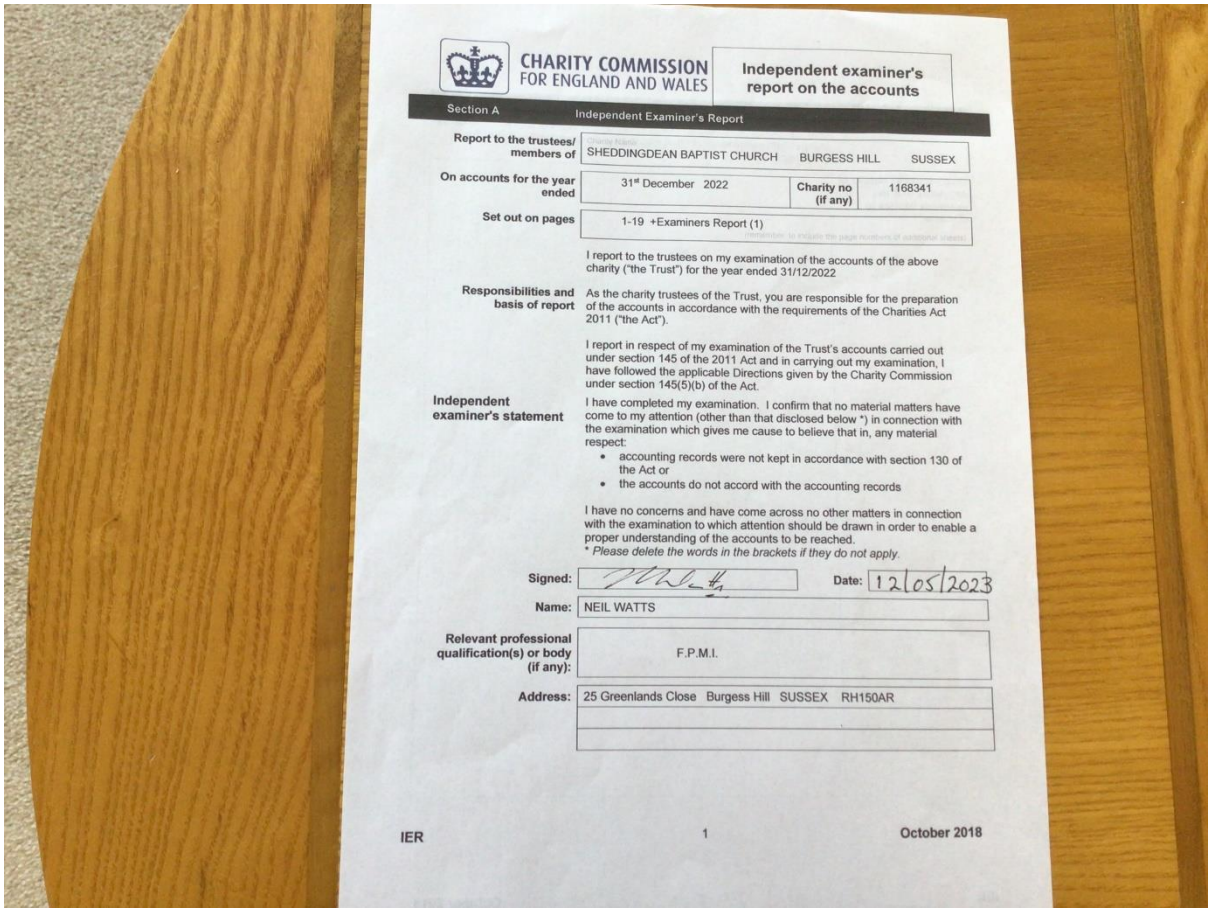
Susan Jenkinson	Valerie Dando
Treasurer/Trustee	Trustee



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).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.



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: SHEDDINGDEAN BAPTIST CHURCH BURGESS HILL SUSSEX

On accounts for the year ended 31st December 2022 **Charity no (if any)** 1168341

Set out on pages 1-19 +Examiners Report (1) 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 31/12/2022

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: [signature] **Date:** 12/05/2023

Name: NEIL WATTS

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): F.P.M.I.

Address: 25 Greenlands Close Burgess Hill SUSSEX RH150AR

SHEDDINGDEAN BAPTIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1168341

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Verse of the year: Psalm 27:13

I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. (NIV)

The above photo shows the 'planting a tree', which formed part of the Pandemic Remembrance event held for the local community in July (see page 8 for details).

Sheddingdean Baptist Church Annual Report and Accounts For year ended 31st December 2021

The Leadership Team (all of whom are the church's trustees under the Charities Act) are pleased to present the Annual Report, together with the accounts that have been examined in accordance with the requirements of the Charity Commission, for the year to 31 December 2021.

The financial statements comply with the required Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP).

The Trustees are so thankful for all the encouragement and support that they have received from the membership and congregation throughout the year.

Reference and Administrative details of the Charity and its Trustees

Charity Status

Sheddingdean Baptist Church is a Registered Charity - number 1168341. 20 July 2016.

The Church does not currently own a place of worship but has resumed meeting in person at the Sheddingdean Community Centre and monthly at Gateway Baptist Church.

Managing Trustees

The Church is administered by the current Diaconate who are the Managing Trustees of the Charity comprising:

Pastor: Reverend Trevor Beckett

Deacons: Treasurer: Tafrina Styles

Colin Allen

Sylvia Lewis

Kay Norman

Debbie McDonald

Val Dando

Mike Southcombe and John Billinghay were trustees until September 2021. Nathan Hixson was a trustee until November 2021. Val Dando became a deacon in November 2021.

Bankers: Nat West Bank, 1 Muster Green, Haywards Heath, West Sussex RH16 4AP

Baptist Union Corporation Ltd, Baptist House, PO Box 44, 129 Broadway, Didcot, OX11 8RT

CAF Bank Ltd, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 44JQ

Independent Examiner:

Mr Neil Watts, F.P.M.I., 25 Greenlands Close, Burgess Hill, RH15 0AR

Structure, governance and management

Governing Document

Sheddingdean Baptist Church is an un-incorporated body, a member of the Baptist Union of Great Britain, Didcot, Oxfordshire. It is governed by the terms set out in its own Constitution.

The current Constitution was adopted on 27 January 2015 at a Special Church Meeting and was amended on 27 November 2018 in order to allow a higher number of Trustees.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

The method of recruitment and appointment of trustees is set out in section 15 of the Church Constitution. Under guidelines issued by the Baptist Union, those appointed by the constitutional process to serve as elders or deacons, and those appointed to specific posts by the constitutional process, such as Secretary and Treasurer, automatically become Trustees on their appointment.

Organisational Structure

The Church is governed and regulated by its own members where all aspects of the work of the Church are subject to the approval of the Church meeting that is normally held five times a year. The Minister of the Church is a paid Managing Trustee and with the Deacons gives leadership to the Church. The Deacons assist the Minister in his role and are also responsible for preparing the business for the Church Meetings.

The Baptist Union and South Eastern Baptist Association

The Church is part of the wider Baptist family and is therefore a member church of the South Eastern Baptist Association (SEBA) and of the Baptist Union of Great Britain (BUGB). Both organisations are registered charities. The Church pays an annual subscription to SEBA and to BUGB based upon its membership numbers and also makes a donation to BUGB (Home Mission Fund) for the Baptist family in the UK.

Custodian Trustee

The Baptist Union holds the deeds for the Manse. This property is 31 Chestnut Close, Burgess Hill, RH15 0HN. No property valuation has been undertaken in recent years and the value shown in the accounts is the estimated value based on local market house sale prices and the Nationwide price increase index for the area.

Relationships between the Charity and Related Parties

Members of the fellowship have engaged and will, as restrictions lift, continue to serve in many ways in the local community including the Respect Youth club. Relationships are being strengthened with the Windmills Playgroup which meet at the Community Centre. Three members of the church sit on the management committee of the Maple Drive Community Group. The Sheddingdean Strummers, all of whom are members of the church, are a Ukulele, Guitar, Song and Dance Group which performs in local venues.

