

Six Ways Erdington Baptist Church

Annual Report 2020

2020 has been a bit different! From March we were and still are under great constraints and different demands due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. However, church life has continued. Some activities have been placed on hold, but at the same time, we have embraced new ways of being church. Life has continued.

Worship – for some periods of time we have not met in the building. Worship has taken on new shapes and sizes this year.

Zoom: We have had weekly Zoom services on Sundays, with up to 80 people participating on some occasions. This has been a time of worship and connection that has been a vital point of contact and continuity for many people. Like the people of Israel in exile, we too have developed different patterns of worshipping.

YouTube: Throughout this time we have offered a service on YouTube every Sunday and with some extras too! The package has included scripture, song, prayer and preaching. We have had a range of speakers and a very diverse selection of people contributing in all sorts of ways. We have been blessed!

Services in the building: when conditions have allowed, we have been faithful in holding services in the building, albeit with necessary limitations. In spite of the constraints, these have been wonderful times of worship and an important opportunity for those who are not able to access Zoom or YouTube.

Doorsteps: for the 30 church members who are not able to access the above we have every week delivered a now expanded newsletter and lots of times this has involved being at the doorstep praying with people.

All in all, we have tried to keep Six Ways going, connecting and growing even in this time of challenge. It has felt important to include as many people as best we can!

Prayer Meetings - both on Mondays and on Wednesdays provide an underpinning to what we seek to do in mission and ministry.

Tuesday Prayers continues its gentle ministry week in, week out

Bible Study – this took on a new form this year, moving to Zoom on Wednesday evenings. Zoom has learnt itself well to Bible study. This might be one aspect of our life together that we continue with on Zoom (as well as having face to face sessions in the building when we are able to do so)

Children and Young People –we continue to be blessed by having Siobhan Smith-Inniss as our Children and Young People’s Worker. At the start of 2020 she had begun the process of offering mentoring in Osborne Primary School and Erdington Academy, however, like so many plans this has been a little delayed. Throughout the pandemic Siobhan has been working tirelessly to engage with the children and young people in our church community, whether on Zoom, over the phone, in person or on the doorstep.

Six Ways Mini Stars & Super Study Space – for most of 2020 our thriving stay and play toddler group has not been able to meet; likewise our homework club, *Super Study Space*.

Girls’ Brigade – continues to flourish and has managed to get going again in between lockdowns, providing it’s distinctly Christian support, activity and learning

CAMEO – meeting faithfully on Tuesdays, when loosening of restrictions has allowed. Lockdowns etc have really emphasised what an invaluable support of contact and support our club for active retired people is.

ESOL – our English language lessons continue to provide not only a safe and accessible space in which newcomers can learn English, but a place for people seeking to establish themselves in the UK to find hospitality and make connections. Plans to re-open during the pandemic have been thwarted a couple of times: but we know, from lots of enquiries received, that the demand remains strong.

Foodbank – strictly speaking a separate organisation, but operating out of our church and very much involving us. Erdington Foodbank continues to be exceedingly busy and the number of people accessing help increases week on week.

Place of Welcome – our Wednesday drop-in time saw a drop in numbers but has developed more of an identity of its own, in particular with the power of dominoes to break down any social barriers!

Job Club – quiet throughout this time, but continuing throughout this period. Undoubtedly is going to grow as a means of social support and advice, as well as for job-seeking.

CTE- we remain at the heart of Churches Together in Erdington and it is pleasing to see the great spirit of working together that there is in this community. This seems to have grown even stronger during the pandemic. We are now actively involved in lots of joint projects, eg. Job Clubs, Street Pastors, Truth To Tell.

Black History Month and Black Lives Matters – the murder of George Floyd sent shockwaves around the world and prompted a new impetus for looking at the nature of racism in every area of life. At Six Ways, part of our response has been a regular Racial Justice Prayer Meeting and setting out various ways that we can move the racial justice agenda forward in our church and community. We are also at the heart of initiatives in Erdington, Birmingham and nationwide throughout the Baptist Union of Great Britain. And in spite of the ongoing restrictions we still able to mark Black History Month online.

