

Great Missenden Baptist Church:

Annual Report 2020

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and financial statements for the year ending 31st December 2020. The trustees believe that the financial statements comply with current statutory requirements and the Charity's governing documents.

Charity Objectives

- (1) The advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Baptist Union of Great Britain, primarily, but not exclusively, within Great Missenden and the surrounding neighbourhood; and
- (2) Such other charitable purposes, as decided in the Church meeting, to further the work of the Church.

It does this for the public benefit by means of its main activities, open to all, which are as follows:

- ☐ Regular morning Sunday public services of worship
- ☐ Mid-week Bible Studies
- ☐ Public prayer meetings
- ☐ Prayer and sung worship Thursday evenings
- ☐ New Tricks Lunch on first Friday of month
- ☐ New Tricks Afternoon Tea and Games on third Friday of month
- ☐ Table Tennis on Friday afternoons
- ☐ Book club
- ☐ Support (financially, practically and in prayer) of other Christian workers/organizations in the UK and overseas
- ☐ Toddler Group on Monday mornings
- ☐ Pop-up kitchen on Mondays, late afternoon
- ☐ Providing facilities for other charities and groups, including Age Concern and Scouts

With the onset of the Coronavirus pandemic, all activities were suspended; only limited church services were permitted to recommence between lockdowns, abiding by prevailing restrictions.

Organisational changes:

The church continued without a minister for all of 2020; Rev David Nash filled the role of Moderator during the interregnum. Our search for a minister continued despite the limitations of lockdowns; having interviewed a couple of candidates before the first lockdown, by September it was found that many members had changed their view on employing a full-time minister in such uncertain times.

Church members continued to support each other and the needs of the church, and outreach to the community where this was permissible. Throughout the year, one of our leadership team, Nicki Pitt, had been exploring the possibility of becoming a lay pastor. The proposal to employ Nicki on a part-time basis was put to the membership and they voted in favour of her appointment to the position from February 2021.

Church Activities and Outreach:

Mid-week Bible studies: The Wednesday morning group has been running for many years.

New Tricks Lunch provides social interaction and friendship for those in need of company. The success of New Tricks Lunch led us to start the Afternoon Tea and Games group to provide an opportunity to socialise in a slightly different way.

Toddler Group: This group continues to thrive. This is run by a committee comprising mothers and one church member. Additional members provide practical support at each session.

Pop-up kitchen: This is a social group for all ages and families to help combat loneliness and isolation in a safe environment, through preparing and sharing a meal together. We garden and grow a few vegetables together in the raised beds in the church garden.

Harvest: In October we supported Operation Agri, which assists small communities globally with agricultural training and aid to become self-supporting. In November, a representative of a local food bank, the One Can Trust, came to talk about their operation in High Wycombe, and the extra pressures many in the community were facing due to lockdowns. The church supported them with a large collection of groceries as well as donations.

Christmas: Activities were curtailed due to another lockdown, but we did manage to hold a Christmas puppet show, and a Carol service (without congregational singing).

Book club: This group meets several times a year, providing opportunities for relaxed fellowship. This is open to people outside the fellowship too.

Table tennis: This group, open to all ages, is well-supported with regular attendance from a number of people from the extended community.

Fund-raising: In March we were due to screen a movie night in support of Christian Aid, but this had to be cancelled.

As we were so constrained this year, to encourage interaction with each other, we held our own "Chelsea Flower Show", and later a "Hampton Court Show", whereby we contributed photographs of our own gardens for each other to enjoy as we could not share them in the normal way.

Buildings & Facilities :

The flat in Great Missenden High Street was redecorated early in the year, between tenants.

The project to improve the small kitchen and toilets on the church premises were not quite complete by year end.

Mission:

We continue to support BMS and Home Mission from church funds, and BMS and other charitable projects from appeals and individual donations. We also support these and other organisations in prayer.

Membership

A long-standing and beloved member, Joan Evans died early in the year.

Funding

Our funds derive mainly from tithes, collections, bequests, property rental and contributions for the use of church premises. The trustees consider the financial position of the Charity to be satisfactory, and that sufficient and appropriate reserves are held to safeguard the future operations of the Charity.

Administrative information

Great Missenden Baptist Church is situated in the heart of the Chiltern village of Great Missenden, Buckinghamshire. It falls under the aegis of the Baptist Union of Great Britain, and within that the Central Baptist Association.

As of April 2018 this church became a CIO, **charity number 1176012**.

Correspondence should be addressed to The Secretary, Great Missenden Baptist Church, 42 High Street, Great Missenden, HP16 0AU, or email gmbc.secr@gmail.com

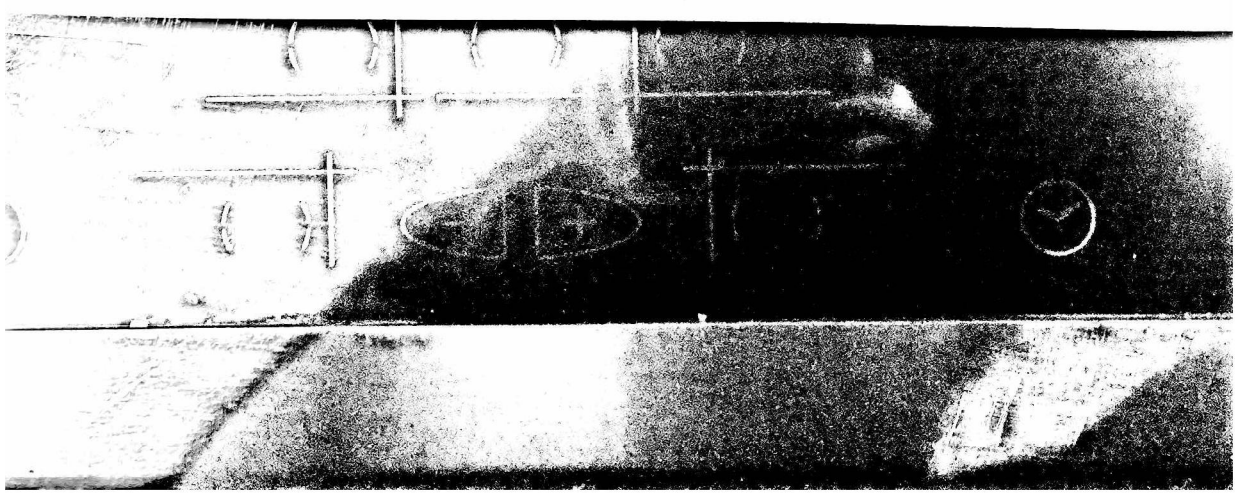
Members who have served as trustees (deacons) for 2020 are:

Elected members to Leadership team:

Mrs J Henderson	Secretary
Mrs A Abbott	Treasurer
Mr J Henderson	Deacon, Property manager
Mrs B Hughes	Deacon
Mrs N Pitt	Deacon
Mr A E Barnett	Deacon



Approved by the diaconate on 10/10/2021 and signed on their behalf by Mrs J Henderson



Independent Examiner's Report

To: The Deacon's and Members of Great Missenden Baptist Church

I report on the accounting records for the year ended 31st December 2020.

I have examined the records as instructed and my examination included a review of the receipts and payments information and assets and liabilities arising thereon as presented with those records.

It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures and the necessity of seeking explanations concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with reasonable diligence.
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records

I have completed my examination, without conducting a full audit, and have no concerns in respect of the matters listed above and I have found no matters that require further attention.



Rupert St Clair-Burton ICPA

Great Missenden Baptist Church

For Period Ended 31st December 2020

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Financial Statements for year ended 31st December 2020

Receipts and Payments Account

					Previous years		
	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2020	Total 2019	Total 2018	Total 2017
RECEIPTS							
Offerings & donations	1	11008	450	11458	13344	17456	18500
Investment interest & dividends		950		950	1856	1808	1439
Property income		30420		30420	31796	17186	15163
Contributions for use of premises		2855		2855	7142	7156	6555
Miscellaneous receipts	2	500		500	3404	6027	1476
Funds raised /collected for charity	3	310		310	791	975	1918
Capital receipts						360	6135
Transfer from BU deposit TG045		35		35			
total receipts		46078	450	46528	58332	50969	51186
PAYMENTS							
Stipend and pension		2724		2724	3553	21805	24169
Ministerial expenses		549		549	2639	2603	2347
Charitable giving		1540	310	1850	2191	2325	3038
Administration costs	1	3061		3061	2612	2626	3791
Church property running costs	1	9324		9324	18934	10808	9709
Insurance		3470		3470	3226	3297	3124
Other property upkeep		2218		2218	903	496	
PW manse costs		824		824	5404	2564	2651
Capital expenditure	4	1250		1250	31774	23195	89004
Payments outstanding earlier yrs		318		318	958	866	1371
Transfer from TSB17545168		35		35			
total payments		25313	310	25623	72194	70585	139204
NET RECEIPTS / (PAYMENTS)		20765	140	20905	-13862	-19616	-88018
Cash accounts as at start of year:							
TSB current a/c		22720		22720	11666		
TSB expenses a/c		271		271	400		
TSB old current a/c		0		0	363	13748	6928
COIF deposit a/c		29042		29042	28879	33735	39650
BU deposit a/c		15276		15276	15277	15277	15277
BU trust a/c		95857		95857	120446	133887	222810
Opening balance b/fwd 1st Jan		163166	0	163166	177030	196646	284664
add net receipts / (payments) above		20765	140	20905	-13862	-19616	-88018
Closing balance c/fwd 31 Dec		183931	140	184071	163168	177030	196646

Notes:

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
Monetary Assets				
TSB current account	1	43,376	0	43376
TSB expenses account	1	111	0	111
CCLA/COIF deposit account	1	29,119	0	29119
BU deposit account TG045	1	15,291	0	15291
BU trust account TG041	1,7	13,071	83103	96174
		<u>100,968</u>	<u>83103</u>	<u>184071</u>
Investments				
Black Rock Charinco Fund	2	70750	0	70750
Property :44 High Street,Gt M.	3a	456000	0	456000
		<u>526750</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>526750</u>
Debtors/stock				
Late receipts		0	0	0
HMRC Charities claim	4	5195	0	5195
		<u>5195</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5195</u>
Assets for Church purposes				
Church and hall :42 High Street ,Gt M.	3b	1,050,000	0	1,050,000
Manse:91a High Street ,Prestwood	3c	590000	0	590,000
Cemetery:Trafford Road,Gt M.		10000	0	10,000
Furnishings & fittings		7572	0	7,572
Audio visual equipment		1602	0	1,602
		<u>1,659,174</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,659,174</u>
Liabilities				
Late Invoices & re-imbursements		0	0	0
Sundry bills still expected	6	360	0	360
		<u>360</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>360</u>
Contingent Liability				
BU Pension fund deficit				<u>57800</u>

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- 2 Valuation as at c.o.b. 31 December 2020,provided by Black Rock Investment Managers
- 3 Estimated market values;2019 insured values: 3a £525,000; 3b £2,280,760; 3c £662,034
- 4 Gift Aid for the years 2018,2019 & 2020 ,paid out by HMRC (one payment in January and one in June 2021)
- 5 Estimated shortfall as at 18 December 2020
- 6 Examination of 2020 accounts
- 7 £11,821 (2019) and £1,250 (2020) to be drawn from Trust account to cover Capital expenses already paid

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