

# BIAPT (BRITISH AND IRISH ASSOCIATION FOR PRACTICAL THEOLOGY)

England & Wales · Charity number 1181208

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2018-12-17

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Activities:** The British and Irish Association for Practical Theology is an active forum for practitioners, teachers and researchers in the broad field of practical theology within the British Isles and beyond. We promote the practice, teaching and research in practical theology by organising events and consultations and by awarding grants and bursaries appropriate to this aim.

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Provides Services, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Ireland
- Isle Of Man
- Scotland
- Throughout England And Wales

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£38,238	£35,206	-	-
2023-12-31	£28,498	£22,107	-	-
2022-12-31	£33,421	£33,119	-	-
2021-12-31	£29,711	£20,352	-	-
2020-12-31	£19,341	£9,280	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Dr Stephen Bradley Roberts</b>	Chair	2025-07-04
Amy Quinn-Graham		2025-11-12
Dr Andrew John Todd		2025-07-04
Dr Calida Chu		2025-07-04
Dr David Kirk Beedon		2022-02-15
Dr Graham Alexander Meiklejohn		2024-07-04
Hannah Kerr Buckley		2025-11-12
Nicholas Hamilton		2025-07-09
Patricia Guernelli Palazzo Tsai M.A.		2024-07-04
Revd Canon Mark David Bennet		2018-07-11
Revd Dr Anna Clare Creedon		2025-07-04

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1/1/2024 TO 31/12/2024

TRUSTEES

David Beedon

Mark Bennet (Treasurer)

Sarah Brush (Chair)

Elaine Graham

Delory Hall

Monica Jones

Graham Micklejohn

Jayson Rhodes

Simon Sutcliffe

John Swinton

Andrew Todd

Patricia Palazzo Tsai

The trustees are pleased to be able to present their annual report together with the independently examined accounts for the year ending 31st December 2024.

**Preamble**

BIAPT continues to be an association which is rooted in local communities and united across the nations of the British Isles and beyond with increasing membership from overseas. We continue as an association which draws from both local faith communities and the world of academia, uniting around a common interest in the relationships between practice and theology. We returned to an in-person conference in 2024, recognising the value of meeting together in person for building communities of practice and inquiry.

**1. Objectives and Activities**

1.1. Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document

The objects of the CIO are for the public benefit, the advancement of education in the subject of practical theology and the promotion of practical theology within the United Kingdom, the Republic of Ireland and throughout the world by:

- advancing practice, teaching, learning and research in practical theology;
- promoting contact and exchange between the various contexts of practical theology, education and training;
- organising events and consultations appropriate to the above;
- fostering international links and activities;

- encouraging interchange between the worlds of practical theology, other disciplines, and local and national faith communities.

## 1.2. Summary of Activities

Our vision is to foster and promote a wide engagement with the field of practical theology within and without the academy and across cultural and religious divides. In pursuit of this our activities over the past year have included:

- Organising and running an in-person residential conference in July, and an online doctoral student day conference in April.
- Organising other events relevant to special interests within the field of practical theology.
- Supplying our members with the Practical Theology Journal.
- Maintaining a website disseminating information about the charity and its activities and news relevant to the subject of practical theology.

The trustees are grateful to all who have helped to make these activities possible and to realise BIAPT's goals.

## 2. Main Achievements

After an historic surge in membership in 2021, peaking at 506 by the end of that year, in subsequent years membership has returned to more modest levels, with 369 members at the end of 2024. The international nature of BIAPT's membership continues to highlight the significance of BIAPT in the advancement of the field of practical theology globally.

### 2.1. Conferences

#### 2.1.1. Annual Conference

Our 2024 annual conference focused on economic questions under the heading *The Root of all Evil? Money and Practical Theology*. Dr Carlton Turner's keynote reflected on the story of reparations in a post-colonial context; Eve Pool explored our personal relationships to money using a range of objects, considering our power of influence against the background of the toxic assumptions of capitalism. Luke Larner rounded off the conference with a more radical challenge to the existing economic structures of capitalism. All three papers helped us see the importance of relationships between individuals and relationships between humanity and creation by demonstrating the devastating outworkings of imbalanced relationships whereby some are considered lesser. There were also many high quality parallel papers which explored a wide range of ideas including how creativity and consumerism relate to each other, how we might look for a sea-change in economics, as well as practical things like 'how do I write about my ideas?' for either the journal or as a book with SCM.

#### 2.1.2. Doctoral Students' Day Conference

The BIAPT Doctoral Conference in 2024 was held online on 26th April and was skillfully organised by Cody Crawshaw, our Doctoral Student Representative on Committee (until July 2024). 39 students attended of whom 11 gave short papers alongside the two keynotes which were delivered by Professor Esther McIntosh followed by Zoe Strong and Paula Duncan.

### 2.1.3. BIAPT Mission Studies Special Interest Group

The BIAPT Mission Studies Special Interest Group is linked to, and supported by, the [Mission Research Network](#) which is hosted by [Churches Together in England](#). On the 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024 the mission studies group met at Ripon College, Cuddesdon for a study day entitled “Mission without Borders?: Discipleship as (Un)learning - How to Do Theology From More Than One Place.” This was led by Dr Sam Ewell, a theological practitioner and Benedictine oblate rooted in the Catholic tradition, and Revd Hasna Khatun, a Pioneer Minister with an interest in Islam from a Muslim background. The afternoon was set aside for short papers relating to the theme from emerging early career researchers and practitioners. 23 people joined the day which was full of rich discussion and emerging friendships.

### 2.1.4. BIAPT Bible Special Interest Group

The Bible special interest group met in person at conference in July 2024, with a contribution from Dr Helen Paynter of Bristol Baptist College on ‘Shekels and Shackles: The economics of temple-building’ which stimulated a great conversation on the day. Dr Sheryl Arthur has also been a welcome addition this year to the convenor team of Helen Cameron and Andrew Rogers. The rest of the year has been taken up with planning our third symposium on 'the impact of biblical language in culture' that takes place in December 2025 at Launde Abbey. We currently have 46 contacts on our distribution list, and a number have joined this year.

### 2.1.5 BIAPT Wales Local group

The Wales SIG didn't meet in 2024.

## 2.2. Financial Support

We awarded £300 in conference bursaries this year. It could be that the rise from the £50 conference fee in 2021 which was deemed to be affordable by those who might have applied for a bursary had it been an in-person conference with a fee of around £400. More likely, however, is that this represents the large amount of work that faces BIAPT if it is to attract more working class and black members. We are committed to accepting the reality of the demographic of BIAPT's membership and facing up to the task of transforming BIAPT into a more inclusive and welcoming community.

