

Six Ways Erdington Baptist Church

Annual Report 2021

Once again, 2021 has been a bit different! In the first part of the year we have continued to have spell of enforced closure due to Covid 19, but since Easter we have remained open for services and activities in the building and the story of the year has been seeing things grow back and even grow stronger in places.

Worship has adapted and seen many changes over the past year. We began 2021 worshipping together only on Zoom, Facebook and via YouTube: by the end of the year we have found ourselves in a better place as we worship in person on Sunday mornings, with Junior Church, Creche and refreshments. Latterly we have begun livestreaming our services on Zoom. Some things remain slightly different, but by and large we are pleased to be a bit more back to normal and in some ways, even better.

Prayer Meetings - Tuesday Prayers has continued its gentle ministry week in, week out when restrictions have been lifted. Also the Women's Prayer Meeting on Zoom is a sustained part of our corporate prayer life. And it has been wonderful to have the Monday Prayer Meeting back!

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 –sadly, after a period of time off work, Siobhan Smith-Inniss, our Children and Young People's Worker took the hard decision to leave us as she re-assesses things. We have been blessed to have Siobhan with us and she has made such a positive difference reaching out to schools and community as well as nurturing our young people and children.

Six Ways Mini Stars – whenever restrictions have been lifted sufficiently, our stay and play toddler group has been open and hosting lots and lots of parents, carers and children. It is such a joy to be up and running again!

Super Study Space & Nexus – sadly, neither of these groups have been able to get going again...yet! We aim to restart in 2022.

Girls' Brigade – continues to flourish and has managed to get going again in between lockdowns, providing its distinctly Christian support, activity and learning.

CAMEO – our wonderful group for active retired people has also been meeting faithfully on Tuesdays, as soon as the loosening of restrictions has allowed. The

Covid experience has really emphasised what an invaluable support of contact and support our club for active retired people is.

ESOL – our English language lessons restarted in late Spring and have continued 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. The demand remains strong and it has been great to be able to meet this need.

Foodbank – strictly speaking a separate organisation, but operating out of our church and very much involving us. Erdington Foodbank continues to be exceedingly busy.

Place of Welcome – our Wednesday drop-in time has restarted in September and in a quiet, low-key way has continued to provide informal support and social contact in difficult times.

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

Safe Families – we have a number of people in the church who volunteer with this Christian family support project, another excellent example of being salt and light in the community.

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, with more churches getting involved than ever before! 2021 saw the launch of Erdington Street Pastors, with people from our church actively involved.

Racial Justice – as a church, we have remained at the fore of racial justice initiatives both locally and nationally. We are part of the Birmingham-based Time4Change initiative; and various national and regional Racial Justice groups. It was great to be able to celebrate Black History Month in person again! We also keep moving forward as the first Church of Sanctuary in England.

Castle Vale Baptist Church –our church plant in Castle Vale has continued worshipping and working in the community. We pray for more and for wisdom, energy and strength for Pastor Mark and his team.

We are a church comprised of 106 members. After having “hit the pause button” because of the pandemic, it has been great to restart baptisms and welcome new members. Signs, sure enough that God is doing a new thing, as He always does. God bless.

Gerard

April 2022

SIX WAYS ERDINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH

Financial Statement for the year ended 31 December 2021

GENERAL RECEIPTS & PAYMENT ACCOUNT

<i>Receipts</i>	Note	2021	2020
Weekly offerings	2	46,767.72	47,309.87
Donations and other income	2	12,671.40	10,794.05
Income tax recovered on gifts	3	8,599.54	8,624.57
Investment income	4	38.09	37.95
Rents & contributions -use of premises	5	18,167.88	13,544.42
<u>Raised for other causes</u>	6	<u>1,193.06</u>	<u>547.03</u>
<u>Sub Total</u>		<u>87,437.69</u>	<u>80,857.89</u>
<u>Home Mission grant for Castle Vale BC</u>	7	<u>18,177.88</u>	<u>18,372.00</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>		<u>105,615.57</u>	<u>99,229.89</u>
<i>Payments</i>			
Ministry	8	36,608.42	33,967.99
Mission	9	17,106.18	15,558.27
Upkeep of church premises	10	27,632.57	24,279.88
Administration	11	7,795.13	5,820.94
<u>Sub Total</u>		<u>89,142.30</u>	<u>79,627.08</u>
<u>Castle Vale Baptist Church</u>	12	<u>18,266.30</u>	<u>18,141.80</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>		<u>107,408.60</u>	<u>97,768.88</u>
<i>Surplus (deficit) for the year</i>		<u>(1,793.03)</u>	<u>1,461.01</u>
<i>Balance brought forward</i>		<u>45,273.95</u>	<u>43,812.93</u>
<i>Balance carried forward</i>		<u>43,480.92</u>	<u>45,273.95</u>

I have reviewed
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verify their accuracy
A M Boyce (independent examiner)
25 March 2022

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	2021	2020
a	Weekly offerings	46,767.72	47,309.87
b	Donations – General	400.00	1,131.19
c	Legacies	0.00	0.00
d	Grants	7,453.33	6,752.46
e	Magazine	271.40	206.40
f	Church-based activities	0.00	0.00
g	Refunds	4,546.67	2,704.00
		<u>59,439.12</u>	<u>58,278.92</u>

3	Income Tax recovered on gifts	2021	2020
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4	Investment income:	2021	2020
	Heart of England Baptist Assoc.	38.09	37.89
	<u>Baptist Union Corp. Fund</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.06</u>
			<u>37.95</u>

5	Lettings – use of premises	2021	2020
		<u>17,442.80</u>	<u>13,544.42</u>

6 Other causes

Special Collections	2021		2020	
	Raised	Given	Raised	Given
Erdington Foodbank	40.00	40.00	0.00	0.00
Bowel Cancer UK	144.28	144.28	0.00	0.00
BMS World Mission	317.37	317.37	287.45	287.45
Christian Aid	0.00	0.00	70.00	70.00
<u>Tear Fund</u>	<u>691.41</u>	<u>691.41</u>	<u>189.58</u>	<u>189.58</u>
	<u>1,193.06</u>	<u>1,193.06</u>	<u>547.03</u>	<u>547.03</u>

11	Administration:	2021	2020
	Printing and stationery	461.91	594.36
	Telephone, postage & broadband	800.18	1,057.52
	Church supplies	1209.93	1,429.23
	Photocopier rental	1,282.20	867.36
	Subscriptions	2,040.91	1,872.47
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12	Castle Vale Baptist Church	2021	2020
	Minister's Stipend & Housing Allowance	15,444.75	15,000.00
	Pension, Employer's Contribution	1,816.84	1,817.50
	Minister's Expenses	1,004.71	1,324.30
		18,266.30	18,141.80

13	Petty Cash	2021	2020
		50.00	50.00

14	Other Monetary Assets	2021	2020
	(a) Held for investment purposes		
	Heart of England Baptist Association	8,503.10	8,465.01

15	Non-monetary assets:	2021	2020
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(a) Held for investment purposes (not applicable)

(b) Held for the Church's own use:

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Buildings insured for	2,945,661	2,980,737
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The accounts and statement of assets and liabilities set out on pages 1 and 2 relating to the year ending 31 December 2021 as approved by the deacons.

Signed: *TAButteworth* (Treasurer)

MS Taylor

(Date) 20/04/22

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