

SOUTH STREET FREE CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1182375

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2019-03-07

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

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT ARE TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT OF BELIEFS APPEARING IN THE SCHEDULE HERETO IN EASTBOURNE AND IN SUCH OTHER PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE CHARITY MEMBERS MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT.

Activities: An evangelical church in Eastbourne, holding morning & evening services each Sunday, & a mid-week prayer meeting. Before COVID-19 restrictions, we took services in four local care homes, had two regular home groups, a monthly Seniors' lunch, & youth group. We are part of the Countess of Huntingdon's Connexion. We support a missionary in Moldova, & various local, national & overseas Christian work.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- East Sussex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-30	£93,791	£96,308	-	-
2024-06-30	£81,452	£99,977	-	-
2023-06-30	£80,727	£103,973	-	-
2022-06-30	£106,175	£86,172	-	-
2021-06-30	£104,295	£82,410	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
David Philip Batchelor	Chair	2019-03-07
Anthony John Thompson		2019-03-07
Bruce William Elkington		2024-08-04
Dr Akinsola Akinpelu		2025-09-08

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Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 30 June 2025

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CHURCH INFORMATION

Trustees

David Batchelor (Chair)
Anthony Thompson
Bruce Elkington

Appointed 4 August 2024

Charity number

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Address

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Independent Examiner

Colin Dadswell FCA FCCA DChA
Caladine Limited
Chartered Certified Accountants
Chantry House
22 Upperton Road
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Report of the trustees

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their annual report and accounts for the year ended 30 June 2025.

1 Objectives and activities

The objectives of the CIO are to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the statement of beliefs primarily (but not exclusively) in Eastbourne.

2 Structure, governance and management

South Street Free Church is a CIO governed by its Constitution registered with the Charity Commission on the 7 March 2019.

The trustees who served during the year were:

David Batchelor (Chair)
Anthony Thompson
Bruce Elkington (appointed 4 August 2024)

The Church is run by the trustees. New trustees are appointed from the elders and deacons of the Church, in accordance with section 15 of our Constitution.

3 Review of Activities

This year our church has continued its regular ministry of public worship on Sundays, morning and evening (with a preaching series in the first book of Psalms, and a series in John's Gospel), continuing to live stream these services online across the year. We also continued our weekly prayer meetings when we pray for the needs of both those in the church and those outside the church. The prayer meeting on the first Tuesday of the month has been held on Zoom to enable some in distant places to be able to join with us in Christian fellowship and prayer (the family we support in Moldova, a pastor in India in an area where Christians face persecution for their faith, and a pastor in St Ives, Cornwall, at a sibling-congregation within the Countess of Huntingdon's Connexion).

Our outreach to the community with the Good News of Jesus has continued weekly throughout the year, with leafleting in the town centre. Monthly services at a local care home have continued across the year, aiming to take the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ to their residents and staff (though unfortunately that care home has now closed).

The church has continued running its annual 'Shoe Bags' project, in which it prepares and sends packages of Christmas gifts to children in Sierra Leone who would otherwise receive no Christmas presents.

Our church's women's group (called Refresh) which is open to women both who are regular church attendees and those who are not, has met four times across the year, and been an encouragement and benefit to those that have attended, looking at the first two chapters of Colossians.

We have also continued our regular support of the Beachy Head Chaplaincy Team (who seek to prevent suicides at Beachy Head), the Sierra Leone Mission, PARCHE (who coordinate teams taking Christian services in Eastbourne's care homes), SASRA (who seek to minister the Christian Good News amongst the armed forces), Care Sri Lanka, and the Slavic Gospel Association (who work in Eastern Europe, Central Asia and Far East Russia).

During the year, there was some significant expenditure on building repairs that were necessary for safety reasons.

Report of the Trustees (continued)

3 Review of Activities (continued)

In summary, we thank the God and Father of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, for all that He has enabled us to do in His service over the course of this year. As we have done over the year that's past, so we continue to trust in Him, and to seek to please Him depending on His Spirit, looking to Him to provide for all His church's needs over the coming year. May the great and wonderful name of Jesus Christ be honoured and glorified through us.

4 Public benefit

The trustees have paid due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Church should undertake.

5 Financial review

These financial statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis. There was a net deficit on funds for the year of £2,517 (2024: deficit of £18,525) leaving a balance on cash funds of £28,336 at 30 June 2025 (2024: £30,853).

The Church has a reserve policy of ensuring at least three months of annual expenditure is held in reserve, in order for the church to be able to meet its financial commitments to its paid employee(s).

6 Risk Management

The trustees continually consider the major risks to which the Church is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to these risks.

