

# **South Street Free Church**

**Registered Charity Number 1182375**

**Annual Report and Financial Statements**

**For the year ended 30 June 2021**

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**CHURCH INFORMATION**

**Trustees**

David Batchelor (Chair)  
Anthony Thompson  
Bruce Elkington  
Rachel Wells

**Charity number**

1182375

**Address**

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**Independent Examiner**

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Chartered Certified Accountants  
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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 2021.

**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 Church commenced operations under the banner of the CIO constitution on the 1st July 2019 with the transfer of cash assets £34,754.

The trustees who served during the year were:

David Batchelor (Chair)  
Anthony Thompson  
Bruce Elkington  
David Sweetman (resigned 7 September 2021)  
Rachel Wells (appointed 22 March 2021)

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

**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.



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Date: 12/10/2021

**Receipts and Payments Account**

	<b><u>Unrestricted</u></b> <b><u>Funds</u></b> £	<b><u>Restricted</u></b> <b><u>Funds</u></b> £	<b><u>Total</u></b> <b><u>2021</u></b> £	<b><u>Unrestricted</u></b> <b><u>Funds</u></b> £	<b><u>Restricted</u></b> <b><u>Funds</u></b> £	<b><u>Total</u></b> <b><u>2020</u></b> £
<b><u>Receipts</u></b>						
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
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>67,931</b>	<b>36,364</b>	<b>104,295</b>	<b>43,122</b>	<b>17,134</b>	<b>60,256</b>
<b><u>Payments</u></b>						
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
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>67,049</b>	<b>15,361</b>	<b>82,410</b>	<b>44,312</b>	<b>19,962</b>	<b>64,274</b>
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
<b>Cash funds at 30 June 2021</b>	<b>28,676</b>	<b>23,945</b>	<b>52,621</b>	<b>27,794</b>	<b>2,942</b>	<b>30,736</b>

**Statement of Assets and Liabilities**

<b><u>Cash funds</u></b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	£	£
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**

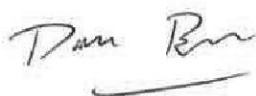
Freehold Property - 21 South Street		
Held by The Countess of Huntingdon Connexion	-	-
Fixtures and Equipment (At Insurance Valuation)	27,773	27,773

**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
	<b>5,770</b>	<b>17,134</b>	<b>(19,962)</b>	<b>2,942</b>	<b>36,364</b>	<b>(15,361)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23,945</b>

**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.