## 2.3. Publications

### 2.3.1. *Practical Theology*

We have been pleased to continue to work very closely with the Contact Pastoral Trust and Taylor and Francis to publish and distribute the *Practical Theology* Journal to all our members. As trustees we remain very pleased and proud to be able to furnish our Charity members with such a high-quality journal. *Practical Theology* continues to demonstrate strength, growth, and stability as one of the leading journals in the field of practical theology. The editorial team, comprised of Dustin Benac, Calida Chu, Jayson Rhodes, Eeva John, and Manon James, oversaw the publication of six issues during the 2024 publishing year, comprising nearly 600 pages of published material. The

international engagement and downloads for the journal remain high, with more than 60,000 downloads reported in 2024. In 2022 we published 43 articles from 54 authors, and eight poems.

### 2.3.2. Websites

BIAPT has continued to maintain an active website throughout the year, keeping members and others informed of developments and news in the field of practical theology. This year we also continued the Practical Theology Hub which has gone from strength to strength, publishing papers on practical theology intended to appeal to a wider audience than simply those in academia. This website enables BIAPT to better fulfil its charitable object of promoting practical theology and to broaden BIAPT's reach beyond its current demographic.

During 2024, Patricia Palazzo Tsai took over as PTHub editor and has continued the excellent work begun by James Morris. In 2024, the website published 29 pieces and had 8,324 views with 4,962 individual visitors, with individual visitors often reading several pieces on the website, an average of between 1.8 and 2 each. The Trustees are grateful to both for their hard work in setting up and continuing this valuable resource for practical theology.

## 3. Governance

All trustee and sub-committee meetings have continued to be held online, saving time and financial cost for trustees travelling to in-person meetings.

### 3.1 Chair

Sarah Brush served as chair throughout 2024 and did significant work working with the strategic plan agreed by trustees.

### 3.2 Conference Secretary

Graham Micklejohn took on the Conference Secretary role and has been exercising that time-consuming role very effectively.

## 4. Policies

The trustees continued to review BIAPT's safeguarding policy and also worked on updating BIAPT's data protection policy. We continue to review our financial controls with the aim of not only ensuring the security of BIAPT's finances but also of managing our finances more effectively as the charity continues to grow and its operations continue to multiply.

## 5. Financial Review

### 5.1 Overview

The charity's income for the year ending 31st December 2024 was £38,238.20 (2023: £28,498.10). Of this £14,512.12 was received through membership subscriptions (2023: £17,715.00), £18,551.00

was received through conference and event bookings (2023: £6960.90), £501 was received in donations (2023: £106.04) and £644.08 was earned as interest (2023: £291.16). Our expenditure for the year totalled £35,205.51 (2023: £22,106.87). The largest items of expenditure were £9,983.49 spent on the Practical Theology journal (2023: £12,438.44), £14,006.12 spent on conference expenses (2023: £3,716.20) and £2,545.45 spent on administration and expenses (2023: £1851.00). Other expenditures included £2038.50 spent on website costs (2023: £448.09) and £488.06 worth of transaction charges (2023: £431.53).

## 5.2 Reserves Policy

Having continued with a reserves policy that sets the desired level of BIAPT's financial reserves at approximately 50% the cost of an in-person conference, our reserves have grown this year, standing at £36,085.00. Given the reserve figure equates to £15,000, there is financial resource to support development work by the trustees.

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Codie Crawshaw  
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Revd Dr Lucy Dallas  
Saiyyidah Zaidi

## Income and Expenditure

Year to 31 December

	2024	2023
	£	£
<b>INCOME</b>		
Subscriptions	14,512.12	17,715.00
Conference income	17,726.00	6,725.00
Event income	825.00	235.90
Summer School income	4,030.00	3,425.00
Donations	501.00	106.04
Interest	644.08	291.16
<b>Total</b>	<b>38,238.20</b>	<b>28,498.10</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Practical Theology	9,983.49	12,438.44
Conference expenses	14,006.12	3,716.20
Summer School	4,991.82	1,986.11
Other events	1,152.07	179.25
Committee and administration expenses	2,545.45	1,851.00
Website	2,038.50	,448.09
Transaction charges	488.06	431.53
<b>Total</b>	<b>35,205.51</b>	<b>22,106.87</b>
<b>Surplus/ (deficit) for period</b>	<b>3,032.69</b>	<b>6,391.23</b>
Funds carried forward from previous year	33,052.42	26,661.19
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**BALANCE SHEET**

	<b>31 Dec 2024</b>	<b>31 Dec 2023</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and bank	36,085.11	33,052.42
<b>REPRESENTING</b>		
General funds	34,536.38	30,291.87
Bible SIG	213.67	463.67
Summer school balance	1,335.06	2,296.88
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Mark Bennet  
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**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees 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 accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, I confirm that no matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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2. The accounts do not accord with the accounting records; or
3. The accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of 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 come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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10 December 2025

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## Chair's Report

Our annual conference in 2023 was on the theme of hospitality with the title Take off Your Shoes and I was very conscious of stepping into the shoes that Owen Griffiths was taking off as chair. Owen did such a fantastic job as our chair that they have been big shoes to fill. I want to start this report by offering my deep-felt thanks to Owen for all he has done (and continues to do ) for BIAPT.

In stepping into those shoes, I also wish to thank our Administrator Eve for all that she does to support us as an association and also my fellow trustees for their work over the past year, especially David Beedon who has been serving as Conference Secretary and working tirelessly as we have worked towards putting on our first in person conference in five years.

I wish to register a note of thanks to two trustees who have decided to stand down this year. The Revd Dr Lucy Dallas has stepped down to focus on her role as chair of the TEI Forum. Dr Saiyiddah Zaidi, having served as a trustee for a number of years will not be renewing her term of office. I want to make a personal statement of gratitude for the encouragement and challenge which she has brought to BIAPT in her time as a trustee both in writing for the journal, giving papers at conference and contributing to discussions at trustee meetings.

I also wish to thank Karen O'Donnell who, until very recently served as our vice chair. Unfortunately, due to personal circumstances, Karen has been unable to continue as vice-chair so BIAPT is in the peculiar position of not currently having a future chair in training. Having consulted with fellow trustees, we feel the best way forward is to seek a volunteer from among the members to take on this role and I am open to a conversation with anyone who would be interested in working alongside me for a year before taking on the role of chair.

BIAPT has been through some substantial changes in recent years and is doing more now than it ever has. Inevitably this makes greater demands on the members of the committee and other volunteers. One of the ways we have sought to manage this increase in workload last year was to create more sub-committees along the same lines as our Conference Team. We have added the Practical Theology Hub Editorial Board and the Communications Team. Each of these teams depends on the voluntary efforts of BIAPT members who are not trustees and I wish, on behalf of the entire BIAPT community, to express our gratitude for their invaluable contribution to the work. We continue to welcome volunteers from members

who feel they can contribute to these teams. We have recently added a Community Engagement team for those exploring local learning and could do with more members for that team.