On behalf of the Trustees



David Batchelor
Pastor

Date: 14/9/2025

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of South Street Free Church CIO

I report to the trustees of the church on my examination of the accounts of South Street Free Church ('the CIO') for the period ended 30 June 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the CIO you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

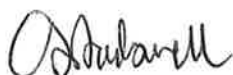
I report in respect of my examination of the CIO's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the CIO as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and 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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Date: 15/09/2025

Receipts and Payments Account

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £
<u>Receipts</u>						
Gifts and donations	53,665	22,243	75,908	48,114	21,224	69,338
Gift Aid tax repayments	7,363	2,929	10,292	8,023	3,296	11,319
Grants	7,105	-	7,105	-	-	-
Interest received	486	-	486	795	-	795
Total receipts	68,619	25,172	93,791	56,932	24,520	81,452
<u>Payments</u>						
Missionary Fund Tithe	-	5,884	5,884	-	5,898	5,898
Gifts/Grants	-	9,051	9,051	156	3,630	3,786
Training	-	-	-	30	-	30
Salaries and wages	34,879	-	34,879	34,050	19,080	53,130
Pension contributions	3,778	-	3,778	3,358	719	4,077
Ministerial pulpit supplies	2,078	-	2,078	3,663	-	3,663
Conference costs	665	-	665	715	-	715
Travel expenses	-	-	-	80	-	80
Subsistence costs	-	-	-	-	110	110
Heat & light	1,548	-	1,548	6,790	-	6,790
Water rates	519	-	519	295	-	295
Insurances	1,416	-	1,416	1,363	-	1,363
Caretaking and cleaning	1,638	-	1,638	1,560	-	1,560
Building repairs & maintenance	20,867	-	20,867	2,426	662	3,088
Telephone & internet	645	-	645	690	-	690
Website and IT costs	1,271	-	1,271	912	-	912
Publicity costs	35	-	35	33	-	33
Missionary and evangelism	353	9,188	9,541	336	9,467	9,803
Equipment purchases & repairs	10	-	10	1,424	-	1,424
Catering costs	366	-	366	261	-	261
Miscellaneous	400	585	985	1,135	42	1,177
Accountancy	984	-	984	936	-	936
Bank charges	123	25	148	156	-	156
Total payments	71,575	24,733	96,308	60,369	39,608	99,977
Net receipts/(payments)	(2,956)	439	(2,517)	(3,437)	(15,088)	(18,525)
Cash funds at 1 July 2024	22,103	8,750	30,853	25,540	23,838	72,624
Cash funds at 30 June 2025	19,147	9,189	28,336	22,103	8,750	30,853

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

<u>Cash funds</u>	2025	2024
	£	£
CAF Current Account 00011621	11,029	8,134
CAF Deposit Account 00088691	17,307	22,719
	<u>28,336</u>	<u>30,853</u>
 <u>Other monetary assets</u>		
Gift Aid tax reclaim due	5,424	5,022
 <u>Non monetary assets</u>		
Freehold Property - 21 South Street		
Held by The Countess of Huntingdon Connexion	-	-
Fixtures and Equipment (At Insurance Valuation)	27,773	27,773
 <u>Liabilities</u>		
PAYE and pension creditors	-	738
Independent examination fee	1,026	984
	<u>1,026</u>	<u>1,722</u>

Approved by the Trustees on 14/9/2025 and signed on its behalf by

David Batchelor
Pastor



Notes to the Financial Statements

1 Accounting Policies

The Financial Statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis in accordance with Section 133 of the Charities Act 2011.

2 Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives, unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

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3 Trustees

Donations from trustees, and related parties, were £12,565 during the year (2024: £15,010). David Batchelor received a salary of £34,879 (2024: £34,157) and the church paid pension contributions of £3,778 (2024: £3,358), in his role as Pastor of the Church.

4 Related Party Transactions

The daughter of trustee David Batchelor received payments amounting to £1,638 (2024: £1,560) for cleaning during the year.

5 Restricted Funds

	Movement in funds						
	Balance at 1 July 2023	Receipts	Payments	Balance at 30 June 2024	Receipts	Payments	Balance at 30 June 2025
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Missionary	-	385	(135)	250	175	(130)	295
Tithe	1,368	6,096	(5,898)	1,566	6,384	(5,884)	2,066
MEF	15,340	5,451	(20,009)	782	-	-	782
Shoe Bags	871	757	(1,067)	561	730	(788)	503
SLM	1,455	3,846	(3,235)	2,066	2,090	(3,111)	1,045
Other	571	325	(692)	204	5,928	(3,705)	2,427
Ewelina	2,419	7,380	(8,400)	1,399	7,650	(8,400)	649
Social	1,814	280	(172)	1,922	2,215	(2,715)	1,422
	23,838	24,520	(39,608)	8,750	25,172	(24,733)	9,189

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Anthony Thompson	
Rachel Wells	Resigned 31 March 2024
Bruce Elkington	Appointed 4 August 2024

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3 Review of Activities

This year our church has continued its regular ministry of public worship on Sundays, morning & evening, continuing to live stream this online across the whole year.

Up to the end of March, David Knight continued to work full-time as Evangelist, and his activities included running the weekly Tuesday morning study group that used resources provided free-of-charge from Ligonier Ministries (both regular church attendees and outsiders frequently came along to these times and benefitted from them), running a Christian chaplaincy at the Stagecoach employees' base, taking school assemblies in the Haven Primary School, running the Friday evening Football club (much enjoyed by both Christians and non-Christians), and keeping our free-resources table in the foyer well-stocked for visitors and regulars to benefit from.

Our church's women's group (which since February has been renamed to Refresh) which is open to women both who are regular church attendees and those who are not, has met 7 times across the year, and been an encouragement and benefit to those that have attended, on themes such as keeping your balance, and hope amidst anxiety.