Pastor Trevor is the SEBA representative on the Baptist Union Environmental Network.

The church continues its support of Befriended, an organisation providing support and friendship for the lonely and elderly. A church trustee is a volunteer for them and until, August 2021, was a trustee on the Befriended Committee.

Members of the fellowship regularly contribute items of food and toiletries to the Basics Bank at Brighton and Hove City Mission, although the contributions have been less due to Covid.

Several Ministers of local churches continue to meet monthly for prayer and there are regular joint church prayer events.

The Church remains committed to promoting and using fairly traded produce.

Members of the Fellowship continue to support the Cornerstone Project financially.

Charity Vision and Mission Statement

‘Connecting more deeply with God (worship) so that we can connect God to every part of our lives (discipleship) and then connect others to Jesus (mission).’

At Sheddingdean Baptist Church we are seeking to be

- A praying community
- A kingdom community
- A welcoming community
- A caring and loving community
- A community in which trusting relationships are built
- A community who loves the scriptures
- A spirit led community
- A diverse but integrated community
- A community in which God's creation is respected and nurtured

Objectives and Activities

The principal purpose of the Church is the advancement of the Christian faith according to Holy Scripture and 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.

The Activities, which seek to serve both the membership and the local and wider community include, but are not restricted to:

- regular public worship, prayer, Bible study, preaching and teaching
- baptism, as defined in the Baptist Union's Declaration of Principle
- the Communion of the Lord's Supper
- evangelism and mission, locally, regionally, nationally and internationally
- the teaching, encouragement, welcome and inclusion of young people

- nurture and growth 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 and other Christians

➢ Worship

For the first part of the year, due to Covid Restrictions the church was unable to meet in person, and continued to meet on Zoom, with a time of fellowship following the service. However, weekly face to face services resumed from September, with the service being live streamed. These are held in the Community Centre at Sheddingdean. Once a month our service is held at Gateway Baptist, in the afternoon, to accommodate more people and to enable us to serve refreshments. This afternoon service has also incorporated Senior Songs of Praise.

There has been a well- supported weekly prayer meeting on Zoom on a Tuesday morning which ran from May, 2021.

The Minister has overall responsibility for services and for preaching, but members of the fellowship are encouraged to be involved in various ways such as leading the worship, preaching and playing musical instruments.

Bi-monthly church meetings were held on Zoom during the first part of the year, but resumed in person from September.

A Christmas Carol Service was held, to which the community were invited.

➢ Connection Groups

The Church runs a number of Connection groups with the aim of providing fellowship, pastoral care and the growth of faith and discipleship. New groups have evolved to reflect the diverse and changing needs of the fellowship. Groups are encouraged to find the right time of day and days of week that best suit their members (e.g., the more elderly or those with a disability often prefer daytime meetings). Transport needs are also taken into account. Some groups are meeting face to face while others are continuing to meet on Zoom.

Children and Youth

There was a very successful Easter Egg Hunt for the local community at which three hundred children and their families
turned up.

Messy Church was started again in December of this year. One month



is an evening of prayer and preparation, and the parents and children meet the following month on a Saturday morning.

Pudding and Coffee Club

Pudding and Coffee Club continues in a different format. Once a month, on a Saturday afternoon, several ladies meet at a local garden centre, and an annual social was held this year, at the home of a couple from the church - at Wivelsfield Green.

- **Mission**

The Church provides financial and prayer support to organisations working for the advancement of the Christian faith both in the UK and in the wider world. In January we sent our Christmas 2020 Appeal gift to Love in a Box (YMCA) – a scheme to give a Christmas gift to the homeless youth.

Each year the church fellowship gives to various organisations.

Total mission giving was 20% of total receipts (excludes Cornerstone income)

- Baptist mission giving was £6570 (55% of mission giving)
- Giving to other causes was £5329 (45% of mission giving)

The Church has maintained its support for its mission partners across the world through the Baptist Missionary Society (BMS) with regular giving to a missionary couple located in the Middle East; to Baptist Union Home Mission (7.5% of total receipts) and to Baptist Twinning in Israel (for NETS – Nazareth Evangelical Theological Seminary).

The Church Anniversary Appeal was given to the Baptist Missionary Society, to support people particularly hit hard by Covid around the world, and particularly in Nepal. The Christmas Appeal was for a local charity helping the lonely – Befriended, and the Harvest giving went to BMS ‘I Will Stand’. Due to the nature of Covid and the change in the pattern of people’s giving, many more gifts have been donated by

individuals, directly to an appeal or cause, rather than being handled by the church accounts.

Giving (apart from Baptist giving) including regular support of the Savage family who planted and now lead a church, along with its associated activities, in Hem, Northern France. The church works with children and young people as well as people facing many difficulties in life. It also holds 2 or 3 community events annually. Regular support is also given to Brighton & Hove City Mission for their work with the needy, and to MANGA Community Development Programme (which aims to provide Bibles and support in health and education for people mostly in the Manga speaking area of Niger).

Once again, the church supported Samaritan's Purse 'Operation Christmas Child'. Approximately 100 shoe boxes were sent to disadvantaged children all over the world, accompanied by donations from the Church itself and individuals, to assist with transport. We have undergone this worthy project for several years now and our boxes in 2021 went, as part of a shipment of 65,538, to Central Asia.

Local Mission - The Church is situated on the edge of the Northern Arc development which will see 4,000 new homes built over the next 15 years. We see this this as a significant part of our mission field as we seek to serve and build relationships in the area and creating a bridge between the existing and new communities. A member of the church is working with representatives from other local churches to develop a welcome pack to deliver to the new homes. Sage Housing Association has made a contribution towards this. A group of prayer walkers have built good relationships with the builders working on the site.



The Church Leadership is fully committed to implementing the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

GDPR came into force on 27th May 2018 and the Trustees are fully committed to implementing it. Three people attended a course at Gateway Baptist organised by

SEBA. Subsequent to this, a GDPR Policy was drawn up and passed by the Membership at the AGM.

The Church now holds signed permission by everyone in the database. The Leadership will update the policy as and when required to make sure that we conform to the regulations.

The Cornerstone Project

'Church, Community and Creation working together in harmony'

The leadership recommended to the church that given increasing economic uncertainty in the pandemic period it was necessary to pause and pray further about the future direction of the Cornerstone building, but that should not prevent the church developing further the missional elements of the Cornerstone vision.

In September, an updated report on Cornerstone was submitted by Mike, the Project Manager. Feedback was given by two church members who had visited the factory for the Pod scheme called Ecopods. Although there were many positive points, the main drawback was the limitation in the worship space. An alternative Eco solution, using Pod Developments Ltd., had been researched and details of this were presented. In November, the church agreed to the compilation and submission of planning permission for a church building by this company.

Achievements and Performance

The Church does not measure the success of its activities purely by numbers, including financial numbers, but also in less tangible factors such as fellowship and encouragement. The Trustees acknowledge that these are difficult to measure but believe that 2021 was a good year in the life of the Church, particularly in the current climate.

As at 31st December there were:

Baptisms	0
New Members	0
Deaths	1 non member
Total Members	70

The average attendance for 2021, in person and on Zoom, was 50, and the wider church fellowship prospered through various activities in and with the local community.

The Church is also involved with the Maple Drive Community Group in organising the Annual Fayre.

3 members of the church have continued their involvement with the committee. The committee also gave financial support towards a community Easter egg hunt run by Sheddingdean Baptist Church. Its committee continues to meet online and is planning future events.

In July 2021 the church held a Pandemic Remembrance event for the local community. The event allowed for an act of personal remembrance as well as a time to reflect together as a community in the planting of a tree. We wanted to give thanks for those who have kept our community going by working to keep our schools open for key workers and vulnerable children, and those working in health and social care or shops and many other services. In the afternoon in partnership with Maple Drive Community Group we held a fun afternoon of activities for children and people of all ages

The Sheddingdean Strummers, is a small group of musicians who play, sing and dance and who are members of the church. After a long period of not being able to perform due to Covid restrictions, their band started up again in November, and performed at a lunch club at Union Church in Heathfield, and at The Vintage club at St. Wilfrid's and at the W.I. in December.