## **Events**

We had hoped that our conference last year would be in person and ultimately trustees took the difficult decision that it was just too much of a financial risk to meet in person. Planning 2024's conference we have faced a similar dilemma and are hoping to either just break even or make a slight loss on the 2024 conference.

We had gathered a significant community of new conference attenders by being online with 164 booked in to the main summer conference online in 2023 and deciding to be in person only in 2024 has inevitably restricted who can attend. Members may wish to reflect on how we gather for future events.

In 2023, people attended the conference from across the world, including an intrepid group of Canadian Practical Theologians who gathered as a SIG alongside our mid-morning conference slot for SIGs, some of them joining at a local time of 2am or 5am – that was commitment! We heard from our opening panel of the Revd Dr Susie Snyder, the Revd Canon Dr Anderson Jeremiah (now bishop of Edmonton) and Dr Ray Gaston on the nature of hospitality. The Revd Katie Tupling re-imagined what the world and the church would be like if it was led exclusively by those with disabilities. This was a challenging and powerful image, flagging up the multiple layers of barriers to hospitality for many in our places of worship and work. Finally, for our keynotes, Professor Michael Barnes, offered a gallery full of images of hospitality including a captivating exploration of Carravaggio's *Emmaus Supper* which emphasised how hospitality is a sacred duty and the act of transferring power to the other.

We had a new feature in our conference in 2023 in the form of our Hospitality Stories. A chance to share short reflections on the nature of hospitality from a variety of perspectives. Jen Johnson told us about how she found and received hospitality when she had expected to be offering it in Byker, Newcastle and shared the joy of seeing “where the seeds for the longed for better world are being sown.” Amy Quinn-Graham mapped places she had experienced hospitality or a lack of it, broadening our understanding of where places of hospitality might be and how being excluded, being put behind a screen gives a sense of lack of welcome. Saiyyidah Zaidi reflected on her own shoes and feet, opening up new ways of understanding the levels of hospitality which we can offer and receive.

Yet the main summer conference is no longer the only event in the BIAPT calendar.

The Student Conference in 2024 was online and was organised with great skill by Cody Crawshaw, our Doctoral Student Representative on Committee. 39 students attended of who 11 gave short papers along the two keynote speakers who were Professor Esther McIntosh then Zoe Strong and Paula Duncan. We also decided that in future we will offer some drop-in zooms for those in postgraduate research in Practical Theology which simply give students a chance to connect with others in their field and discuss how their research is going. Watch this space!

Our Mission SIG ran a successful in-person event at Ripon College Cuddesdon in May with 25 participants exploring “Mission without Borders?” Discipleship as (Un)learning with speakers Dr Sam Ewell and the Revd Hasna Khatun.

The Practical Theology Hub ran its first online event in February 2024 with 63 people hearing papers from the Revd Luke Larnier, Prof. Jung Mo Sung and the Revd Laurie Garrett-Cobbina, PhD on the topic of The Future of Neo-Liberalism.

This mixed pattern of online and in person events is proving a good pattern for enabling participation. If you would be interested in hosting an in-person event (perhaps especially in Wales, Scotland or Ireland), or if you have an idea for an online event, we would like to hear from you.

### **Widening Participation**

The Practical Theology Hub continues to offer a space for practitioners and theologians to offer short, publically accessible reflections on a number of issues in practical theology across a great variety of topics. I am very grateful to the Editorial Board and I wish to thank them all - James Morris, Patricia Palazzo Tsai, Katie Cross Owen Griffiths, John Falcone and Matt Batten. See James’ report for further details.

A continuing development in this work is the expansion into podcasting and we are grateful to Zoe Strong and her team of podcasters for the work they are continuing to put into this

### **Prizes**

We moved the submission for prizes to later in the year in 2023 with the aim of spreading the workload for our administrator and Trustees from the busy time just before and after conference. We were pleased to have a strong field of entries and awarded the BIAPT Masters Dissertation Prize to Jane

Kelly for her work on *Flourishing or Failing? A Theological Analysis and Critique of the Culture of Whiteness in Church of England Primary Schools*. The BIAPT Publishable Article Prize was awarded to Isaac McNish for his piece 'Familiarity and Otherness: Evangelical Practical Theology as Worship' which will be published in a future edition of the Journal of Practical Theology. We congratulate both winners who gain a free place at the 2024 conference.

## **Strategy**

Last year's AGM agreed to adopt our new Five Year Plan based on our three goals for our association.

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## **Goal 1**

**We seek to foster relationships with organisations which would enhance the work of BIAPT**

Strategy: Compile, maintain and update database of past, present and potential partner organisations.

## **Goal 2**

**We aim to diversify our income stream in order to better achieve our charitable goals**

Strategy 1: Monetise Practical Theology Hub

Strategy 2: Organise Annual Cycle of Events and Fundraising

**Goal 3: While valuing our respective heritages, we aim to become a learning community marked by mutual accountability, honesty and hospitality.**

Strategy 1: Explore possibility of creating sites of informal learning.

Strategy 2: Increase the diversity of BIAPT's membership

***Sarah Brush, Chair from July 2023 onwards***

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## **Income and Expenditure**

*Year to 31 December*

	2023	2022
	£	£
<b>INCOME</b>		
Subscriptions	17,715.00	18,669.00
Conference income	6,725.00	11,600.00
Event income	235.90	3,111.40
Summer School income	3,425.00	-
Donations	106.04	-
Interest	291.16	40.40
<b>Total</b>	<b>28,498.10</b>	<b>33,420.80</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Practical Theology	12,438.44	19,525.20
Conference expenses	3,716.20	2,928.33
Summer School	1,986.11	240.00
Other events	179.25	3,052.67
Prizes and bursaries	-	400.00
Committee and administration expenses	1,907.25	3,886.17
Website	1,448.09	2,373.33
Transaction charges	431.53	481.33
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Funds carried forward from previous year	26,661.19	26,359.64
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Cash and bank	33,052.42	26,661.19
<b>REPRESENTING</b>		
General funds	30,291.87	25,801.90
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Summer school balance	2,296.88	859.29
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BIAPT (British and Irish Association for Practical Theology)

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Registered 17/12/2018

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1/1/2022 TO 31/12/2022

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Dr Sanjee Perera

Dr R David Muir (Until July 2022)

Prof. Anthony Reddie (until July 2022)

Revd Jayson Rhodes

Professor John Swinton (from July 2022)

Dr Saiyyidah Zaidi

The trustees are grateful to be able to present their annual report together with the independently examined accounts for the year ending 31st December 2022.