During this year the pastor took a 3-month sabbatical (August to October inclusive) which was a very helpful time for him and Elaine to refresh and recharge. During that time they visited the Popileascos (the missionary family that our church supports in Moldova), hopefully encouraging them and seeing their situation first-hand. Shortly after this visit, the Popileasco family visited us in Eastbourne for a couple of weeks from the end of January into early February. Apart from David & Elaine's visit to Moldova, this was the first time the church met Vasiliu and their daughter Damaris (and, for some in the church, the first time they met Ewelina).

During the year we continued our monthly Zoom prayer times for the Popileascos to join us from Moldova, and expanded it to include two pastors regularly joining us, one of a church in Cornwall and the other of a church in India, whom we seek to support in prayer. We have also continued our weekly Tuesday-evening prayer meeting, in which we pray both for our own needs as a church and for the needs of others, locally and internationally.

Report of the Trustees (continued)

3 Review of Activities (continued)

Our outreach to the community with the Good News of Jesus has continued weekly throughout the year, and also included particular focussed campaigns during the town's Airbourne Air Show in August and the Little Christmas street event in early December.

Monthly services at two local care homes have continued across the year, aiming to take the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ to their elderly residents.

The church has continued running its annual 'Shoe Bags' project, in which it prepares and sends packages of Christmas gifts to children in Sierra Leone who would otherwise receive no Christmas presents.

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In summary, we thank the God and Father of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, for all that He has enabled us to do in His service over the course of this year. We trust in Him, and seek to please Him depending on His Spirit, and we look to Him to provide for us to continue to do His work over the coming year. May Christ's name be honoured and glorified through us.

4 Public benefit

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5 Financial review

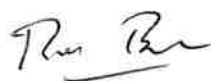
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The Church has a reserve policy of ensuring at least three months of annual expenditure is held in reserve, in order for the church to be able to meet its financial commitments to its paid employees (i.e. its pastor and its evangelist, though the latter has now finished his employment at the church as of the end of March 2024).

6 Risk Management

The trustees continually consider the major risks to which the Church is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to these risks.

On behalf of the Trustees



David Batchelor

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Date: 16/9/2024

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Date: 23/9/2024

Receipts and Payments Account

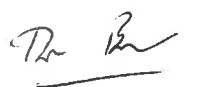
	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>Total</u> <u>2024</u> £	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>Total</u> <u>2023</u> £
<u>Receipts</u>						
Gifts and donations	48,114	21,224	69,338	47,641	20,408	68,049
Gift Aid tax repayments	8,023	3,296	11,319	8,520	3,601	12,121
Grants	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest received	795	-	795	557	-	557
Total receipts	56,932	24,520	81,452	56,718	24,009	80,727
<u>Payments</u>						
Missionary Fund Tithe	-	5,898	5,898	-	5,442	5,442
Gifts/Grants	156	3,630	3,786	310	1,296	1,606
Training	30	-	30	210	-	210
Salaries and wages	34,050	19,080	53,130	30,884	22,642	53,526
Pension contributions	3,358	719	4,077	6,114	2,054	8,168
Ministerial pulpit supplies	3,663	-	3,663	1,265	-	1,265
Conference costs	715	-	715	985	-	985
Travel expenses	80	-	80	-	-	-
Subsistence costs	-	110	110	-	100	100
Heat & Light	6,790	-	6,790	4,981	-	4,981
Water S & W	295	-	295	84	-	84
Insurances	1,363	-	1,363	1,313	-	1,313
Caretaking and cleaning	1,560	-	1,560	1,636	-	1,636
Building repairs & maintenance	2,427	662	3,089	8,131	-	8,131
Stationery	-	-	-	110	-	110
Telephone/Fax/Email	689	-	689	630	81	711
Website and IT costs	912	-	912	811	-	811
Publicity costs	33	-	33	30	-	30
Missionary and evangelism	336	9,467	9,803	1,761	10,264	12,025
Equipment purchases & repairs	1,424	-	1,424	860	-	860
Catering costs	261	-	261	269	-	269
Sunday School/Youth Work	-	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	1,135	42	1,177	489	230	719
Accountancy	936	-	936	912	-	912
Bank charges	156	-	156	79	-	79
Total payments	60,369	39,608	99,977	61,864	42,109	103,973
Net receipts/(payments)	(3,437)	(15,088)	(18,525)	(5,146)	(18,100)	(23,246)
Cash funds at 1 July 2023	25,540	23,838	49,378	30,686	41,938	72,624
Cash funds at 30 June 2024	22,103	8,750	30,853	25,540	23,838	49,378

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

<u>Cash funds</u>	2024	2023
	£	£
CAF Current Account 00011621	8,134	10,761
CAF Deposit Account 00088691	22,719	38,617
	<u>30,853</u>	<u>49,378</u>
<u>Other monetary assets</u>		
Gift Aid tax reclaim due	5,022	5,764
<u>Non monetary assets</u>		
Freehold Property - 21 South Street Held by The Countess of Huntingdon Connexion	-	-
Fixtures and Equipment (At Insurance Valuation)	27,773	27,773
<u>Liabilities</u>		
PAYE and Pension Creditors	738	778
Independent Examination Fee	984	936
	<u>1,722</u>	<u>1,714</u>

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3 Trustees

Donations from trustees, and persons connected to them, were £15,010 during the year (2023: £14,471). David Batchelor received a salary of £34,157 (2023: £30,833) and pension contributions of £3,358 (2023: £6,114), in his role as Pastor of the Church.

