



Sheddingdean Baptist Church

Somewhere to Belong and Believe



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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.

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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)

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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

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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

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- 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

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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 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)
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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.

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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

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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
Ministry							
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	0
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

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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 adjustmnts (does not include fixed assets)	£394,393	£19,586	£0	£0	£413,979	£378,232

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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 unrepresented 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.

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These notes form an integral part of the Statement of Accounts

- 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.

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- 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)

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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)

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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

Treasurer/Trustee

Valerie Dando

Trustee



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Somewhere to Belong and Believe



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Hebrews 2: 1

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.

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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)

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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

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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

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- 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

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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 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)
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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.

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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

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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
Ministry							
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	0
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

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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

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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 unrepresented 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

These notes form an integral part of the Statement of Accounts

- 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.

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- 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.

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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.

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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

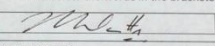
Treasurer/Trustee

Valerie Dando

Trustee

Section B		Disclosure
<p>Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).</p>		
<p>Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 250px;"></div>	

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Section A		Independent Examiner's Report	
Report to the trustees/ members of	SHEDDINGDEAN BAPTIST CHURCH BURGESS HILL SUSSEX		
On accounts for the year ended	31 st December 2022	Charity no (if any)	1168341
Set out on pages	1-19 + Examiners Report (1)		
Responsibilities and basis of report	<p>I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2022</p> <p>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").</p> <p>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.</p>		
Independent examiner's statement	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or the accounts do not accord with the accounting records <p>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.</p> <p>* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.</p>		
Signed:			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		

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