**Preamble**

BIAPT continues to be an association which is rooted in local communities and united across the nations of the British Isles and beyond with increasing membership from overseas. We continue as an association which draws from both local worshipping communities and academia, uniting around the common interest in the synthesis of practice and theology. We continued with an online conference in 2022 mindful of the continued risk to many of large gatherings in the season of Covid-19 and of the concurrent financial crisis which impacted many households.

**1. Objectives and Activities**

1.1. Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document

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## 1.2. Summary of Activities

Our vision is to foster and promote a wide engagement with the field of practical theology within and without the academy and across all cultural and religious divides. In pursuit of this our activities over the past year, which can be divided into three areas: conferences, financial support and publications, have included:

- Organising and running Summer and Autumn online conferences
- Organising other events relevant to particular regions of the country and to special interests within the field of practical theology
- Supplying our members with the Practical Theology Journal
- Maintaining a website disseminating information about the charity and its activities and news relevant to the subject of practical theology

The trustees are grateful to all who have helped to make these activities possible and to realise BIAPT's goals.

## 2. Main Achievements

After an historic surge in membership in 2021 peaking at 506 by the end of 2021, in 2022 BIAPT had 499 members by the end of the year. The international nature of BIAPT's membership continues to highlight the significance of BIAPT in the advancement of the field of practical theology globally.

### 2.1. Conferences

#### 2.1.1. Annual Conference

Our 2022 annual conference focused on *Flesh & Blood: Embodiment & Practical Theology*. The theme of embodiment seemed a natural next landing point for our Annual Conference following last year's exploration of the theology of climate change. It included a Keynotes from Dr Karen O'Donnell and Dr Saiyyidah Zaidi as well as a Keynote panel on Embodiment in Black Theologies with Professor Anthony G Reddie, Fr Jarel Robinson Brown and chaired by Dr Delroy Hall. (We had also planned a third panelist, the Revd Dr Tessa Henry-Robinson to speak on womanist theologies of embodiment but she was that day elected as Moderator of the United Reform Church and unable to attend).

### 2.1.2. Doctoral Students' Day Conference

The BIAPT Doctoral Student Conference 2022 took place on 8 April online, and was attended by approximately 45 people. Dawn Llewellyn gave a keynote on writing reflexively which was much appreciated by conference attendees, and there were 16 work-in-progress papers from doctoral students. This continued growth in attendance can be attributed to numerous factors such as a growth in interest in the field in practical theology, the convenience of attending a virtual event and also the hard work of our Doctoral Student Secretary Chrissie Thwaites, to whom the trustees wish to express their deep appreciation and gratitude.

### 2.1.3. BIAPT Mission Studies Special Interest Group

We were also delighted to be able to hold a small in-person conference for our t the Queens Foundation in Birmingham. The theme was Mission and Lament with a response which brought the theme of joy into the conversation. Our keynote speaker was Peniel Rajkumar and Eve Parker responded. Three other papers were shared in the afternoon from Heather Major, Frog Orr-Ewing and Tim Davy. We had a smaller number of participants (15) but the high quality and maturity of input was appreciated by everyone – as well as being in-person.

### 2.1.4. BIAPT Bible Special Interest Group

The Bible SIG continues to hold its annual meeting at conference. This year the second symposium on Bible and Practical Theology (in partnership with Bible Society), and this has now been set for 1-2 December 2022 at Woodbrooke Study Centre in Birmingham exploring Authority recognized and challenged: Approaching the Bible as practical theologians.

### 2.1.5 BIAPT Wales Local group

The Wales SIG launched in January 2022 and has met via Zoom. The initial phase of the group's work has been relationship building and vision sharing. Each meeting has involved members sharing current projects and discussing future aspirations, both for our own work and for theology in, from, and for Wales. There is a desire within the group for Welsh practical theology to have a stronger role in Wales and in BIAPT, contributing both to the national and practical theological conversations. We are looking for new initiatives and developments to emerge from the enriching and creative conversations that have begun this year.

## 2.2. Financial Support

We awarded £300 in conference bursaries this year. It could be that the rise from the £50 conference fee in 2021 which was deemed to be affordable by those who might have applied for a bursary had it been an in-person conference with a fee of around £400. More likely, however, is that this represents the large amount of work that faces BIAPT if it is to attract more working class and black members. We are committed to accepting the reality of the demographic of BIAPT's

membership and facing up to the task of transforming BIAPT into a more inclusive and welcoming community.

## 2.3. Publications

### 2.3.1. Practical Theology

We have been pleased to continue to work very closely with the Contact Pastoral Trust and Taylor and Francis to publish and distribute the Practical Theology Journal to all our members. As trustees we remain very pleased and proud to be able to furnish our Charity members with such a high-quality journal. In 2022 we published 43 articles from 54 authors, and eight poems. Eve Parker as Book Reviews Editor and the new appointment of Stephanie Addenbrooke as Social Media Assistant both needed to step down after a short time in role due to unforeseen circumstances. We were very pleased to welcome Jayson Rhodes to take up both combined roles at the end of 2022.

### 2.3.2. Websites

BIAPT has continued to maintain an active website throughout the year, keeping members and others informed of developments and news in the field of practical theology. This year we also launched the Practical Theology Hub which has published papers on practical theology intended to appeal to a wider audience than simply those in academia. This website enables BIAPT to better fulfil its charitable object of promoting practical theology and to broaden BIAPT's reach beyond its current demographic.

We appear to have attracted a regular readership though putting exact numbers on this is difficult. Although we have been able to include voices from numerous traditions with authors hailing from the UK, Australia, Japan, India, Brazil, and Kenya, there is need to grow both our readership and our content. The hard work and dedication of our PTHub editor James Morris has enabled the website to have such a good start and trustees express their thanks to him.

## 3. Governance

Most trustee and sub-committee meetings continued to be held online in response to the coronavirus pandemic and its consequent social restrictions though trustees met for an in-person vision meeting.

### 3.1 Chair

Owen Griffiths served as our new chair throughout 2022 and did significant work in bringing us to a new strategic focus around three areas:

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### 3.2 Conference Secretary

This year we gladly welcomed David Beedon as our new Conference Secretary after Gill Henwood needed to step down from the role. David was able to take up the role with impressive speed and adaptability and the trustees wish to thank him for all his hard work.

## 4. Policies

The trustees continued to review BIAPT's safeguarding policy and also worked on updating BIAPT's data protection policy. We continue to review our financial controls with the aim of not only ensuring the security of BIAPT's finances but also of managing our finances more effectively as the charity continues to grow and its operations continue to multiply.