Financial review

Sheddingdean Baptist Church's principal source of income arises from gifts received from members and others who are personally associated with the church.

Since the launch of the Cornerstone Project, some large gifts have been donated by members of the fellowship and others have also been given and pledged by various trusts. Income has also been generated by charitable activities.

Finance is also required for the upkeep of the Manse, the stipend and housing of the Pastor and the hiring of venues for church activities. There are no other paid employees.

During the year the church continued to make significant gifts to home and overseas missions and relief appeals: many of these gifts were made directly by individual members online, rather than through the church's accounts.

Policy on Reserves

While the Trustees continue to believe that it is not appropriate to hold excessive reserves, they recognise that a general reserve is required to provide:

- Working capital
- A cushion against seasonal variations in income and expenditure
- Contingency provision against unexpected costs
- Flexibility to respond to unexpected needs and opportunities
- Provision for speedy access to capital for premises demands

All payments are subject to the availability of funds. In order to provide for these requirements, the Trustees believe that an appropriate level for the general reserve

should fall about midway between the average of three months expenditure and one quarter of the annual budget. It is reviewed on an annual basis.

In 2018 the prudent balance figure was changed to £17,500 which, although slightly higher than the requirements set out above, was considered prudent whilst the Cornerstone Project is active. Reserves remained above this figure at all times throughout this year. In the event of the general reserve falling short of this 'prudent balance', action would be taken at the earliest opportunity to inform all members, and further steps would be taken to address the situation through the budgetary process. The decision to hold the majority of these reserves in a separate interest-bearing account was made by the church meeting, and after many logistical challenges was finally opened in December where £15,000 of the general reserve was transferred. Given the requirement to give 3 months' notice to withdraw the funds, the decision was made to leave the remaining £2,500 within the General current account.

The examined Accounts for the year 2021 follow in the subsequent pages of the report.

Sheddingdean Baptist Church Annual Report and Accounts
For year ended 31st December 2021

Sheddingdean Baptist Church							
Analysis of Receipts and Payments - 01 January 2021 to 31 December 2021							
Headings	General Account £s				Cornerstone Account £s	Totals £s	Totals £s
	Un-restricted		Designated		Restricted	This year	Last year
Receipts	General Fund[a]	General Reserves[b]	Mission[c]	Com-passion	Corner-stone	2021	2020
RECEIPTS							
Donations and legacies							
General Collection, BACS receipts	£47,524					£47,524	£59,033
Mission			£0			£0	£19
Anniversary gift			£298			£298	£0
Mission - Seasonal			£716			£716	£402
Mission - Love Gift			£1,825			£1,825	£0
Received Funds from Operaion other						£0	£0
Premises repayments received						£0	£0
Ministry other						£0	£0
Compassion						£0	£0
General funds originally received into CS in error[d]	£904		£250			£1,154	£0
Total Receipts - Donations and legacies	£48,427	£0	£3,089	£0	£0	£51,516	£59,454
Charitable Activities							
Music for Memories						£0	£2,704
South Downs Way Walk						£0	£31
Total Receipts - charitable activities	**£0**		**£0**	**£0**	**£0**	**£0**	**£2,735**
Investments							
Interest General Reserve		£1				£1	£0
Total Receipts - Investments	**£0**	**£1**	**£0**	**£0**	**£0**	**£1**	**£0**
Other Income							
Gift Aid/GASDS received[e]	£11,490					£11,490	£7,141
Total Receipts Other	**£11,490**					**£11,490**	**£7,141**
Receipts Grand Totals	**£59,917**	**£1**	**£3,089**	**£0**	**£0**	**£63,007**	**£69,329**
PAYMENTS							
Raising funds							
Payments on charitable activities							
Operational							
Administration	£3,631					£3,631	£4,644
Community & outreach	£1,353					£1,353	£326
Youth	£0					£0	£38
Pastoral Gifts/flowers	£553					£553	£1,356
Compassion				£300		£300	£1,701
Training & BU Assembly	£224					£224	£230
Worship	£867					£867	£401
Premises[f]	£3,981					£3,981	£2,836
Operational Sub-total	**£10,609**		**£0**	**£300**		**£10,909**	**£11,532**
Manse							
Insurance	£309					£309	£230
Maintenance/repairs	£556					£556	£1,517
Manse Sub-total	**£865**					**£865**	**£1,747**
Minstry							
In lieu payments[g]	£1,050					£1,050	£1,043
Retirement Pension payments[h]	£750					£750	£1,800
Minister & allowances	£29,668					£29,668	£28,801
Ministry Sub-total	**£31,468**					**£31,468**	£30,601
Mission							
Budgeted Mission			£8,770			£8,770	£8,715
Non Budgeted Mission			£0			£0	£89
Appeals/seasonal			£3,119			£3,119	£669
Mission Sub-total			£11,889			**£11,889**	£9,473
Payments-charitable activities Sub-totals	**£42,943**		**£11,889**	**£300**		**£55,132**	**£53,352**
Other Payments							
Music for Memories	£0		£0	£0	£0		£6,246
Other Payments Totals	£0		£0	£0	£0	£0	£6,246
Payments Grand totals	**£42,943**	**£0**	**£11,889**	**£300**	**£0**	**£55,132**	**£59,598**
In year surplus/deficit	**£16,974**	**£1**	**-£8,800**	**-£300**	**£0**	**£7,874**	**£9,731**
Transfers betwn General funds during year[j]	-£24,050	£15,000	£8,750	£300		£0	
Transfers between different funds during year[j]	-£7,030					-£7,030	-£8,376
In Year Balances	**-£14,106**	**£15,001**	**-£50**	**£0**	**£0**	**£844**	**£1,355**
Balance B/F with EOY adjustment[k]	**£24,650**		**-£50**		**£0**	**£24,600**	£23,245
Balance C/F[l]	**£10,544**	**£15,001**	**-£100**	**£0**	**£0**	**£25,444**	**£24,600**
End of year fund adjustments between General and Cornerstone Funds[m]			£100			£100	£659
Balance after end of year adjustmts (does not include fixed assets)	**£10,544**	**£15,001**	**£0**	**£0**	**£0**	**£25,544**	**£25,258**

Sheddingdean Baptist Church Annual Report and Accounts
For year ended 31st December 2021

