

**TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH TENTERDEN**  
**Report of the Trustees and Financial Statements**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2021**

The Trustees of Trinity Baptist Church Tenterden present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005.

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## **1. Aims and purposes**

Our aim and purpose as a church is to see God's kingdom grow as families, friends and communities are transformed by Jesus Christ.

## **2. Objectives and activities**

The main objects of the charity are to promote the worship of God and the preaching of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ both locally and internationally.

When planning our activities for the year we have considered the Charity Commissioner's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. We try to show people how to come to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and to live out their faith in the local community through:

- Worship, prayer and Bible study; learning about the gospel; developing people's knowledge of and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ;
- Supporting missionary endeavour and other outreach here and overseas;
- Providing pastoral support for Church members and others who are in need.

To facilitate the work it is essential we maintain the fabric of the Church building.

## **3. Achievements and performance**

It has always been the wish of the Trustees to hold services and a range of other activities during the week, and over the course of the year, that our community find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. Our Sunday morning service is family-friendly and intended to facilitate worship in an accessible way, whereas our evening meeting is less formal and provides more opportunity for people to participate in the time together. There is no evening service on the second Sunday of each month as we provide opportunity for people to engage with their friends and family. There are mid-week meetings for Bible study and prayer, many of which are held in people's homes, which are useful means of spiritual growth.

However, with the lockdowns and other restrictions put in place as a result of the COVID-19 epidemic, almost all our regular meetings at the church building had to be suspended. We were able to continue many of our meetings via the internet using the Zoom video conferencing platform. This extended to our Sunday morning service and our regular mid-week meetings. In addition, various social events were also held on Zoom to allow church members and attendees to spend time together despite the lockdowns. We look forward to resuming our Friday Family Fun Nights, our twice monthly coffee morning for older people in Tenterden and other events we held to reach out to local people once restrictions are lifted. Also, due to the restrictions we also were obliged to close our Church hall to outside organisations, including Caring All Together Across Romney Marsh (CARM).

We resumed use of our building for a number of Sunday mornings when restrictions were eased during the summer, but when infection rates began increasing exponentially in Kent, we reverted to meeting virtually via Zoom.

As part of our wish to offer pastoral care for our members and those connected to the Church, the Elders and other helpers visited many of the sick, elderly and needy folk on a more organised basis than in previous years. Given the impact of the lockdowns on the vulnerable people within the Church, we gave particular attention to those living alone.

Helping those in need abroad, who suffer as a result of war or natural disasters is a demonstration of our faith and appeals were made for funds to assist people in Lebanon following the explosion in Beirut and, later in the year, our Harvest Appeal raised funds for an old people's home in India and London City Mission. We also support a number of missionaries in various parts of the world, including a Bible college in Kazan, Tatarstan.

In terms of membership, 2020/21 was a period of stabilisation following the difficult events of the previous year and at the end of the year our membership stood at 36 (including 3 Associate Members). We noted with sadness the passing of Gwen Honeysett, widow of the first pastor of the Church – Bernard Honeysett.

In September 2020 the Church appointed 3 men to join the Eldership and 2 men as deacons, and in November we agreed unanimously to amend the Constitution to allow the possibility of proxy voting.

#### **4. Financial review**

Unrestricted donations were £37 900 which, together with the Gift Aid claim, meant that our income from regular donations amounted to £46 650. Incoming resources from charitable activities amounted to £569, including £48 raised from hiring the hall to outside organisations.

Costs associated with running the Church amounted to £34 583. This included grants for missionary work totalling £13 310 and international aid of £11 250. Much of the former was sent to missionary organisations working abroad but £500 was given to the Fellowship of Independent Churches (FIEC) to support the training of Christian workers in the UK.

Please see the accounts for further details.

#### **5 Reserves policy**

The Trustees aim to maintain a balance of unrestricted funds equivalent to 3 months expenditure, amounting to approximately £20 000 in 2020/21. This was achieved.