## 5. Financial Review

### 5.1 Overview

The charity's income for the year ending 31st December 2022 was £33,420.80 (2021: £29,701.54). Of this £18,669.00 was received through membership subscriptions (2021: £19,706.00), £11,600.00 was received through conference and event bookings (2021: £8,480.00), No money was donated (2021: £11.40) and £40.40 was earned as interest (2021: £5.22). Our expenditure for the year totalled £33,119.25 (2021: £20,352.31). The largest items of expenditure were £19,525.20 spent on the Practical Theology journal (2021: £9,518.08), £2,928.33 spent on conference expenses (2021: £4,457.81) and £3,886.17 spent on administration and expenses (2021: £2,275.20). Other expenditures included £2,373.33 spent on website costs (2021: £2,880.00) and £481.33 worth of transaction charges (2021: £442.44).

### 5.2 Reserves Policy

Having continued with a reserves policy this year that sets the desired level of BIAPT's financial reserves at approximately 50% the cost of an in-person conference, and our reserves remain static this year at £13,500 due to a late request for payment from the Practical Theology journal. It is to be noted, however, that this still represents a welcome increase on the £7,000 reported as the reserves figure for 2020.

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Membership remains strong, but we are about 15 subscriptions lower than last year. The big item in these accounts is payment of a Practical Theology invoice from 2018, which had been missed by the publishers, which means reserves will remain static this year. There is some work still to do to separate out conference costs and student conference costs.
3. Admin costs include our first post-covid in person committee meetings and also £750 towards the establishment of the new Practical Theology Hub
4. The 2022 online conference made a substantial surplus which is part of our plan to rebuild reserves to a level where in person conferences involve less financial risk to BIAPT.
5. Given the position on admin, we do need to make sure that our other activities are at least self-financing. We also have to bear in mind our commitment to bursaries and prizes.
6. New projects are involved with reaching the global south, and also the new website, which will require an honorarium for an editor. The cost of the global south project eventually depends on the extent of reach. Comparing with Australia and Canada, where we have long-standing contacts, the numbers involved initially seem likely to be modest.
7. The new projects are likely to involve a modest increase in costs. At membership of £18,500 (approx.) if this can be sustained, and Practical Theology at £12,000, there is £6,500 to cover the costs of our website, general admin, finance costs and any projects we need to undertake. The overall scope and ambition of activity has also increased.
8. Given general economic circumstances and the fact that our reserves are going in the right direction my recommendation would be to hold off any consideration of an increase in subscriptions, but perhaps revisit the idea of voluntary donations.

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	to 31 December 2022	Year to 31 Dec 2021
	£	£
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Summer School income		1,220.00
Donations		11.40
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Summer School	240.00	350.00
Other events	3,052.67	28.78
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Committee and administration expenses	3,886.17	2,275.20
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Website	2,373.33	2,880.00
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General funds	29,976.38	24,964.65
Mission studies fund	-	297.00
Summer school balance	857.99	1,097.99
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Membership remains strong, but we are about 15 subscriptions lower than last year. The big item in these accounts is payment of a Practical Theology invoice from 2018, which had been missed by the publishers, which means reserves will remain static this year. There is some work still to do to separate out conference costs and student conference costs.
3. Admin costs include our first post-covid in person committee meetings and also £750 towards the establishment of the new Practical Theology Hub
4. The 2022 online conference made a substantial surplus which is part of our plan to rebuild reserves to a level where in person conferences involve less financial risk to BIAPT.
5. Given the position on admin, we do need to make sure that our other activities are at least self-financing. We also have to bear in mind our commitment to bursaries and prizes.
6. New projects are involved with reaching the global south, and also the new website, which will require an honorarium for an editor. The cost of the global south project eventually depends on the extent of reach. Comparing with Australia and Canada, where we have long-standing contacts, the numbers involved initially seem likely to be modest.
7. The new projects are likely to involve a modest increase in costs. At membership of £18,500 (approx.) if this can be sustained, and Practical Theology at £12,000, there is £6,500 to cover the costs of our website, general admin, finance costs and any projects we need to undertake. The overall scope and ambition of activity has also increased.
8. Given general economic circumstances and the fact that our reserves are going in the right direction my recommendation would be to hold off any consideration of an increase in subscriptions, but perhaps revisit the idea of voluntary donations.

**BIAPT (BRITISH AND IRISH ASSOCIATION FOR PRACTICAL THEOLOGY)**

England & Wales - Charity number 1181208

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# Accounts

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1/1/2021 TO 31/12/2021

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The trustees are grateful to be able to present their annual report together with the independently examined accounts for the year ending 31st December 2021.

## **Preamble**

Having experienced yet another year in which the coronavirus pandemic has severely impacted the health of many of our members and has limited the freedoms of us all we are grateful for the blessing of the hope given by the production of effective vaccines that hold the promise of the flourishing of life once again. We grieve family and members and friends we have lost during this time. We grieve the loss of freedom, the isolation and the alienation that has been so damaging to the mental wellbeing of so many. We grieve the economic hardship that has overtaken many households and communities. And we grieve the damage inflicted on the education of our children and young people. Hope, however, directs our vision beyond a present grief and towards a future joy.

## **1. Objectives and Activities**

### 1.1. Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document

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- advancing practice, teaching, learning and research in practical theology;
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- fostering international links and activities;
- encouraging interchange between the worlds of practical theology, other disciplines, and local and national faith communities.

## 1.2. Summary of Activities

Our vision is to foster and promote a wide engagement with the field of practical theology within and without the academy and across all cultural and religious divides. In pursuit of this our activities over the past year, which can be divided into three areas: conferences, financial support and publications, have included:

- Organising and running Summer and Autumn online conferences
- Organising other events relevant to particular regions of the country and to special interests within the field of practical theology
- Supplying our members with the Practical Theology Journal
- Maintaining a website disseminating information about the charity and its activities and news relevant to the subject of practical theology

The trustees are grateful to all who have helped to make these activities possible and to realise the BIAPT's goals.

## 2. Main Achievements

For the first time in its history the membership of BIAPT reached 500, peaking at 506 by the end of 2021. The international nature of BIAPT's membership continues to highlight the significance of BIAPT in the advancement of the field of practical theology globally.