Sheddingdean Baptist Church Cornerstone Fund						
Analysis of Receipts and Payments - 01 January 2021 to 31 December 2021						
Headings	Cornerstone Account £s[n]		General Funds held £s		Totals £s	Totals £s
	Restricted	Designated	Unrestricted		This year	Last year
Receipts	Cornerstone		Mission	Gen Fund	2021	2020
Donations and legacies						
Cornerstone Offering	£525				£525	£917
CS Regular online giving	£21,069				£21,069	£20,459
CS Regular Giving (cash/cheques)	£3,619				£3,619	£5,240
In lieu of pension	£1,150				£1,150	£1,800
Cornerstone Large Gifts	£1,500				£1,500	£1,000
Money from Trusts	£0				£0	£50
Donations and legacies Totals	**£27,863**	**£0**	**£0**	**£0**	**£27,863**	**£29,466**
Charitable Activities						
Cake Fund Raiser					£0	£100
Sky Dive					£0	£385
Memorial Funds/Funerals	£1,505				£1,505	£545
Collection boxes	£140				£140	£798
Sale of coins/cables					£0	£37
Easy Fundraising	£16				£16	£45
Sheddingdean Sewers	£0				£0	£200
Sheddingdean Strummers	£15				£15	£38
Total Receipts - charitable activities[o]	**£1,676**	**£0**	**£0**	**£0**	**£1,676**	**£2,149**
Investments						
Interest on Bank Deposit Accounts	£1,481				£1,481	£2,108
Investments Totals	**£1,481**	**£0**	**£0**	**£0**	**£1,481**	**£2,108**
Other Receipts						
Gift Aid/GASDS received[e]	£5,046				£5,046	£6,194
Other Receipts Totals	**£5,046**	**£0**	**£0**	**£0**	**£5,046**	**£6,194**
Receipts Grand totals	**£36,067**	**£0**	**£0**	**£0**	**£36,067**	**£39,916**
Payments	**Cornerstone**		**Mission**	**Gen Fund**	**2021**	**2020**
Raising funds						
Cornerstone Fundraising costs						£1,733
Payments on Charitable Purposes						
Surveys and Planning[p]	£26,444				£26,444	£0
Publicity						£0
Solicitor's fees						£0
Cornerstone Consultancy Fees						£3,000
Architect Fees						£0
Monthly Account Fees CAF	£96				£96	£65
Payments on Charitable Purposes Totals	**£26,540**	**£0**	**£0**	**£0**	**£26,540**	£3,065
Payments Grand totals	**£26,540**	**£0**	**£0**	**£0**	**£26,540**	**£4,798**
In year surplus/deficit	**£9,527**	**£0**	**£0**	**£0**	**£9,527**	**£35,118**
Money received for General funds during year[q]			£300	£2,065	£2,365	£0
Transfers between different funds during year[j]		£7,000	-£250	-£2,704	£4,046	£8,376
In Year Balances	**£9,527**	**£7,000**	**£50**	**-£639**	**£15,938**	**£43,495**
Adjusted b/f figure	**£352,019**	**£9,586**	**£50**	**£639**	**£362,294**	**£318,799**
Bal c/f	**£361,546**	**£16,586**	**£100**	**£0**	**£378,232**	**£362,294**
End of year fund adjustments[m]			-£100		-£100	
Balance after end of year adjustmts (does not include fixed assets)	**£361,546**	**£16,586**	**£0**	**£0**	**£378,132**	**£362,294**

1. The accounts have now been transferred to Excel Accounting Software which has replaced the Data Development Software used for the past 3 years. This software did not enable the General and Cornerstone (CS) accounts to be separated, and also presented some issues in relation to fund allocation.
2. Due to the change in the software used, the Receipt and Payments of the General accounts and the Cornerstone accounts have now been presented separately and it also allows them to be managed separately. Columns within each section indicate which funds are held within these accounts.
3. The balance brought forward figures have been adjusted from last year. Limitations in the operation of the software's accounts for years 2019 and 2020 in terms of fund holding, have meant that although all bank figures and net balances for the year tallied, the carried forward figures did not reflect the breakdown of funds between the General and the Cornerstone accounts. This is an accounting adjustment and does not affect the actual funds held in the bank by the General or Cornerstone accounts. The brought forward total is £673 greater than the figure in the 2020 accounts as a payment, not yet made, had been included in the expenses but as the Accruals Accounting Method is not used, this expense need not have been deducted.
4. £7,000 was transferred from the General account to the Cornerstone Designated account. This money formed part of the monies to be allocated to Cornerstone by agreement at a church meeting in 2016. At the church meeting in November, 2021, as part of the continued fulfilment of this intention, the church agreed that the Treasurer should transfer a sum of up to £10,000 depending on her discretion, dependent upon the fund situation near the very end of the year. The Treasurer decided it was prudent to transfer £7,000. There were sufficient savings from previous years' savings to transfer the remaining £3,000, but the Treasurer wished to consult with a Charity Accountant, before doing this. This amount will be transferred during the course of 2022. As at the end of 2021, of the agreed monies to be allocated to Cornerstone, £10,000 still remains to be allotted when funds allow.
5. There are no unpresented cheques or owed amounts.
6. The Gift Aid (GA) received for Mission was £63. This money is included in the General Fund GA total. Where practical, GA money is included in the gift to the relevant Missions, in advance of the GA being received.
7. The church holds a NatWest Current account for Sheddingdean Baptist Church General Funds as well as a 3 month notice interest generating Liquid Manager Saver Account which holds the majority of the Reserve funds (see also the information given in the Financial Review). The church also holds a CAF (Charities Aid Foundation) bank account for Cornerstone funds, as well as a NatWest Current Account, Two Baptist Union Deposit Accounts and a NatWest Liquid Manager Saver Account.

8. The format for these accounts is set out to comply with SORP regulations. This shows in detail the Receipts and Payments, and Assets and Liabilities of the Church.
9. Assets and liabilities are recorded on a separate page.
10. For further notes, see 'notes' that follow.

JT Styles

These notes form an integral part of the Statement of Accounts

a. The General fund includes the sum of £71.20 which belongs to Chatterbox. As this activity has now ceased, the column has been removed. This General fund also holds the remaining £2,500 of Reserve funds – see Finance notes.
b. The 'Reserve Account' column has been added. This money is held in a separate account – see previous notes.
c. Mission Income is that due to special appeals for Mission and donations that are marked for mission. These are accounted for, over and above the church's normal allocation for mission work which is included in the Annual Budget and funded from the General Fund. Giving to mission (that was processed through the church accounts) amounted to 20% of total receipts (19.4% in 2020). Due to the nature of Covid and the change in the pattern of people's giving, many more gifts have been donated by individuals directly to an appeal, rather than being processed through the church.
d. Monies that were received into the Cornerstone account, but were for the General account, and have now been transferred to the General account, are labelled 'General funds originally received into CS in error'.
e. Gift Aid was received at the rate of 20% tax of gross (before tax) income. Benefit was also received from the Gift Aid Small Donation Scheme (GASDS). All Gift Aid is received into the General account and the proportion of Gift Aid that is received for donations to Cornerstone is then transferred into the Cornerstone account.
f. A sum of money was recorded for premises expenses which was recorded in last year's accounts but had not yet been paid. This amount has been added onto the brought forward figure and the actual expense, which occurred in 2021, has been included in this figure.
g. 'In lieu pension' - this is the amount of money that the church gives to Cornerstone instead of paying this amount into the pastor's pension fund and which matches the giving by the pastor in lieu of his paying into a pension fund. This arrangement ceased at the end of August 2021.
h. Instead of the 'In lieu pension' arrangement, the church then began to pay a sum of money directly into the retirement pension fund used by the Pastor. The amount paid was adjusted upwards to account for the length of time the previous arrangement had existed. This entry is shown in the account as Retirement Pension payments.
i. Transfers between General funds during the year included the levelling off of the compassion and mission funds, as, unless a specific donation has been made for a particular project or cause, the funds are set to '£0' for the following year. A budget amount is set for both these funds.
j. Monies owing to the Cornerstone account but held in the General Current Account and vice versa, that were transferred during the year are recorded as a 'Transfers of different funds during the year' and is shown in the rows below the 'in year 'surplus/deficit' row. The transfers between different funds year total in the General accounts consisted of £30 owing from the General fund to the Cornerstone fund, and a £7,000 transfer which is part of the monies agreed by the church meeting in 2016 that would be transferred when funds allow.
k. The brought forward total figure for the General Fund and the Cornerstone Fund is the same as in the 2020 examined accounts. The division between them, however, was inaccurate so the figures used here have been adjusted to take account of this – see note 3 above.
l. As previously stated, this brought forward figure includes £2,500 of General Reserve funds and £71.20 of funds from the previously named 'Chatterbox' activity.
m. Any funds still requiring to be transferred from the General fund to the Cornerstone fund or vice versa are entered in the row labelled 'End of Year adjustments.' These are transferred during the following year.
n. The church building project is called The Cornerstone Project (labelled as Cornerstone in the accounts) and records monies given specifically for this purpose. The majority of standing orders to Cornerstone are paid into the NatWest Account and Cornerstone Collection monies are

generally paid into the NatWest bank account. In order to keep the balance of money held in the NatWest Cornerstone Current Account to a level that does not attract business rates, transfers of money are made to the CAF bank account during the year. This account is used to make payments relating to Cornerstone.

o. Fund raising opportunities this year were limited due to the impact of the pandemic Corona virus. Cornerstone has been nominated as a recipient for some memorial funds and some funds have been given by the pastor when he has officiated at a funeral.
p. These are the costs for the application for planning permission for the Pod Developments Ltd building. Agreement to proceed with the application was made at the November Church meeting.
q. Monies that were received into the Cornerstone Account but were for the General account and have not yet been transferred to the General account are labelled ‘Money received for General funds during year’.