4 Related Party Transactions

Relatives of trustee David Batchelor received payments for caretaking and cleaning during the year. J Batchelor £Nil (2023 £800) and G Batchelor received £1,560 (2023: £790).

5 Restricted Funds

	Movement in funds					
	Balance at 1 July 2022	Receipts	Payments	Balance at 30 June 2023	Receipts	Payments
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Missionary	80	410	(490)	-	385	(135)
Tithe	1,097	5,713	(5,442)	1,368	6,096	(5,898)
MEF	33,826	6,210	(24,696)	15,340	5,451	(20,009)
Shoe Bags	610	975	(714)	871	757	(1,067)
SLM	810	2,601	(1,956)	1,455	3,846	(3,235)
Other	341	460	(230)	571	325	(692)
Ewelina	3,419	7,400	(8,400)	2,419	7,380	(8,400)
Social	1,755	240	(181)	1,814	280	(172)
	41,938	24,009	(42,109)	23,838	24,520	(39,608)
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<u>Address</u>	South Street Free Church 21 South Street Eastbourne BN21 4UP
<u>Independent Examiner</u>	Colin Dadswell FCA FCCA DChA Caladine Limited Chartered Certified Accountants Chantry House 22 Upperton Road Eastbourne East Sussex BN21 1BF

Report of the trustees

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their annual report and accounts for the year ended 30 June 2023.

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The Church is run by the trustees. New trustees are appointed from the elders and deacons of the Church, in accordance with section 15 of our Constitution.

3 Review of Activities

This year our church has continued its regular ministry of public worship on Sundays, morning & evening, continuing to live stream this online across the whole year.

On a Sunday we continue to welcome new guests almost every week across a diverse age group. We have prepared ourselves to best serve our visitors by reviewing our creche facilities as well as introducing a working hearing loop.

Our online presence has continued to grow during this period resulting in us now having 500+ subscribers on YouTube which has enabled us to broadcast our church services and discipleship videos to 67,000. These are typically people that are unable to be with us in person for various reasons and to people all across the world.

We have continued to provide a mid week morning Bible study group utilising the resources provided for free from Ligonier Ministries. Over the reporting 12 months we have studied various important topics including The basics of the Christian faith, Assurance, Union with Christ and a study of The Holy Spirit. This group has grown from 6 people to 14+ on a regular basis.

During this period we have also developed a regular Women's Bible study which is an invitational event and has received great feedback.

Our full time evangelist has continued to provide opportunities for the church to be involved in planned outreach events. Every week we spend time handing out tracts and engaging in conversations at the Railway station and at bankers corner as well as planned events at other locations and events on an adhoc basis such as the Coronation of the King in London and at Eastbourne Airbourne and the Christmas little Chelsea events.

Our evangelist is the chaplain for Stagecoach (local bus company) with 400 employees which includes regular visits and support as and when requested.

We have continued to provide Bible studies and pastoral support for all whom have a need when requested.

Report of the Trustees (continued)

3 Review of Activities (continued)

We also have a well stocked resources table where we provide free biblical resources to anyone that wishes to take one.

Our church have created a football team with regular training on a Friday evening. This has created a mixed group of both Christians and non Christians to develop friendships and to keep healthy.

Mid-week prayer meetings continued throughout the year. In February we adjusted our weekly prayer meetings so that the first meeting of the month would be held on Zoom, so that Ewelina and Vasiliu can join us from Moldova – this has proved successful and been appreciated. The church supports Ewelina and Vasiliu (now blessed with daughter Damaris) in its aim to advance the Christian faith beyond Eastbourne.

We have also continued our regular support of the Beachy Head Chaplaincy Team (who seek to prevent suicides), the Sierra Leone Mission, PARCHE (who coordinate teams taking Christian services in Eastbourne's care homes), SASRA (who seek to minister the Christian Good News amongst the armed forces), Care Sri Lanka, the Slavic Gospel Association (who work in Eastern Europe, Central Asia and Far East Russia), and the Barnabas Fund (who support persecuted Christians across the world).

We thank our God and Saviour for manifestly having His good hand on us, and we look to Him to continue to do so and pour out His Holy Spirit in even greater measure on us and through us—to His glory and the glory of Jesus Christ His Son.

4 Public benefit

The trustees have paid due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Church should undertake.

5 Financial review

These financial statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis. There was a net deficit on funds for the year of £23,246 (2022:surplus of £20,003) leaving a balance on cash funds of £49,378 at 30 June 2023 (2022: £72,624).

The Church has a reserve policy of ensuring at least three months of annual expenditure is held in reserve, in order for the church to be able to meet its financial commitments to its two paid employees (i.e. its pastor and its evangelist).

6 Risk Management

The trustees continually consider the major risks to which the Church is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to these risks.