### 2.1. Conferences

#### 2.1.1. Annual Conference

Although we had hoped to hold our Annual Conference on the subject Practical Theology as Ecotheology at Glasgow Caledonian University, the restrictions imposed by the UK government to manage in response to the pandemic forced us to hold the event online. The switch to a virtual conference gave us some additional opportunities that we could not have exploited had the conference been held in a physical space. We were, for example, able to hold the conference over five days rather than the usual three. We also had no limit on the number of delegates we could welcome and this resulted in the largest ever attendance at a BIAPT conference, with 206 people from all over the world. As the theme of the conference was focussed on ecology and climate change it seemed fitting for people to attend and so not to burn the large amounts of fossil fuels in order to attend in person. We had three keynote sessions. Dr Hilary Marlow, a biblical scholar and freelance researcher and writer on faith and the environment, explored humanity's role within creation from biblical perspectives. Revd James Bhagwan is the general secretary of the Pacific Conference of Churches and in his talk, Climate Change, Faith and Theology in the Pacific, brought the perspective of a practical theology living and working in a country that is already suffering greatly from the effects of climate change. Our third keynote session was a panel of climate change activists and artists convened by Dr Anna Fisk, lecturer in theology and religious studies at the University of Glasgow and member of Extinction Rebellion Scotland. Joining Dr Fisk was layla-roxanne hill, a writer/curator-artist/organiser who has been involved in investigative journalism and many other avenues of socio-political action. Zarina Ahmad was the third panel member. Zarina combines concerns around climate change with an equalities agenda, raising a sometimes neglected voice from Ethnic Minorities to address issues of faith and climate justice. Through his poetic reflection the conference poet in residence, Dr Samuel Tongue, brought a different perspective to the climate crisis which enabled delegates to reflect on the emergency in a

different way. A combination of a subject of great importance and urgency and the virtual nature of the conference attracted the largest ever submissions for short papers, with thirty six being selected to be presented at the conference. Being online we were also able to host our first ever Conference Art exhibition using a virtual gallery platform. A total of twenty-six artworks were displayed in the gallery, which included musical pieces, paintings, sculptures and textiles. The proceedings of the conference will be published in the Practical Theology journal in 2022.

#### 2.1.2. Doctoral Student's Day conference

It was a joy to be able to host the doctoral students day conference once again after a two year pandemic-enforced break. Our speaker at this virtual event was Professor Pete Ward of Durham University and eighteen doctoral students had the opportunity to present their work at the conference, which represents a significant increase on previous conferences. This growth can be attributed to numerous factors such as a growth in interest in the field in practical theology, the convenience of attending a virtual event and also the hard work of our Doctoral Student Secretary Chrissie Thwaties, to whom the trustees wish to express their deep appreciation and gratitude.

#### 2.1.3. BIAPT Ireland and Scotland Day Conference

We were also delighted to be able to hold a conference for our members in Ireland and Scotland. The theme of the the event was "Othering" and we hope that it will be and a regular feature of the BIAPT Callander in the future.

#### 2.1.4. Dismantling Whiteness

On the same day as the Doctoral Student Day Conference BIAPT was also able to partner with Regents College Oxford and others in the hosting of the first ever dismantling whiteness conference. This was a popular event, attracting over one hundred delegates and many of the papers presented will be published in a special edition of the Practical Theology Journal in 2022.

#### 2.1.5. CMEAC Annual Conference

We believe that the formation of partnerships will be crucial to BIAPT's fulfilment of its charitable objects and its aim of increasing the diversity of its membership. To this end we were delighted to be able to collaborate with CMEAC, the Church of England's Committee for Minority Ethnic Anglican Concerns in organising their annual conference, Staying Awake in Gethsemane. It was an ambitious and important event that attempted to persuade delegates of the importance black liberation theology to the life and flourishing of Anglicanism. It brought together celebrated academics such as Professor Anthony Reddie, Professor Mario Aguilar, Rev. Canon Professor Kelly Brown Douglas, Professor Kwok Piu Lan and many other contributors from the academy and the Church of England. The event was opened by an address from Archbishop Stephen Cottrell. Many of the lectures given during the day will be collated into a book published by SCM press in 2022. We are profoundly grateful to BIAPT trustee Canon Dr. Sanjee Perera for her vision and hard work in organising this conference and in making it a success and we look forward to working even more closely with CMEAC in the future.

### 2.2. Financial Support

We did not award any conference bursaries this year as we received no applications for either the conference bursary or the BAME bursary. It could be that the £50 conference fee was deemed to be affordable by those who might have applied for a bursary had it been an in-person conference with a fee of around £400. More likely, however, is that this represents the large amount of work that faces BIAPT if it is to attract more working class and black members. We are committed to

accepting the reality of the demographic of BIAPT's membership and facing up to the task of transforming BIAPT into a more inclusive and welcoming community.

## 2.3. Publications

### 2.3.1. Practical Theology

We have been pleased to continue to work very closely with the Contact Pastoral Trust and Taylor and Francis to publish and distribute the Practical Theology Journal to all our members. As trustees we remain very pleased and proud to be able to furnish our Charity members with such a high quality journal. Following a discussion at our 2021 Annual General Meeting we are currently exploring ways of making the journal more accessible to BIAPT members in emerging regions of the Global South.

### 2.3.2. Websites

BIAPT has continued to maintain an active website throughout the year, keeping members and others informed of developments and news in the field of practical theology. The 2021 Annual General Meeting decided to create a new article-based website that would serve as a conduit for knowledge to flow between the academy and all other contexts where practical theology is being practiced. It is hoped that this website would enable BIAPT to better fulfil its charitable object of promoting practical theology and to broaden BIAPT's reach beyond its current demographic. Following this instruction from the Annual General Meeting the trustees have formed a working group which is working hard to realise this vision. It is hoped that the new website will be ready to launch by the next Annual Conference.

## 3. Governance

All trustee and sub-committee meetings continued to be held online in response to the coronavirus pandemic and its consequent social restrictions.

### 3.1 Chair

At our Annual General Meeting our chair for the past two years, Nicola Slee, stepped down. We are immensely grateful to Nicola for the wisdom and grace that characterised her leadership of BIAPT. The two years during which Nicola was chair were made immensely difficult by the COVID-19 pandemic, but throughout this unprecedented time in BIAPT's history Nicola led the charity with great ability and a deep pastoral care. The trustees recognise the debt of gratitude BIAPT owes to Nicola. As Nicola stepped down, we welcomed Owen Griffiths as our new chair and look forward to working with him as BIAPT continues to grow and evolve and as it adapts to the post-lockdown world the UK and Ireland will, hopefully, enter in 2022.

### 3.2 Conference Secretary

This year we also said goodbye to Daniel Nuzum who had served as trustee and Conference Secretary for four years. The skill and energy that Daniel brought to these roles meant that he was a real blessing to BIAPT and we are hugely grateful to him for all that he achieved on BIAPT's behalf. We are delighted to welcome Gillian Henwood as our new Conference Secretary. Gill has shadowed Daniel for the past two years and we look forward to working closely with her as she takes on this critical role.

## 4. Policies

The trustees continued to review BIAPT's safeguarding policy and also worked on updating BIAPT's data protection policy. During the past year we also launched a complete review of our financial controls with the aim of not only ensuring the security of BIAPT's finances but also of managing our finances more effectively as the charity continues to grow and its operations continue to multiply.