JT Styles (Treasurer 2021)

Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by fund) as at 31 December 2021

			Balance 31.12.2021	Previous Balance 31.12.2020
Tangible Assets				
Equipment: Computer Equipment and PA				
	General Fund		£2,640	£2,000
Manse[a]				
	General Fund		£380,994	£360,110
		Tangible Assets	**£383,634**	**£360,110**
Cornerstone Funds			**31.12.2021**	**31.12.2020**
			Balance	Previous Balance
Cash at bank and in hand				
Cornerstone Current Account NatWest - Asset		**Funds**		
	Cornerstone	Restricted	£19,540	£16,003
	Cornerstone	Designated	£16,586	£9,586
	General Fund	Unrestricted	£100	£250
			£36,226	**£25,839**
Cornerstone Liquid Manager NatWest		Restricted	**£51,019**	**£50,962**
CAF Bank Cornerstone Account				
	Cornerstone	Restricted	£151,050	£146,930
	Mission	Designated		£50
			£151,050	**£146,980**
BU Deposit Account G08S006		Restricted	**£52,340**	**£51,822**
BU Deposit Account NS024 (previously G12S001)		Restricted	**£87,597**	**£86,691**
Cash at bank and in hand			**£378,232**	**£362,294**
			31.12.2021	**31.12.2020**
			Balance	Previous Balance
		Funds		
General Bank Account				
	Chatterbox	Designated	£71	£71
	Cornerstone	Restricted	£0	£30
	General	Unrestricted	£10,373	£24,499
			£10,444	**£24,600**
35 day Liquidity Manager Account Reserve Account	General	Unrestricted	£15,001	£0
Cash at bank and in hand[b]			**£25,444**	**£24,600**
Total General and Cornerstone Cash at bank and in hand			**£403,676**	**£386,894**
Grand Total			**£787,310**	**£747,004**

Note a: Nationwide index and recent sales in the area.
Note b: £10,000 remains of the monies agreed to be allocated to Cornerstone at a Church Meeting in 2016. This will be transferred to the Cornerstone account when funds allow.

JT Styles (Treasurer 2021)

Examiner of Accounts

The examiner of the 2021 accounts was Mr Neil Watts, F.P.M.I. We are very grateful to him for all his help.

Declaration

Accounts prepared by the Treasurer

Tafrina Styles

Treasurer/Trustee

Approved by the Trustees of Sheddingdean Baptist Church on 11.09.2022 and signed on their behalf by:

VALERIE DANDO

Trustee

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	Sheddingdean Baptist Church Burgess Hill SUSSEX		
On accounts for the year ended	31st December 2021	**Charity no (if any)**	1168341
Set out on pages	1-15 + Examiners Report (1)		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2021 .

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section145(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:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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 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 accounts to be reached.

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

Signed:	N Watts	**Date:**	11/09/2022
Name:	Neil Watts		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	F.P.M.I.		
Address:	25 Greenlands Close Burgess Hill Sussex RH150AR		

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Sheddingdean Baptist Church Annual Report and Accounts for year ended 31st December 2020



The Leadership Team (all of whom are the church's trustees under the Charities Act) are pleased to present the Annual Report, together with the accounts that have been examined in accordance with the requirements of the Charity Commission, for the year to 31 December 2020.

The financial statements comply with the required Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP).

The Trustees are so thankful for all the encouragement and support that they have received from the membership and congregation during this year.

Reference and Administrative details of the Charity and its Trustees

Charity Status

Sheddingdean Baptist Church is a Registered Charity - number 1168341. 20 July 2016.

As a Church we met from January to March 13th. The Church does not currently own a place of worship and has been unable to meet in person since then due to the Covid pandemic.

Managing Trustees

The Church is administered by the Diaconate who are the Managing Trustees of the Charity comprising:

Pastor:	Reverend Trevor Beckett
Deacons:	Secretary: John Billinghay
	Treasurer: Tafrina Styles
	Mike Southcombe (Cornerstone Project Manager)
	Colin Allen
	Sylvia Lewis
	Kay Norman
	Debbie McDonald
	Nathan Hixson
Bankers:	Nat West Bank, 1 Muster Green, Haywards Heath, West Sussex RH16 4AP
	Baptist Union Corporation Ltd, Baptist House, PO Box 44, 129 Broadway, Didcot, OX11 8RT
	CAF Bank Ltd, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 44JQ

Independent Examiner:

Mr Neil Watts, F.P.M.I., 25 Greenlands Close, Burgess Hill, RH15 0AR

Structure, governance and management

Governing Document

Sheddingdean Baptist Church is an un-incorporated body, a member of the Baptist Union of Great Britain, Didcot, Oxfordshire. It is governed by the terms set out in its own Constitution.

The current Constitution was adopted on 27 January 2015 at a Special Church Meeting and was amended on 27 November 2018 in order to allow a higher number of Trustees.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

The method of recruitment and appointment of trustees is set out in section 15 of the Church Constitution. Under guidelines issued by the Baptist Union, those appointed by the constitutional process to serve as elders or deacons, and those appointed to specific posts by the constitutional process, such as Secretary and Treasurer, automatically become Trustees on their appointment.

Organisational Structure

The Church is governed and regulated by its own members where all aspects of the work of the Church are subject to the approval of the Church meeting that is normally held five times a year. Though due to the Covid pandemic we were only able meet once in person and once via Zoom in the year. The Minister of the Church is a paid Managing Trustee and with the Deacons give leadership to the Church. The Deacons assist the Minister in his role and are also responsible for preparing the business for the Church Meetings.

The Baptist Union and South Eastern Baptist Association

The Church is part of the wider Baptist family and is therefore a member church of the South Eastern Baptist Association (SEBA) and of the Baptist Union of Great Britain (BUGB). Both organisations are registered charities. The Church pays an annual subscription to SEBA and to BUGB based upon its membership numbers and also makes a donation to BUGB (Home Mission Fund) for the Baptist family in the UK.

Custodian Trustee

The Baptist Union holds the deeds for the Manse. This property is 31 Chestnut Close, Burgess Hill, RH15 0HN. No property valuation has been undertaken in recent years and the value shown in the accounts is the estimated value based on local market house sale prices and the Nationwide price increase index for the area.

Relationships between the Charity and Related Parties

Members of the fellowship have engaged and will, as restrictions lift, continue to serve in many ways in the local community including the Respect Youth club and the Management Committee of Sheddingdean Community Centre. Three members of the church sit on the management committee of the Maple Drive Community Group. The Sheddingdean Singers draw members from the Church and local community and have performed in previous years in a variety of locations as has the Sheddingdean Strummers, a Ukulele, Guitar, Song and Dance Group.

The Church has continued to strengthen the partnership with the Green Circle Network, which maintains the local Bedelands Nature Reserve. Provision has been made in the Cornerstone for a dedicated visitor/exhibition/education centre. Negotiations have begun regarding the lease for this part of the

building and have formed a partnership with A Rocha UK, The Green Circle and the Woodland Trust to look at external green areas to the Cornerstone building so as to maximise their environmental benefits.

The church continues its support of Befriended, an organisation providing support and friendship for the lonely and elderly, a church trustee is both a volunteer for them and a trustee on the Befriended Committee.

Members of the fellowship regularly contribute items of food and toiletries to the Basics Bank at Brighton and Hove City Mission, although the contributions have been less due to Covid.

The Church is a member of Churches Together in Burgess Hill (CTBH), which is an ecumenical partnership of churches within the town, and the minister meets regularly with a group of local church leaders. We have supported and contributed to joint services, prayer meetings and other initiatives throughout the year.

The Church remains committed to promoting and using fairly traded produce.

Members of the Fellowship continue to support the Cornerstone Project financially.