On behalf of the Trustees



Tony Thompson
Elder

Date: 6th Sept 2023

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of South Street Free Church CIO

I report to the trustees of the church on my examination of the accounts of South Street Free Church ('the CIO') for the period ended 30 June 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the CIO as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and 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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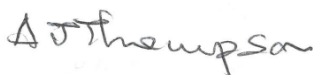
Receipts and Payments Account

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>2022</u>
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<u>Receipts</u>						
Gifts and donations	47,641	20,408	68,049	42,066	45,365	87,431
Gift Aid tax repayments	8,520	3,601	12,121	9,603	9,108	18,711
Grants	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest received	557	-	557	33	-	33
Total receipts	56,718	24,009	80,727	51,702	54,473	106,175
<u>Payments</u>						
Missionary Fund Tithe	-	5,442	5,442	-	5,964	5,964
Gifts/Grants	310	1,296	1,606	-	-	-
Training	210	-	210	-	-	-
Salaries and wages	30,884	22,642	53,526	29,124	14,567	43,691
Pension contributions	6,114	2,054	8,168	6,025	1,140	7,165
Ministerial pulpit supplies	1,265	-	1,265	1,677	-	1,677
Conference costs	985	-	985	830	-	830
Subsistence costs	-	100	100	-	3,300	3,300
Heat & Light	4,981	-	4,981	2,241	-	2,241
Water S & W	84	-	84	35	-	35
Insurances	1,313	-	1,313	1,145	-	1,145
Caretaking and cleaning	1,636	-	1,636	1,535	-	1,535
Building repairs & maintenance	8,131	-	8,131	551	-	551
Stationery	110	-	110	-	-	-
Telephone/Fax/Email	630	81	711	601	90	691
Website and IT costs	811	-	811	775	-	775
Publicity costs	30	-	30	50	-	50
Missionary and evangelism	1,761	10,264	12,025	3,022	10,316	13,338
Equipment purchases & repairs	860	-	860	565	-	565
Catering costs	269	-	269	295	-	295
Sunday School/Youth Work	-	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	489	230	719	244	1,103	1,347
Accountancy	912	-	912	864	-	864
Bank charges	79	-	79	113	-	113
Total payments	61,864	42,109	103,973	49,692	36,480	86,172
Net receipts/(payments)	(5,146)	(18,100)	(23,246)	2,010	17,993	20,003
Cash funds at 1 July 2022	30,686	41,938	72,624	28,676	23,945	52,621
Cash funds at 30 June 2023	25,540	23,838	49,378	30,686	41,938	72,624

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

<u>Cash funds</u>	2023	2022
	£	£
CAF Current Account 00011621	10,761	24,474
CAF Deposit Account 00088691	38,617	48,150
	<u>49,378</u>	<u>72,624</u>
<u>Other monetary assets</u>		
Gift Aid tax reclaim due	5,764	5,092
<u>Non monetary assets</u>		
Freehold Property - 21 South Street		
Held by The Countess of Huntingdon Connexion	-	-
Fixtures and Equipment (At Insurance Valuation)	27,773	27,773
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Creditors	-	778
Independent Examination Fee	936	912

Approved by the Trustees on 6th Sept 2023 and signed on its behalf by



Tony Thompson
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Notes to the Financial Statements

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Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

3 Trustees

Donations from trustees, and persons connected to them, were £14,471 during the year (2022: £17,694). David Batchelor received a salary of £30,833 (2022: £29,902) and pension contributions of £6,114 (2022: £6,024), in his role as Pastor of the Church.

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Beachy Head Chaplaincy Trust, of which trustee Bruce Elkington is also a trustee, received tithes of £907 (2022: £994) during the year. Relatives of trustee David Batchelor received payments for caretaking and cleaning during the year. J Batchelor received £800 (2022: £736) and G Batchelor received £790 (2022: £84).

5 Restricted Funds

Restricted Funds

	Movement in funds						
	Balance at 1 June 2021	Receipts	Payments	Balance at 31 July 2022	Receipts	Payments	Balance at 31 July 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Missionary	-	80	-	80	410	(490)	-
Tithe	1,396	5,665	(5,964)	1,097	5,713	(5,442)	1,368
MEF	20,307	29,526	(16,007)	33,826	6,210	(24,696)	15,340
Shoe Bags	561	760	(711)	610	975	(714)	871
SLM	-	2,015	(1,205)	810	2,601	(1,956)	1,455
Other	101	1,035	(795)	341	460	(230)	571
Ewelina	79	11,740	(8,400)	3,419	7,400	(8,400)	2,419
Social	1,501	3,652	(3,398)	1,755	240	(181)	1,814
	23,945	54,473	(36,480)	41,938	24,009	(42,109)	23,838

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3 Review of Activities

This year our church has continued its regular ministry of public worship on Sundays, morning & evening, continuing to live stream this online across the whole year, which was of particular benefit whilst covid limitations were in effect. (Evening services were resumed in person in the building in mid-October.) Mid-week prayer meetings continued throughout the year, in May beginning the transition from Zoom back to meeting in person.