## 5. Financial Review

### 5.1 Overview

The charity's income for the year ending 31st December 2020 was £29,701.54 (2020: £19,340.92). Of this £19,706.00 was received through membership subscriptions (2020: £17,048.00), £8,767.92 was received through conference and event bookings (2020: £1,799.00), £11.40 was donated (2020: £50.61) and £5.22 was earned as interest (2020: £23.31). Our expenditure for the year totalled £20,352.31 (2020: £9,280.05). The largest items of expenditure were £9,518.08 spent on the Practical Theology journal (2020: Nil), £4,486.58 spent on conference expenses (2020: £1,941.51) and £2,275.20 spent on administration and expenses (2020: £3,650.73). Other expenditures included £2,880.00 spent on website costs (2020: £1,940.00) and £442.44 worth of transaction charges (2020: £267.81).

### 5.2 Reserves Policy

Having adopted a reserves policy this year that sets the desired level of BIAPT's financial reserves at approximately 50% the cost of an in-person conference it is clear that more work is to be done to build on the £13,500 reserves achieved this year. It is to be noted, however, that this represents a welcome increase on the £7,000 reported as the reserves figure for 2020.

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The trustees are grateful to be able to present their annual report together with the independently examined accounts for the year ending 31st December 2020.

## **Preamble**

This has been a most difficult year. The coronavirus pandemic has impacted the lives of all BIAPT members even as it has impacted the lives of the vast majority of the population of the world. Many of BIAPT's members and the people they serve have been seriously ill through coronavirus, have experienced bereavement, suffered through being unable to access treatment for other illnesses, have endured worsening mental health, alienation, economic hardship and have found themselves confronted by a precarious future. It is, therefore, with great sadness that we reflect on the year that has passed. But in our sadness we search out the blessings of the past year for which we can be thankful and the promises for the years to come that inspire hope.

## **1. Objectives and Activities**

### 1.1. Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document

The objects of the CIO are for the public benefit, the advancement of education in the subject of practical theology and the promotion of practical theology within the United Kingdom, the Republic of Ireland and throughout the world by:

- advancing practice, teaching, learning and research in practical theology;
- promoting contact and exchange between the various contexts of practical theology, education and training;
- organising events and consultations appropriate to the above;
- fostering international links and activities;

- encouraging interchange between the worlds of practical theology, other disciplines, and local and national faith communities.

## 1.2. Summary of Activities

Our vision is to foster and promote a wide engagement with the field of practical theology within and without the academy and across all cultural and religious divides. In pursuit of this our activities over the past year, which can be divided into three areas: conferences, financial support and publications, have included:

- Organising and running Summer and Autumn online conferences
- Organising other events relevant to particular regions of the country and to special interests within the field of practical theology
- Supplying our members with the Practical Theology Journal
- Maintaining a website disseminating information about the charity and its activities and news relevant to the subject of practical theology

The trustees are grateful to all who have helped to make these activities possible and to realise the BIAPT's goals.

## 2. Main Achievements

BIAPT continues to grow year-on-year reflecting the burgeoning interest in the discipline of practical theology as well as the reinforcing the significance of BIAPT itself to the practical theology world. By the end of 2020 BIAPT membership had reached a peak of over 450 for the first time ever.

### 2.1. Conferences

Due to the pandemic our planned Annual Conference on the subject Practical Theology as Ecotheology, due to be held at Glasgow Caledonian University was cancelled. The trustees are grateful to Glasgow Caledonian University for their co-operation throughout the difficult process that led to this decision. Likewise our BIAPT Scotland and Ireland Day Conference, originally planned for March and our Doctoral Student's Day conference, due to be held in April, were also cancelled.

We were, nevertheless, able to put on a number of online events in order to further the objects of the charity. In July we hosted our Summer Gathering. This consisted of five events held between 14th and 16th July. It began with an event organised by the BIAPT Bible and Practical Theology Special Interest Group, which attracted 37 attendees. A discussion panel responding to the Black Lives Matter protests that were themselves a response to the murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis called *Insurrection in the Time of Covid* was held in the evening of the first day and was attended by 49 people. On the 15th July 37 delegates were able to listen to the presentations of papers by doctoral students that had originally been intended for the Doctoral Student's Day Conference. Dr. Sam Tongue also ran a Poetry and Ecotheology workshop. Only 12 tickets were released for this, and the workshop was a sell-out. On the final day of our Summer Gathering we had an event organised by our Mission Studies Special Interest Group. The speakers at this event were Trevor Withers and Andrea Campanale, who re-imagined the gospel in the context of a contemporary shame culture, and James Butler who gave a talk on the subject of *Pedagogy of Evangelism: Rethinking Communication of Faith in Contemporary Culture*. The event was attended by 45 people.

In the autumn we were able to hold two virtual events. The first of these was a discussion on Professor Nicola Slee's latest book, *Fragments for Fractured Times* and the second was an exposition by Dr Stephen Roberts of his paper, *Sounding Out Lockdown: theological listening in the time of Covid-19*. Together these two events attracted an attendance of over one hundred.

As it appears that the pandemic will continue throughout 2021 it is our intention to continue hosting online events and to expand our reach in order to attract more attendees from outside the BIAPT membership and from all over the world.

## 2.2. Financial Support

As our 2020 Annual Conference was cancelled we did not award any conference bursaries of BAME bursaries this year.

## 2.3. Publications

The proceedings of our 25th Anniversary Annual Conference, held in Liverpool Hope University in 2019 were published by Taylor & Francis in a special edition of the Practical Theology Journal. These will be added to and published as a hardback book in 2021.

### 2.3.1. Practical Theology

We have been pleased to continue to work very closely with the Contact Pastoral Trust and Taylor and Francis to publish and distribute the Practical Theology Journal to all our members. Although publication of the journal was disrupted by the pandemic we were grateful to our partner organisations for working so hard and so effectively as to have successfully produced and distributed all six editions. These, along with all previously published volumes have also been available to our members online. As trustees we remain very pleased and proud to be able to furnish our Charity members with such a high quality journal.

### 2.3.2. Website

We have continued to maintain an active website throughout the year, keeping members and others informed of developments and how we have adapted to the coronavirus pandemic. This year the website has also been used as a platform for BIAPT to take its place in the public square and the trustees felt it necessary to publish a statement in support of struggles of black and brown communities throughout the world for racial justice in light of the murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis. A further development in the use of the website was the creation of a News page, the purpose of which is to publicise news relevant to practical theology throughout the world.

## 3. Governance

All trustee and sub-committee meetings were moved online in response to the coronavirus pandemic and its consequent social restrictions. It was also decided to increase the frequency with which the trustees met in order to accommodate and respond to the situation in which the charity found itself.