Castle Vale Baptist Church –our church plant in Castle Vale has seen growth in terms of people joining for worship and in terms of community projects. We pray for more and for wisdom, energy and strength for Pastor Mark and his team.

Church of Sanctuary – regardless of Covid 19 we continue to offer a welcome and inclusion for people seeking asylum and who are refugees and will continue to be mindful of this in all we do.

We are a church comprised of 112 members. The pandemic has put baptisms and taking new members on hold, but by God's grace we remain strong and so very blessed to have a diverse range of people from different generations, nationalities and ethnic backgrounds. In this diversity I believe there is beauty and strength which reflects God's beauty and strength. By His Grace we can enrich and encourage each other and come out of this pandemic stronger than ever!

God bless

Gerard

March 2021

"See, I am doing a new thing!

Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?

I am making a way in the wilderness

and streams in the wasteland." Isaiah 43:19

SIX WAYS ERDINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH

Financial Statement for the year ended 31 December 2020

GENERAL RECEIPTS & PAYMENT ACCOUNT

<i>Receipts</i>	Note	2020	2019
Weekly offerings	2	47,309.87	52,270.86
Donations and other income	2	10,794.05	6,344.97
Income tax recovered on gifts	3	8,624.57	9,424.08
Investment income	4	37.95	71.04
Rents & contributions -use of premises	5	13,544.42	28,414.61
<u>Raised for other causes</u>	6	547.03	1,671.35
<u>Sub Total</u>		<u>80,857.89</u>	<u>98,196.91</u>
Home Mission grant for Castle Vale BC	7	18,372.00	17,808.96
<u>TOTAL</u>		<u>99,229.89</u>	<u>116,005.87</u>
<i>Payments</i>			
Ministry	8	33,967.99	38,847.72
Mission	9	15,558.26	17,920.88
Upkeep of church premises	10	24,279.88	28,860.97
Administration	11	5,820.94	7,849.58
<u>Sub Total</u>		<u>79,627.07</u>	<u>93,534.15</u>
<u>Castle Vale Baptist Church</u>	12	<u>18,141.80</u>	<u>17,927.25</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>		<u>97,768.87</u>	<u>111,461.40</u>
<i>Surplus (deficit) for the year</i>		1,461.02	4,544.47
<u>Balance brought forward</u>		<u>43,812.93</u>	
<u>Balance carried forward</u>		<u>45,273.95</u>	

I have reviewed these
accounts and found them to
be a true and accurate record
Am Boyce 10/3/2021

REDEVELOPMENT OF CHURCH BUILDING FUND RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS

<i>Receipts</i>	Note	2020	2019
Donations and other gifts	13	0.00	475.00
Bank interest		0.00	1.79
<u>Income tax recovered on gifts</u>		0.00	0.00
TOTAL		0.00	476.79
<i>Payments</i>	14	0.00	55.00
<i>Surplus (deficit) for the year</i>		0.00	421.79
<i>Balance brought forward</i>		0.00	1,317.30
<i>Transfer to Lloyds Account</i>		0.00	1,739.09
<i>Balance carried forward</i>		0.00	0.00

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

Bank and other cash balances 45,273.95

REPRESENTING BALANCE ON THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS: ____

General account 36,758.94

Petty Cash 15 50.00

Other Monetary Assets

Held for investment purposes or 16 8,465.01
for Church's own use

Non- Monetary Assets 17

LIABILITIES

Current 18 0.00

Long-term loans 19 0.00

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1 Basis of accounts: These accounts have been prepared on a 'receipts and payments' basis and accord with Section 133 Charities Act 2011.