Our major project during this church year was the recruiting of a full-time evangelist to spearhead the church's outreach. By the Lord's good hand, this came to fruition with the appointment of David Knight to this position, beginning on 1st November. David has energetically pursued this role, and many people have been reached with the Gospel through this ministry and the church's engagement in it. As a result of our evangelist's appointment, many more thousands of leaflets proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ have been given to members of the public (than otherwise would have been given out), and many more personal conversations on this wonderful and crucial subject have taken place with members of the public. There have also been Christianity Explored and Hope Explored courses (primarily aimed at outsiders), services in two care homes (once covid restrictions were sufficiently relaxed), one-to-one Christian discipleship training with some new attenders, and a new regular mid-week ministry using video resources produced by trusted Christian ministries: this has been both for the benefit of existing attenders and those who do not (as yet) attend Sunday services.

Another major new development that has taken place during the course of the year is the growth of our presence online and, in particular, on social media. The results of this have been substantial: amongst locals that have been reached through this, some have become regular attenders; and many people beyond our locality have listened to resources made available in this way—resources including: tailor-made evangelistic videos, recorded Christian testimonies of those in the church, and our audio and video archive of sermons.

The 20s group (for young adults), hosted by David and Rachel Wells, continued to meet in this reporting period, welcoming and providing spiritual help to both regular church attenders and others.

Report of the Trustees (continued)

3 Review of Activities (continued)

During the year we had the joy of two weddings in the church—a joy our church had not seen for ten years.

In its aim to advance the Christian faith beyond Eastbourne, the church has continued to support our missionary Ewelina and her husband Vasili (now blessed with a daughter, Damaris!). Ewelina and Vasili have joined us on a couple of occasions at our mid-week prayer times on Zoom, updating us with their situation, which, amongst other things, has involved helping Ukrainian refugees coming into Moldova over the border (which is only about 20 miles from their town).

We have also continued our regular support of the Beachy Head Chaplaincy Team (who seek to prevent suicides), the Sierra Leone Mission, PARCHE (who coordinate teams taking Christian services in Eastbourne's care homes), SASRA (who seek to minister the Christian Good News amongst the armed forces), Care Sri Lanka, the Slavic Gospel Association (who work in Eastern Europe, Central Asia and Far East Russia), and the Barnabas Fund (who support persecuted Christians across the world).

The Sunday-morning preaching series during the year was in the twin books of Ezra and Nehemiah, and a fitting summary for our church's year can be found occurring several times in those two books of the Bible: "the good hand of our God was on us". This has become almost a catchphrase for us, as it well describes our experience of God's blessing on us over the course of this year. We bless and thank our God and Saviour for manifestly having His good hand on us, and we look to Him to continue to do so and pour out His Holy Spirit in even greater measure on us and through us—to His glory and the glory of Jesus Christ His Son.

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6 Risk Management

The trustees continually consider the major risks to which the Church is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to these risks.

On behalf of the Trustees



David Batchelor (Chair)
Trustee

Date: 2/10/2022

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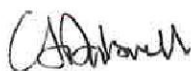
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Date: 03/10/2022

Receipts and Payments Account

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>Total</u> <u>2022</u> £	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>Total</u> <u>2021</u> £
<u>Receipts</u>						
Gifts and donations	42,066	45,365	87,431	48,426	32,240	80,666
Gift Aid tax repayments	9,603	9,108	18,711	5,717	4,124	9,841
Grants	-	-	-	13,783	-	13,783
Interest received	33	-	33	5	-	5
Total receipts	51,702	54,473	106,175	67,931	36,364	104,295
<u>Payments</u>						
Fund specific expenditure	-	-	-	-	2,322	2,322
Missionary Fund Tithe	-	5,964	5,964	-	5,838	5,838
Salaries and wages	29,124	14,567	43,691	29,414	-	29,414
Pension contributions	6,025	1,140	7,165	5,926	-	5,926
Ministerial pulpit supplies	1,677	-	1,677	300	-	300
Conference costs	830	-	830	-	-	-
Subsistence costs	-	3,300	3,300	-	23	23
Heat & Light	2,241	-	2,241	685	-	685
Water S & W	35	-	35	61	-	61
Insurances	1,145	-	1,145	1,090	-	1,090
Caretaking and cleaning	1,535	-	1,535	1,323	-	1,323
Building repairs & maintenance	551	-	551	23,395	120	23,515
Stationery	-	-	-	-	-	-
Telephone/Fax/Email	601	90	691	637	16	653
Website and IT costs	775	-	775	1,242	-	1,242
Publicity costs	50	-	50	264	-	264
Missionary and evangelism	3,022	10,316	13,338	1,080	7,020	8,100
Equipment purchases	565	-	565	385	22	407
Equipment repairs	-	-	-	28	-	28
Catering costs	295	-	295	-	-	-
Consumables	5	-	5	34	-	34
Miscellaneous	239	1,103	1,342	258	-	258
Accountancy	864	-	864	840	-	840
Bank charges	113	-	113	88	-	88
Total payments	49,692	36,480	86,172	67,049	15,361	82,410
Net receipts/(payments)	2,010	17,993	20,003	882	21,003	21,885
Cash funds at 1 July 2021	28,676	23,945	52,621	27,794	2,942	30,736
Cash funds at 30 June 2022	30,686	41,938	72,624	28,676	23,945	52,621

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

<u>Cash funds</u>	2022 £	2021 £
CAF Current Account 00011621	24,474	24,501
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5 Restricted Funds