Charity Vision and Mission Statement

'Connecting more deeply with God (worship) so that we can connect God to every part of our lives (discipleship) and then connect others to Jesus (mission).'

At Sheddingdean Baptist Church we are seeking to be

- A praying community
- A kingdom community
- A welcoming community
- A caring and loving community
- A community in which trusting relationships are built
- A community who loves the scriptures
- A spirit led community
- A diverse but integrated community
- A community in which God's creation is respected and nurtured

Verse of the year: I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Psalm 27:13

Objectives and Activities

The principal purpose of the Church is the advancement of the Christian faith according to Holy Scripture and 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.

The Activities, which seek to serve both the membership and the local and wider community include, but are not restricted to:

- regular public worship, prayer, Bible study, preaching and teaching
- baptism, as defined in the Baptist Union's Declaration of Principle
- the Communion of the Lord's Supper
- evangelism and mission, locally, regionally, nationally and internationally
- the teaching, encouragement, welcome and inclusion of young people
- nurture and growth 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 and other Christians

- **Worship**

Due to Covid Restrictions the church has been unable to meet in person for most of the year. Weekly services have been held on Zoom which have been open to all. In addition to the regular congregation, we have been joined by people in Norfolk, Cambridgeshire and even Panama. Zoom details have been available on the website so anyone can join.

We have been very aware of the folks who have been unable to join us, mainly because they have no internet connection. Prayer diaries and printed copies of the service have been delivered each week to these people.

Tablets and help to make use of them, have been provided to everyone who has requested one.

In addition, special occasions have been marked with a little gift to every member of the church, e.g., Cream Tea, Harvest Times cakes, and Christmas gifts.

There has been a well- supported weekly prayer meeting on a Tuesday morning held on Zoom from June.

The Minister has overall responsibility for services and for preaching but members of the fellowship are encouraged to be involved in various ways such as leading the worship, preaching and playing musical instruments.

Senior Songs of Praise, a monthly gathering on Sunday afternoon, have been unable to convene. Contact has been maintained throughout this period via letter, phone and home (socially distanced!) visits. We plan to restart in due course when Government guidelines allow.

- **Connection Groups**

The Church runs a number of Connection groups with the aim of providing fellowship, pastoral care and the growth of faith and discipleship. New groups have evolved to reflect the diverse and changing needs of the fellowship e.g., former members of the group which met at Ernest Kleinwort Court, the local centre providing accommodation and support for people with physical disabilities, now meet for regular social events in their new home. Groups are encouraged to find the right time of day and days of week that best suit their members (e.g., the more elderly or those with a disability often prefer daytime meetings). Transport needs are also taken into account. These groups have been unable to meet in person this year, but most groups have continued meeting on Zoom.

- **Read, Eat and Pray**

This group meet monthly, regulations permitting, to study the Bible and Pray together.

- **Children/Youth Activities**

Just before Christmas, a Nativity hunt was organised for children in the Sheddingdean area.



Messy Church

This year has been unusual for Messy Church. We were all ready for Messy Easter 2020 when Lockdown 1 was put in place. We donated the Easter Eggs we had been given to the Burgess Hill Foodbank.

Messy Summer

Messy Summer was vision of one of our young leaders which he produced online with the help of others being filmed and YouTube recordings put on the church YouTube channel and we delivered kits around the area for families to take part.

At Christmas, although due to Covid restrictions we have not been able to put on Messy Church as we would have liked, we have supported the Connection Group who have put together The Nativity Hunt by letting our Messy contact have the details of those events.

As for the future of Messy Church, we hope to put on events depending how and where we are able to meet in the future.

➢ **Pudding and Coffee Club**



This is an evening group for ladies from both the church and the local area and is held monthly at Sheddingdean Community Centre to share coffee and puddings followed by an activity or talk. Apart from the monthly gatherings they arrange outings on a Saturday for tea and cake to a Garden Centre or place of interest. There is also a monthly Reflections held in a leader's home where modern-day issues are looked at with a Christian perspective. Once a year an Away Day takes place at Jubilee Centre, Barcombe which has almost 100% attendance.

This has not been able to take place for the past year but contact has been maintained through cards, letters and phone calls. It is hoped this can resume in the near future.

➢ **Mission**

The Church provides financial and prayer support to organisations working for the advancement of the Christian faith both in the UK and in the wider world. The recent Christmas Appeal was to support the Escape Youth Club. This is a new club set up in the town by parents who are concerned about young people and how they might be affected by County Lines.

Each year the church fellowship gives to various organisations. This year, the church was encouraged to give directly to appeals, so the figures below only contain those gifts that were given through the church.

Total mission giving was 16.4% of total receipts (excludes Cornerstone income)

- Baptist mission giving was £6766 (71.4% of mission giving)
- Giving to other causes was £2708 (28.6% of mission giving)

The Church has maintained its support for its mission partners across the world through the Baptist Missionary Society (BMS) with regular giving to a missionary couple located in the Middle East; to Baptist Union Home Mission (8% of receipts) and to Baptist Twinning in Israel (for NETS – Nazareth Evangelical Theological Seminary). The Church Anniversary Appeal was given to Fegans, a charity providing counselling care for families.

Giving (apart from Baptist giving) included regular support of The Savages who planted and now lead a church, along with its associated activities, in Hem, Northern France. The church works with children and young people as well as people facing many difficulties in life. It also holds 2 or 3 community events annually. Regular support is also given to Brighton & Hove City Mission for their work with the needy, and to MANGA Community Development Programme (which aims to provide Bibles and support in health and education for people mostly in the Manga speaking area of Niger.)

Once again, the church supported Samaritan's Purse 'Operation Child'. Many shoe boxes were sent to needy children, accompanied by a donation to assist with transport.

The Church Leadership is fully committed to implementing the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

GDPR came into force on 27th May 2018 and the Trustees are fully committed to implementing it. Three people attended a course at Gateway Baptist organised by SEBA. Subsequent to this, a GDPR Policy was drawn up and passed by the Membership at the AGM.

The Church now holds signed permission by everyone in the database which will eventually be kept on the Iknow database system. The Leadership will update the policy as and when required to make sure that we conform to the regulations.

The Cornerstone Project

'Church, Community and Creation working together in harmony'



With the Covid 19 pandemic and all the restrictions we were unable to meet together to have any meaningful discussion on the future of the Cornerstone Project. The leadership have agreed that no major decision will be taken on the future of the church, until we can meet together in person and a full discussion, face to face, has taken place.

We continue to have negotiations with a local builder to ascertain if we can lower the price of the construction of the building, investigating any cost savings and valued engineering.

At the end of the year, the leadership issued a paper "Inhabiting the Vision" and we are now discussing this with the church, as best we can. The idea is that we commence our mission in the area with the new houses being constructed in the Northern Arc, maybe purchasing a house which will act as a "Stepping stone" to the final Cornerstone Project.

We are also, investigating the possible use of "Ecopods" in producing a similar building to the original Cornerstone sustainable concept.

Achievements and Performance

The Church does not measure the success of its activities purely by numbers, including financial numbers, but also in less tangible factors such as fellowship and encouragement. The Trustees acknowledge that these are difficult to measure but believe that 2020 was a good year in the life of the Church, particularly in the current climate.

As at 31st December there were:

Baptisms	0
New Members	1
Deaths	1 + 1 non member
Total Members	71

The average attendance for 2020 was 62 and the wider church fellowship prospered through various activities in and with the local community. The parent and toddler group, Chatterbox, continued to attract and build relationships with families in the community. This work has now been ended for reasons not including Covid 19.

The Church is also heavily involved with the Maple Drive Community Group in organising the Annual Fayre.
3 members of the church have continued their involvement with the committee. It has not been possible to hold the annual community fayre due to Covid 19. Instead, the committee has supported financially other community initiatives. This included working with the Escape Youth Club to provide a Christmas gift for the elderly and isolated. Its committee continues to meet online and is planning future events.

The Sheddingdean Strummers, is a small group of musicians who play, sing and dance. Unfortunately, they have not been able to meet and perform during the pandemic but hopefully will be able to resume in the future.