2	Donations and other income	2020	2019
a	Weekly offerings	47,309.87	52,240.86
b	Donations – General	1,131.19	3,198.79
c	Legacies	0.00	0.00
d	Grants	6,752.46	0.00
e	Magazine	206.40	335.40
f	Church-based activities	0.00	1,087.80
g	Refunds	2,704.00	1,752.98
		<u>58,278.92</u>	<u>58,615.83</u>

3	Income Tax recovered on gifts	2020	2019
		<u>8,624.57</u>	<u>9,424.08</u>

4	Investment income:	2020	2019
	Heart of England Baptist Assoc.	37.89	69.92
	Baptist Union Corp. Fund	0.06	1.12
		<u>37.95</u>	<u>71.04</u>

5	Lettings – use of premises	2020	2019
		<u>13,544.42</u>	<u>28,414.61</u>

6	Other causes				
	Special Collections		2020		2019
		Raised	Given	Raised	Given
	BMS World Mission	287.45	287.45	185.09	185.09
	Christian Aid	70.00	70.00	285.48	285.48
	Shelter	0.00	0.00	10.00	10.00
	Everyone Erdington	0.00	0.00	675.00	675.00
	Erdington Foodbank	0.00	0.00	15.00	15.00
	Tear Fund	189.58	189.58	242.24	242.24
	Restore	0.00	0.00	258.54	258.54
		<u>547.03</u>	<u>547.03</u>	<u>1,671.35</u>	<u>1,671.35</u>

7 Home Mission Grant for Castle Vale Baptist Church

	2020	2019
Baptist Union of Great Britain	12,000.00	11,724.96
Heart of England Baptist Association	6,372.00	6,084.00
	<u>18,372.00</u>	<u>17,808.96</u>

8 Ministry:	2020	2019
Minister's stipend	24,999.96	23,450.04
Pension contribution	5,614.53	6,512.40
Pension Fund Deficit	453.93	0.00
Pulpit supplies	0.00	151.27
Manse costs	2,899.57	8,734.01
	<u>33,967.99</u>	<u>38,847.72</u>

9 Mission:	2020	2019
Given to other causes (per note 6)	547.03	1,671.35
Junior Church	216.25	547.51
Youth Worker	4,575.96	4,608.57
BMS World Mission	3,900.00	3,804.00
Home Mission Fund	3,900.00	3,804.00
Northern Baptist College	350.00	350.00
Conferences & Training	352.96	83.92
Toilet Twinning	0.00	183.00
Fellowship Fund	1,573.56	2,175.59
Ministry & Mission Literature	142.50	142.94
Refunds	0.00	550.00
	<u>15,558.26</u>	<u>17,920.88</u>

10 Upkeep of church premises:	2020	2019
Lighting and heating	6,298.00	6,096.00
Cleaning	2,957.59	2,924.84
Insurances	2,573.80	2,462.73
Repairs and maintenance	11,792.07	16,589.08
Water rates	658.42	788.32
	<u>24,279.88</u>	<u>28,860.97</u>

11	Administration:	2020	2019
	Printing and stationery	594.36	1,049.86
	Telephone, postage & broadband	1,057.52	679.62
	Church supplies	1,429.23	1,700.11
	Photocopier rental	867.36	867.36
	Subscriptions	1,872.47	1,540.71
	Church Away Day	0.00	550.00
	HMRC / Erdington Foodbank	0.00	1,461.92
		5,820.94	7,849.58
12	Castle Vale Baptist Church	2020	2019
	Minister's Stipend & Housing Allowance	15,000.00	14,800.98
	Pension, Employer's Contribution	1,817.50	1,777.12
	Minister's Expenses	1,324.30	1,349.15
		18,141.80	17,927.25
13	Redevelopment Fund Income	2020	2019
	Donations	0.00	475.00
	Bank Interest	0.00	1.79
		0.00	476.79
14	Redevelopment Fund Expenditure	2020	2019
	Bank Charges	0.00	55.00
		0.00	55.00
15	Petty Cash	2020	2019
		50.00	50.00
16	Other Monetary Assets	2020	2019
	(a) Held for investment purposes		
	Heart of England Baptist Association	8,465.01	8,295.24
	Baptist Union Corporation Fund	0.00	131.82
		8,465.01	8,427.06

17	Non-monetary assets:	2020	2019
	(a) Held for investment purposes (not applicable)		
	(b) Held for the Church's own use:		
	Church premises at 6 Wood End Road, Erdington, Birmingham B24 8AD		
	Buildings insured for	2,980,737	2,777,070
	Contents insured for	75,542	67,187
	Church manse at 6 Cherry Crescent, Erdington, Birmingham B24 8BW		
	Building insured for	178,594	173,721
18	Liabilities: Current (not applicable)		
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