#### **6. Volunteers**

The Church relies on the support of volunteers drawn from the membership and regular attendees to carry out many of the activities undertaken in the local area.

## **7. Safeguarding**

The Church last reviewed its safeguarding policy in September 2019. In the current year, due to the COVID-19 restrictions, the Church has not held meetings specifically for children or the coffee morning for seniors. As and when we are able to meet normally in our building DBS checks, training and policy will all be reviewed.

## **8. General Data Protection Regulations**

The Church's Privacy Policy was posted on the Church website in March 2018 and all the relevant policies were finished in 2019. These will be updated during 2021. The training of leaders of small groups has been suspended as no groups have met physically for some time, due to Covid 19. This should resume later this year and some training will be provided via Zoom.

## **9. Structure, governance and management**

Trinity Baptist Church was founded in 1967. On 19 July 1976 an Assignment and Declaration of Trust was established in relation to the premises where the Church currently meets. The trustees were named officers of the Church and the Grace Baptist Trust Corporation. At a formally constituted meeting of members on 25 October 2012, the Church adopted a constitution governing the charitable assets of the Church from a legal perspective in accordance with the requirements of charity law. The trustees of this charity were the minister of the Church, the other elders and the deacons. New rules were adopted at the same time. In 2016/17 the Church adopted a new Constitution and Handbook for the purposes of obtaining registration as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. The Charity Commission confirmed the new charitable status on 9 January 2017 (Registered charity number 1171047). The trustees of the charity were, again, the minister, the other elders and the deacons. Since as a CIO the Church was able to own property, the ownership of building and land were transferred to the CIO, thus ending the 1976 Trust deed.

As mentioned in section 3, 5 officers were appointed to form a new body of trustees

Charity Trustees:

Oliver Burgess  
Gerald Heddell  
Matthew Hopkins  
John McDonald  
Peter Smith (Chair)  
Jim Wiles

**10. Administrative information**

Charity No: 1171047

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**Approved by the Trustees on 6 April 2021 and signed on their behalf by Peter Smith.**

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# Independent examiner's report on the accounts

## Section A: Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Trinity Baptist Church, Tenterden

On accounts for the  
year ended

31/03/2021

Charity number

1171047

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2019

**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 give 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 those records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of the 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 order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Darren Warren  
Darren Warren (Apr 28, 2021 15:50 GMT+1)

Date:

Apr 28, 2021

Name: Darren Warren

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

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## Trinity Baptist Church Tenterden

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year funds
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	46,650	0	0	46,650	72,241
Charitable activities	569	0	0	569	10,867
Other trading activities	0	0	0	0	0
Investments	121	0	0	121	604
Separate material item of income	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>47,341</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>47,341</b>	<b>83,711</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Raising funds	0	0	0	0	0
Charitable activities	34,583	0	0	34,583	72,973
Separate material item of expense	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>34,583</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>34,583</b>	<b>72,973</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)</b>	<b>12,757</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12,757</b>	<b>10,739</b>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>	<b>12,757</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12,757</b>	<b>10,739</b>
Extraordinary items	0	0	0	0	0
Transfers between funds	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>	<b>12,757</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12,757</b>	<b>10,739</b>
<b>Reconciliation of Funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward	794,993	0	0	794,993	
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>807,750</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>807,750</b>	

## Trinity Baptist Church Tenterden

	Total funds	Prior year funds
<b>Fixed assets</b>		
Intangible assets	0	0
Tangible assets	681,490	681,490
Heritage assets	0	0
Investments	0	0
<i>Total fixed assets</i>	<b>681,490</b>	<b>681,490</b>
<b>Current assets</b>		
Stocks	0	0
Debtors	8,515	13,018
Investments	0	0
Cash at bank and in hand	117,745	100,485
<i>Total current assets</i>	<b>126,260</b>	<b>113,503</b>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	0	0
<i>Net current assets/(liabilities)</i>	126,260	113,503
<i>Total assets less current liabilities</i>	<b>807,750</b>	<b>794,993</b>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	0	0
Provisions for liabilities	0	0
<b>Total net assets or liabilities</b>	<b>807,750</b>	<b>794,993</b>
<b>Funds of the charity:</b>		
Endowment funds	0	0
Restricted income funds	0	0
Unrestricted funds	807,750	794,993
Revaluation reserve	0	0
<b>Total charity funds</b>	<b>807,750</b>	<b>794,993</b>