Financial review

Sheddingdean Baptist Church's principal source of income arises from gifts received from members and others who are personally associated with the church.

Since the launch of the Cornerstone Project, some large gifts have been donated by members of the fellowship and others have also been given and pledged by various trusts. Income has also been generated by charitable activities.

Finance is also required for the upkeep of the Manse, the payment and housing of the Pastor and the hiring of venues for church activities. There are no other paid employees.

During the year the church continued to make significant gifts to home and overseas missions and relief appeals.

Policy on Reserves

While the Trustees continue to believe that it is not appropriate to hold excessive reserves, they recognise that a general reserve is required to provide:

- Working capital
- A cushion against seasonal variations in income and expenditure
- Contingency provision against unexpected costs
- Flexibility to respond to unexpected needs and opportunities
- Provision for speedy access to capital for premises demands

All payments are subject to the availability of funds. In order to provide for these requirements, the Trustees believe that an appropriate level for the general reserve should fall about midway between the average of three months expenditure and one quarter of the annual budget. It is reviewed on an annual basis.

In 2018 the prudent balance figure was changed to £17,500 which, although slightly higher than the requirements set out above, was considered prudent whilst the Cornerstone Project is active. Reserves remained above this figure at all times throughout this year. In the event of the general reserve falling short of this 'prudent balance', action would be taken at the earliest opportunity to inform all members, and further steps would be taken to address the situation through the budgetary process.

The examined Accounts for the year 2020 follow in the subsequent pages of the report.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for year ended 2020

Sheddingdean Baptist Church

Analysis of Receipts and Payments - 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2020[a]

Headings	General Account £s							Cornerstone Account[l] £s				Totals £s	Totals £s
Page 1 of 2	**Un-restricted**	**Designated**				**Restricted**		**General**	**Designated**		**Restricted**	**This year**	**Last year**
Receipts	**General Fund**	**Not General[b]**	**Chatter-box**	**Mission**	**Com-passion**	**Corner-stone**	**Music for Mem[d]**	**Gen Fund**	**Missn**	**Cstone**	**Corner-stone**	**2020**	**2019**
Donations and legacies													
Cornerstone BACS specials												0	200
Cornerstone Offering											917	917	2211
Cornerstone Large Gifts											1000	1000	7700
SEBA Church of the Year												0	100
Cstone Regular Gifts											5240	5240	5904
In lieu of pension[m]											1800	1800	1800
Cstone Regular BACS giving											20459	20459	26589
Money from Trusts												0	5000
General Collection, BACS receipts	57683				1350							59033	50695
Mission[k]				19								19	75
Anniversary gift												0	95
Mission - Love Gift												0	261
Mission - Seasonal[k]				402					50			452	65
Premises repayments received by clubs												0	757
Donations and legacies Totals	57683	0	0	421	1350		0	0	50	0	29416	88920	101451
Charitable Activities													
Music for Memories							2704.5					2704	8421
Chatterbox funds												0	0
Cake Sale fundraiser											100	100	0
Illuminated Balloons Fundraiser												0	183
Mudders (Mud track) Fundraiser												0	165
Skydive											385	385	4880
Gospel Choir												0	60
Memorial Funds/Funerals											545	545	200
South Downs Way Walk		31										31	1988
Collection boxes											798	798	2224
Sale of CDs/DVDs												0	8
Sale of coins/cables											37	37	759
Easy Fundraising											45	45	39
Sheddingdean Sewers											200	200	210
Sheddingdean Strummers											38	38	384
Total Receipts - charitable activities	0	31	0	0	0		2704	0	0	0	2149	4884	19521
Investments													
Interest on Bank Deposit Accounts											2108	2108	2074
Investments Totals	0		0	0				0	0	0	2108	2108	2074
Other Receipts													
Gift Aid/GASDS received[h]	7141										6194	13335	17837
Other Receipts Totals	7141		0					0	0	0	6194	13335	17837
Receipts Grand totals	64823	31	0	421	1350	0	2704	0	50	0	39866	109246	140883

Statement of Receipts and Payments for year ended 2020 continued

Sheddingdean Baptist Church
Analysis of Receipts and Payments - 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2020

Headings	General Account £s							Cornerstone Account £s				Totals	Totals
Page 2 of 2	Un-restricted	Designated				Restricted		General	Designated		Restricted	This year	Last year
Payments	General Fund	Not General[b]	Chatter-box[j]	Mission	Com-passion	Corner-stone	MfM	Gen Fund	Missn	Cstone	Corner-stone	2019	2018
Raising funds													
Cornerstone Fundraising costs											1733	1733	0
Payments on charitable activities													
Operational													
Administration	4644											4644	3819
Community & outreach	326											326	484
Youth	38											38	95
Pastoral Gifts/flowers	1356											1356	530
Compassion[i]					1701							1701	1063
Training & BU Assembly	229.50											230	510
Worship	401											401	1288
Premises	3510											3510	9221
Operational Sub-total	**10504**		**0**	**0**	**1701**		**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**12205**	**17010**
Manse													
Insurance	230											230	225
Maintenance/repairs	1517											1517	558
Manse Sub-total	1747											1747	783
Minstry													
Baptist Pension Fund Payments[c]	1043											1043	888
Baptist Pension Fund Reimbursement[c]	-1043											-1043	0
In lieu payments[m]	1800											1800	1800
Minister & allowances	28801											28801	30713
Ministry Sub-total	30601											30601	31601
Mission													
Budgeted Mission				8715								8715	9000
Non Budgeted Mission				89								89	0
Appeals/seasonal				669								669	500
Mission Sub-total				9473								9473	9270
Music for Memories							6246					6246	4836
Payments-charitable activities Sub-totals	**42852**	**0**	**0**	**9473**	**1701**		**6246**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1733**	**62005**	**64000**
Other Payments													
Bank Fees General Fund													
Surveys and Planning												0	22439
Publicity											0	0	0
Solicitor's fees												0	10115
Cornerstone Consultancy Fees											3000	3000	17728
Architect Fees												0	5980
Monthly Account Fees											65	65	65
CAF													
Baptist Pension Deficit Debt payment												0	23465
Other Payments Totals	0		0	0				0	0	0	3065	3065	79790
Payments Grand totals	**42852**	**0**	**0**	**9473**	**1701**	**0**	**6246**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**4798**	**65070**	**143791**
In year surplus/deficit	**21971**	**31**	**0**	**-9051**	**-351**	**0**	**-3541**	**0**	**50**	**0**	**35068**	**44176**	**-2908**
Transfers between General A/C funds	-9105			9001	104						**0**	**0**	
Transfers betwn Funds during year[f]	-8064		-209	97		-200		-50		9586	-1160	0	0
In Year Balances	**4801**	**31**	**-209**	**47**	**-247**	**-200**	**-3541**	**-50**	**50**	**9586**	**33909**	**44176**	**-2908**
Balance B/F with EOY adjustment	**29281**	**-31**	**280**	**-97**	**247**	**200**	**3541**	**50**	**0**	**0**	**308572**	**342044**	**344951**
End of year fund adjustments[g]	**639**			50		-30			-50		**-609**	0	0
Balance after end of year adjustmts (does not include fixed assets)	**34721**	**0**	**71**	**0**	**0**	**-30**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**9586**	**341872**	**386220**	**342044**

1. The Receipt and Payments of both the General and the Cornerstone accounts have been presented side by side for clarity. Columns within each section indicate which funds are held within these accounts. MfM stands for Music for Memories.
2. £9,586 was transferred from the General Fund to the Cornerstone designated fund (by Church agreement
3. There are no unpresented cheques but there are owed payments of £673.74 which is reflected in the balances after in year fund transfers.
4. The Gift Aid (GA) received for Mission was £149. This money is included in the General Fund GA total. Where practical, GA money is included in the gift to the relevant Missions, in advance of the GA being received.
5. The bank holds a NatWest Current account for Sheddingdean Baptist Church General Funds. The bank also holds a CAF (Charities Aid Foundation) bank account for Cornerstone funds, as well as a NatWest Current Account, Two Baptist Union Deposit Accounts and a NatWest Liquid Manager Saver Account.
6. Assets and liabilities are recorded on a separate page.
7. For further notes, see 'notes' that follow.