	Movement in funds							
	Balance at 1 June 2020 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 July 2021 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Balance at 31 July 2022 £
Missionary	(778)	-	-	778	-	80	-	80
Tithe	2,357	6,299	(5,838)	(1,422)	1,396	5,665	(5,964)	1,097
MEF	640	19,667	-	-	20,307	29,526	(16,007)	33,826
Shoe Bags	423	788	(650)	-	561	760	(711)	610
SLM	(518)	2,196	(2,322)	644	-	2,015	(1,205)	810
Other	1	220	(120)	-	101	1,035	(795)	341
Ewelina	545	5,904	(6,370)	-	79	11,740	(8,400)	3,419
Social	272	1,290	(61)	-	1,501	3,652	(3,398)	1,755
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3 Review of Activities

During the year, due to existing Covid-19 restrictions, our Sunday morning and evening services continued to be conducted online via YouTube with the church building being open for services on Sunday mornings from 26/7/2020 onwards. Careful measures in line with Government directives were taken to provide a safe environment for those who felt able to attend. Numbers in the fellowship, far from decreasing as feared, have grown and we have been pleased to welcome new families into our midst. The Tuesday evening prayer and Bible study meetings have taken place via Zoom and YouTube. Business meetings, the AGM, Prayer diaries, and Church Bulletins have, in addition, been the means of keeping members and friends of the church in touch with each other and with what is happening in the fellowship.

A new group for 20+ year-olds has commenced, as there are several people in this age group both from within the church and not in the church including some who had previously met as a teens group. The leaders are a married couple but the young people have input themselves about the meetings. Whilst opportunities for social events in general have been very limited this year, there was the opportunity to meet in the garden of church members for a picnic following the morning of the Church Anniversary Service on 27th June 2021.

The church has continued to support various UK charities (Beachy Head Chaplaincy, PARCHE, SASRA and those charities working overseas (Barnabas Fund, Care Sri Lanka, and Sierra Leone Mission, as well as providing support to Ewelina & Vasilii Popileasco who are Christian missionaries working with Operation Mobilisation in Moldova.

Report of the Trustees (continued)

3 Review of Activities (continued)

There has been an increasing desire by the Pastor and the church fellowship to reach out to people here in Eastbourne who have not heard the Good News of Jesus Christ. This has led to different ways of seeking to make Jesus known because on the whole we have not been able to carry on with our usual outreach efforts such as opening the foyer on Tuesday mornings and the Friday lunch club. It has become very much down to individual Christians to find a way and Pastor and people, equipped with tracts, have been out onto the streets and along the sea front. An evangelism training weekend with Roger Carswell and Martin Povey took place on 21 and 22 November 2020 which proved to be a great blessing and was very helpful with ideas for personal evangelism. One of Roger Carswell's suggestions was to provide a table outside with booklets and tracts, and that suggestion has been taken up by at least one person with a table at the front of their drive when the weather allows. The church voted at the Church Members' Meeting in September 2020 to put Ewart Helyar's legacy into the Ministry Expansion Fund and on 22nd January 2021 the Church Leadership issued a document outlining their proposals for how the fund should be used. The proposals were discussed at a Church Members' Meeting on 2 March 2021 and as a result the church advertised for an Evangelist to join us. An application for this role was received in early June (and is currently being considered by the church).

As always, there is a need to ensure that the building is maintained. The church turret had become in need of repair and the work was carried out by a professional company. We were blessed to receive a grant from the Connexion Trustees which covered a large part of the cost. Health and Safety matters were reviewed at a Church Members' Meeting on 1 December 2020 and it was noted at a Church Members' Meeting on 2 March 2021 that some First Aiders were required and funded training was offered to anyone wishing to take on this role. So far, one volunteer for First Aider has come forwards – we are still seeking at least one other volunteer for this.

As we look back over the past year we can truly say, "Till now the LORD has helped us." (1 Samuel 7:12) and as we go forward into the coming months we "trust Him for all that is to come".

4 Public benefit

The trustees have paid due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Church should undertake.

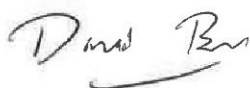
5 Financial review

These financial statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis. There was a net surplus on funds for the year of £21,885 (2020: deficit of £4,018) leaving a balance on cash funds of £52,621 at 30 June 2021 (2020: £30,736).

6 Risk Management

The trustees continually consider the major risks to which the Church is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to these risks.

On behalf of the Trustees



David Batchelor (Chair)
Trustee

Date: 10/10/2021

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of South Street Free Church CIO

I report to the trustees of the church on my examination of the accounts of South Street Free Church ('the CIO') for the period ended 30 June 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the CIO as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and 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.