This year we said goodbye to Monica McArdle who stepped down as a trustee. We are immensely grateful to Monica for her excellent work not only in organising and running our Doctoral Students Conference but also in assisting with the organising of our Annual Conferences and in so many other areas of the work of the trustees.

It was with great pleasure that we welcomed Chrissie Thwaites to be our trustee with special responsibility for the Doctoral Student Conference. We look forward to working closely with Chrissie over the coming years.

#### **4. Safeguarding**

Working closely with our Designated Safeguarding Person, Reverend Dr Lorraine Turner, we are pleased to report that we have been able to complete and agree BIAPT's safeguarding policy. The policy will be accessible via our website.

#### **5. Financial Review**

The charity's income for the year ending 31st December 2020 was £21,840.92 (2019: £76,004.44). Of this £19,548.00 was received through membership subscriptions (2019: £13,232.69), £2219.00 was received through conference bookings (2019: £60,247.01), £50.61 was donated (2019: £2,457.48 ) and £23.31 was earned as interest (2019: £67.26). Our expenditure for the year totalled £9,280.05 (2019: £88,555.94). The largest share of this, £3,650.73, was spent on administration and expenses (2019: £6,813.70), with £3,441.51 being spent on the events organised by BIAPT throughout the year (2019: £68,456.53). Other expenditures include, the £1,940.00 cost of maintaining the BIAPT website (2019: £2,451.00) and the £267.81 that represents the transaction charges (2019: £1,359.99).

It is to be noted that the general reserves figure for the year (£19,000) is misleading as we were still awaiting the bill for publicising and distributing the Practical Theology Journal for 2020 when the financial period ended. The trustees are, however, encouraged to report an increase in subscription revenue due to BIAPT achieving a record high membership figure of in excess of 450. Subscription revenue was further boosted by the increase in subscription rates from £38 to £45 which came into effect this year. A modest surplus was planned for the 2020 conference in order to start rebuilding reserves. The online 2021 conference has the potential to generate a reasonable surplus and this will go some way to replenishing our much reduced reserves, especially if it attracts wider participation with the online offer. The administration costs include the cost of our Zoom account. It is to be noted, however, that moving our trustee meetings to the Zoom platform - necessitated by the coronavirus pandemic - has saved substantially on costs and have had the added benefit of reducing BIAPT's carbon footprint.

As the above figures demonstrate, the coronavirus pandemic has had a significant impact on BIAPT's finances although we recognise that being able to move many of our activities online has enabled us to continue to fulfil our charitable objects and for this we are grateful.

BIAPT (BRITISH AND IRISH ASSOCIATION FOR  
PRACTICAL THEOLOGY)  
(A Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

Accounts  
to 31 December 2020

Charity no: 1181208  
Registered: 17 December 2018

**OBJECTS**

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- (iii) Organising events and consultations appropriate to the above
- (iv) Encouraging interchange between the worlds of Practical Theology, other disciplines, and local and national faith communities

**TRUSTEES**

Dr Andrew Rogers (Chair and trustee to July 2019)

Revd Mark Bennet (Treasurer)

Revd Dr Jason Boyd

Prof. Elaine Graham

Rev Owen Griffiths

Rev Dr Julie Lunn

Monica McArdle

Dr R David Muir (From July 2019)

Revd Dr Daniel Nuzum

Prof. Anthony Reddie

Revd Jayson Rhodes

Prof. Nicola Slee (Chair from July 2019)

## Income and Expenditure

Year to 31 December 20120

	Year to 31 Dec 2020 £	Year to 31 Dec 2019 £
<b>INCOME</b>		
Subscriptions	17,048.00	13,232.69
Conference income	1,121.00	46,198.25
Event income	678.00	1,201.76
Summer School income	420.00	12,847.00
Donations	50.61	2,457.48
Interest	23.31	67.26
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,340.92</b>	<b>76,004.44</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Practical Theology	-	8,574.72
Conference	1,143.21	53,438.04
Summer School	1,500.00	13,438.19
Other events	798.30	1,580.30
Prizes and bursaries		900.00
Committee and administration expenses	3,650.73	6,813.70
Website	1,920.00	2,451.00
Transaction charges	267.81	1,359.99
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,280.05</b>	<b>88,555.94</b>
<b>Surplus/ (deficit) for period</b>	<b>10,060.87</b>	<b>(12,551.50)</b>
Funds carried forward from previous year	6,940.54	19,492.04
<b>Funds carried forward</b>	<b>17,001.41</b>	<b>6,940.54</b>

**BALANCE SHEET**

	<b>31 Dec 2020</b>	<b>31 Dec 2019</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and bank	17,001.41	6,940.54
<b>REPRESENTING</b>		
General funds	16,476.42	4,835.55
Mission studies fund	297.00	797.00
Summer school balance	227.99	1,307.99
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,001.41</b>	<b>6,940.54</b>

Mark Bennet  
Treasurer  
1 September 2021

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT  
TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
BIAPT (British and Irish Association for Practical Theology)**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the BIAPT (British and Irish Association for Practical Theology) for the year ended 31 December 2020.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees 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 accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, I confirm that no matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. The requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
2. The accounts do not accord with the accounting records; or
3. The accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of 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 come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Mrs Monika Tabatabaian ATT MAAT  
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Date: 14 October 2021

**Notes**

1. BIAPT became a charity on 17 December 2018 and now operates with its new constitution under the umbrella of a CIO.
2. The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis.
3. This year has seen the extraordinary COVID lockdown and therefore various online events, with the main conference breaking even after being re-organised in virtual form online. The general reserves figure of £16,500 is misleading, as there has been no bill for Practical Theology during the year and turned out to be some £9,500 leaving total general reserves of £7,000. The increase in membership (see note 5) contributed to this welcome increase in reserves which the trustees plan to increase over time to match the risks of a small organisation holding a large conference.
4. A modest surplus was planned for the 2020 conference in order to start rebuilding reserves, and some thought has been given to using BIAPT's newly acquired charitable status to raise additional funds to support our work. Clearly this has not been realised, but huge success of the online 2021 conference has enabled a modest increase in reserves in 2021. The 2022 conference is being planned to make another modest surplus.
5. Membership increased again in 2020, and was over some 450 at the end of the year representing another year of strong growth. Subscription rates increased during the year (£38 full and £25 concession to £45 full and £30 concession), but this did not halt membership growth. Renewals in 2021 have been strong with some 469 members paid up members to 31 August 2021.
6. General admin costs include subscriptions to Zoom – online committee meetings have saved substantially on costs (and carbon footprint).
7. Practical Theology remains strong as a journal, and indeed is developing, having moved to 6 issues a year including the incorporation of JATE with one focussed edition a year.