T Styles

<u>These notes form an integral part of the Statement of Accounts</u>

a. The format for these accounts is set out to comply with SORP regulations. This shows in detail the Receipts and Payments, and Assets and Liabilities of the Church.
b. The fund that was created called 'Not General' was for a fundraising event that took place in 2019 (South Downs Way Walk), where the money received would be divided between the Cornerstone Project and the Alzheimer's Society. Some donors specified that their donation should only be used for Cornerstone so this was entered straight into the Cornerstone fund. The remaining donations were entered into the Not General fund so that it could then be divided and allocated accordingly. £30.56 more was allocated than was given. This money was paid into the account by two Church members at the beginning of 2020, which makes the fund total £0. The fund will now be closed.
c. During the year, a payment of £1042.66 was taken for the Baptist Pension Scheme in error. This was subsequently repaid.
d. A request was made to the Diaconate, and agreed, to use the General Account for the purpose of temporary administering and holding the funds of a newly formed charity called Music for Memories (MfM), until such time as it could be registered as a charity and start up a bank account in the Charity's name. An accurate account of all money received and paid out was made and the balance of the monies held were transferred to the new MfM bank account after it was opened. The balance held in the fund is now £0 and this fund is now closed.
e. The £9586 that was previously designated to Cornerstone and then undesignated by agreement at the Church Meeting 26th March 2019, was redesignated to Cornerstone and is held in the Cornerstone Designated fund. Of the agreed monies to be allocated to Cornerstone by agreement at a church meeting in 2016, £17,000 still remains to be allotted when funds allow.
f. Monies owing to the Cornerstone account but held in the General Current Account and vice versa, that were transferred during the year are recorded as a balance of transfers and shown in the row labelled 'Transfers between Funds during year'. For a large part of this year, cash donations for Cornerstone, had to be paid into the General fund and then transferred across to Cornerstone electronically: This was because the banking

was done at the Post Office which would only receive cash for accounts were a debit card was held. The church does not hold a debit card for the Cornerstone Accounts.

g. With reference to note 'f' above, any funds still requiring transfer are entered in the row labelled 'End of Year adjustments'. These are transferred during the following year.

h. Gift Aid was received at the rate of 20% tax of gross (before tax) income. Benefit was also received from the Gift Aid Small Donation Scheme (GASDS).

i. There is a Compassion Fund budget with Designated Gifts being given where recipients are named. There was a figure of £246.92 from last year that had not been distributed, but this has now been paid. Donations given to the fund this year included those for named recipients (hardships due to Covid), and to provide funding to enable electronic tablets to be bought so that they could be lent out to the congregation so that they could join in the church services on Zoom, where otherwise, they could not have done so.

j. The Chatterbox balance is recorded in Designated Accounts section, and this is held in the Church Bank Account.

k. Mission Income is that due to special appeals for Mission and donations that are marked for mission. These are accounted for, over and above the church's normal allocation for mission work which is included in the Annual Budget and funded from the General Fund. Giving to mission amounted to 19.4% of total receipts (19.45% in 2019).

l. The church building project is called The Cornerstone Project (labelled as Cornerstone in the accounts) and records monies given specifically for this purpose.

m. 'In lieu pension' - this is the amount of money that the church gives to Cornerstone instead of paying this amount into the pastor's pension fund and which matches the giving by the pastor in lieu of his paying into a pension fund.

n. From January 2016, a separate Cornerstone current account has been active. The majority of standing orders to Cornerstone are paid into the NatWest Account and the Cornerstone Collection monies are generally paid into the CAF bank account. In order to keep the balance of money held in the NatWest Cornerstone Current Account to a level that does not attract business rate fees (which become payable if the balance rises too high), transfers of money are made to the CAF bank account during the year. This account is used to make payments relating to Cornerstone.

o. Fund raising opportunities this year were very limited, due to the restriction imposed due to Corona virus. The on-going fund-raising, such as by Collection Boxes, has continued, to a lesser extent this year. Cornerstone has been nominated as a recipient for some memorial funds and some funds have been given by the pastor when he has officiated at a funeral.

JT Styles (Treasurer 2020)

Sheddingdean Baptist Church

Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by fund)
As at: 31 December 2020

			Balance	Previous balance
Tangible assets				
EQUIPMT: Computer equipment and PA - Asset				
General fund	Unrestricted		2,000	2,000
			2,000	**2,000**
MANSE: Manse - Asset				
General fund	Unrestricted		350,110	350,110
			350,110	**350,110**
		Tangible assets	**352,110**	**352,110**
Cash at bank and in hand				
1GENERAL: General Bank Current Account - Asset				
Chatterbox	Designated		71	280
Cornerstone	Restricted		30	(1,398)
Designated to be allocated	Designated		—	(59)
Mission	Designated		—	(8,609)
Music For Memories	Restricted		—	3,541
General fund	Unrestricted		24,498	29,875
			24,599	**23,630**
2CSTONE: Cornerstone Current Account - Asset				
Cornerstone	Restricted		16,003	25,900
Cornerstone Designated	Designated		9,586	—
General fund	Unrestricted		250	(170)
			25,839	**25,730**
3DEPOSIT: Deposit Account G12S001 - Asset				
Cornerstone	Restricted		86,690	85,535
			86,690	**85,535**
4DEPOSIT: Deposit Account no.GO8S006 - Asset				
Cornerstone	Restricted		51,821	51,131
			51,821	**51,131**
5CSLQDMGR1: Cornerstone Liquid Manager ending ....16 - Asset				
Cornerstone	Restricted		50,962	50,699
			50,962	**50,699**
6CAFCSTONE: CAF Bank Cornerstone Account - Asset				
Cornerstone	Restricted		146,929	105,400
Mission	Designated		50	97
General fund	Unrestricted		—	20
			146,979	**105,517**
		Cash at bank and in hand	**386,893**	**342,245**

			Balance	Previous balance
Debtors				
Z05: Accounts Receivable - Asset				
Designated to be allocated	Designated		—	28
			—	**28**
		Debtors	—	**28**
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year				
Z04: Accounts Payable - Liability				
Mission	Designated		—	230
General fund	Unrestricted		673	—
			673	**230**
		Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	**673**	**230**
		Grand Total	**738,330**	**694,153**

Liabilities

The Church is an employer which was participating in a pension scheme known as the Baptist Pension Scheme ("the Scheme"), which is administered by the Pension Trustee (Baptist Pension Trust Limited). A formal valuation of the Defined Benefit (DB) Plan was performed at 31 December 2013 which revealed a deficit of assets compared with the value of liabilities of £84 million. The Church and the other employers supporting the DB Plan are collectively responsible for funding this deficit. The portion of the debt owed by this church was fully paid last year, by agreement at a church meeting in March 2019, and there is therefore now no liability to this creditor.

Note a: Nationwide index and recent sales in the area showed that there was no increase in the value of this type of property.
Note b: £17,000 remains of the monies agreed to be allocated to Cornerstone at Church Meeting 2016. This will be transferred to Cornerstone when funds allow.

JT Styles (Treasurer 2020)

Examiner of Accounts

The examiner of the 2020 accounts was Mr Neil Watts, F.P.M.I. We are very grateful to him for all his help.

Declaration

Accounts prepared by the Treasurer

Approved by the Trustees of Sheddingdean Baptist Church on 14/07/2021 and signed on their behalf by:

Tafrina Styles

Treasurer/Trustee

John Billinghay

Secretary/Trustee

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	Sheddingdean Baptist Church Burgess Hill Sussex		
On accounts for the year ended	31st December 2020	**Charity no (if any)**	1168341
Set out on pages	1-18 plus Examiners Report (1)		

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

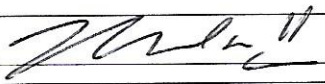
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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:** 21/07/2021

Name: Neil Watts

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): F.P.M.I.

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