Colin Dadswell FCA ACCA DChA
Caladine Limited
Chartered Certified Accountants
Chantry House, 22 Upperton Road
Eastbourne, BN21 1BF

Date: 12/10/2021

Receipts and Payments Account

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>Total</u> <u>2021</u> £	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>Total</u> <u>2020</u> £
<u>Receipts</u>						
Gifts and donations	48,426	32,240	80,666	43,080	17,134	60,214
Gift Aid Tax Repayments	5,717	4,124	9,841	-	-	-
Grants	13,783	-	13,783	-	-	-
Interest Received	5	-	5	42	-	42
Total receipts	67,931	36,364	104,295	43,122	17,134	60,256
<u>Payments</u>						
Fund Specific Expenditure	-	2,322	2,322	-	2,364	2,364
Missionary Fund Tithe	-	5,838	5,838	-	4,770	4,770
Gifts/Grants	-	-	-	-	3,980	3,980
Training	-	-	-	209	-	209
Salaries and Wages	29,414	-	29,414	28,952	-	28,952
Pension Contributions	5,926	-	5,926	5,710	-	5,710
Ministerial Pulpit Supplies	300	-	300	1,400	-	1,400
Vehicle Costs	-	-	-	184	-	184
Travel expenses	-	-	-	25	-	25
Subsistence costs	-	23	23	12	21	33
Heat & Light	685	-	685	1,211	-	1,211
Water S & W	61	-	61	128	-	128
Insurances	1,090	-	1,090	958	-	958
Caretaking and Cleaning	1,323	-	1,323	905	-	905
Building repairs & Maintenance	23,395	120	23,515	1,537	-	1,537
Stationery	-	-	-	41	-	41
Telephone/Fax/Email	637	16	653	396	-	396
Website and IT Costs	1,242	-	1,242	734	-	734
Publicity Costs	264	-	264	164	-	164
Missionary and Evangelism	1,080	7,020	8,100	277	8,100	8,377
Equipment Purchases	385	22	407	421	-	421
Equipment Repairs	28	-	28	154	-	154
Catering Costs	-	-	-	41	11	52
Sunday School/Youth Work	-	-	-	151	-	151
Consumables	34	-	34	265	-	265
Miscellaneous	258	-	258	377	716	1,093
Accountancy	840	-	840	-	-	-
Bank Charges	88	-	88	60	-	60
Total payments	67,049	15,361	82,410	44,312	19,962	64,274
Net receipts/(payments)	882	21,003	21,885	(1,190)	(2,828)	(4,018)
Cash funds at 1 July 2020	27,794	2,942	30,736	28,984	5,770	34,754
Cash funds at 30 June 2021	28,676	23,945	52,621	27,794	2,942	30,736

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

<u>Cash funds</u>	2021	2020
	£	£
CAF Current Account 00011621	24,501	12,055
CAF Deposit Account 00088691	28,120	18,681
	<u>52,621</u>	<u>30,736</u>

Other monetary assets

Gift Aid tax reclaim due	6,115	3,913
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Non monetary assets

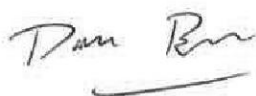
Freehold Property - 21 South Street		
Held by The Countess of Huntingdon Connexion	-	-
Fixtures and Equipment (At Insurance Valuation)	27,773	27,773

Liabilities

Creditors	916	937
Independent Examination Fee	840	840

Approved by the Trustees on 10/10/2021 and signed on its behalf by

David Batchelor (Chair)
Trustee



Notes to the Financial Statements

1 Accounting Policies

The Financial Statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis in accordance with Section 133 of the Charities Act 2011.

2 Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives, unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

3 Trustees

Donations from trustees, and persons connected to them, were £11,175 during the year (2020: £5,628). David Batchelor received a salary of £29,412 (2020: £28,952) and pension contributions of £5,926 (2020: £5,710), in his role as Pastor of the Church.

4 Related Party Transactions

Beachy Head Chaplaincy Trust, of which trustee Bruce Elkington is also a trustee, received tithes of £973 (2020: £795) during the year. Relatives of trustee David Batchelor received payment for caretaking and cleaning during the year. C Batchelor received £735 (2020: £518) and J Batchelor received £588 (2020: £387).

5 Restricted Funds

	Movement in funds							
	Balance at 1 June 2019	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Balance at 1 June 2020	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 July 2021
Missionary	(507)	1,824	(2,095)	(778)	-	-	778	-
Tithe	2,344	4,783	(4,770)	2,357	6,299	(5,838)	(1,422)	1,396
MEF	-	640	-	640	19,667	-	-	20,307
Shoe Bags	570	569	(716)	423	788	(650)	-	561
SLM	377	434	(1,329)	(518)	2,196	(2,322)	644	-
Other	1	2,920	(2,920)	1	220	(120)	-	101
Ewelina	2,681	5,964	(8,100)	545	5,904	(6,370)	-	79
Social	304	-	(32)	272	1,290	(61)	-	1,501
	5,770	17,134	(19,962)	2,942	36,364	(15,361)	-	23,945

Missionary Fund

Donations for various Missionary causes.

Tithe Fund

One tenth of General fund offerings to be given away to worthwhile causes.

Ministry Expansion Fund (MEF)

To provide funds to employ another paid person to aid with evangelism.

Shoe Bags

A fund to send shoe bags with toys and clothing to Sierra Leone each year.

Sierra Leone Mission (SLM)

The missionary work of the Countess of Huntingdon Connexion.

Other

This fund relates to special offerings.

Ewelina

To fund the support of a Church Missionary worker.

Social

This fund is used to support people who come to the Church seeking food or other support.