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval dd/mm/yyyy
 <small>PAsmith (Apr 27, 2021 15:52 GMT+1)</small>	PASmith	Apr 27, 2021



## Trinity Baptist Church Tenterden

March 2021

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Year Total</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
S01 Donations and legacies					
Donations - regular	34,020	0	0	34,020	57,430
Donations - other	3,880	0	0	3,880	567
Gift aid tax claimed	8,750	0	0	8,750	14,244
	46,650	0	0	46,650	72,241
S02 Charitable activities (inc.)					
Room Hire	48	0	0	48	1,408
Book sales	125	0	0	125	1,134
Other income	397	0	0	397	8,325
	570	0	0	570	10,867
S04 Investments					
Interest received	121	0	0	121	604
	121	0	0	121	604
S09 Charitable activities					
GBM	4,510	0	0	4,510	4,000
EMI Int UK	1,200	0	0	1,200	1,200
Asia Link	1,000	0	0	1,000	1,650
Apollos Trust	0	0	0	0	890
People International	2,000	0	0	2,000	4,000
Sat 7	2,000	0	0	2,000	0
Other missionary support	2,100	0	0	2,100	1,252
FIEC Training Fund	500	0	0	500	1,000
International support	11,250	0	0	11,250	10,225
TBC assistance	787	0	0	787	200
Salaries and wages	0	0	0	0	18,271
PAYE/Employer NI	0	0	0	0	5,078
Pastor expenses	0	0	0	0	515
Pastor travel/subsistence	0	0	0	0	1,065
Conference expenses	10	0	0	10	45
Training costs	0	0	0	0	200
Visiting speaker costs	785	0	0	785	1,812
Youth work costs	32	0	0	32	1,093
Evangelism - events	0	0	0	0	-136
Evangelism - publicity	443	0	0	443	1,724
Evangelism - literature	0	0	0	0	121
Printing & stationery	47	0	0	47	556
Bookstall purchases	803	0	0	803	1,083
Home Group study guides	57	0	0	57	224
Flowers	0	0	0	0	351
Catering	0	0	0	0	991
Anniversary Expenses	0	0	0	0	2,680
Fire alarm maintenance	739	0	0	739	469
IT, audio visual	666	0	0	666	1,538
Music, licences	464	0	0	464	236
FIEC Subscription	567	0	0	567	1,260
Gas	281	0	0	281	1,020

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March 2021

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Year Total</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Electricity	428	0	0	428	698
Water	57	0	0	57	108
Telephone, internet	193	0	0	193	251
Insurance	1,078	0	0	1,078	1,009
Other costs	383	0	0	383	1,648
Cleaning	360	0	0	360	1,614
Repairs & maintenance	130	0	0	130	476
Health & Safety	35	0	0	35	120
Furniture & equipment	0	0	0	0	544
Audit & accountancy	540	0	0	540	1,441
Other fees	35	0	0	35	319
Safeguarding	129	0	0	129	110
Paxton software support	576	0	0	576	0
Church Suite admin	398	0	0	398	0
Bank charges	0	0	0	0	20
	34,583	0	0	34,583	72,971

**Trinity Baptist Church Tenterden**

Month = March 2021

<u>Fund name</u>	<u>Fund balances brought forward</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Transfers</u>	<u>Gains and losses</u>	<u>Fund balances carried forward</u>
General fund	794,993	47,341	-34,583	0	0	807,750
Missions fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Refurbishment fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	794,993	47,341	-34,583	0	0	807,750