

# **South Street Free Church**

**Registered Charity Number 1182375**

**Annual Report and Financial Statements**

**For the year ended 30 June 2022**



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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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Report of the trustees

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their annual report and accounts for the year ended 30 June 2022.

**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

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**

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.

**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 £20,003 (2021: surplus of £21,885) leaving a balance on cash funds of £72,624 at 30 June 2022 (2021: £52,621).

**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

**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 2022.

**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: 03/10/2022



**Receipts and Payments Account**

	<b><u>Unrestricted</u></b>	<b><u>Restricted</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b><u>Unrestricted</u></b>	<b><u>Restricted</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
	<b><u>Funds</u></b>	<b><u>Funds</u></b>	<b><u>2022</u></b>	<b><u>Funds</u></b>	<b><u>Funds</u></b>	<b><u>2021</u></b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b><u>Receipts</u></b>						
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
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>51,702</b>	<b>54,473</b>	<b>106,175</b>	<b>67,931</b>	<b>36,364</b>	<b>104,295</b>
<b><u>Payments</u></b>						
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
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>49,692</b>	<b>36,480</b>	<b>86,172</b>	<b>67,049</b>	<b>15,361</b>	<b>82,410</b>
<b>Net receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>2,010</b>	<b>17,993</b>	<b>20,003</b>	<b>882</b>	<b>21,003</b>	<b>21,885</b>
<b>Cash funds at 1 July 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>
<b>Cash funds at 30 June 2022</b>	<b>30,686</b>	<b>41,938</b>	<b>72,624</b>	<b>28,676</b>	<b>23,945</b>	<b>52,621</b>

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

<u>Cash funds</u>	2022 £	2021 £
CAF Current Account 00011621	24,474	24,501
CAF Deposit Account 00088691	48,150	28,120
	<u>72,624</u>	<u>52,621</u>
<u>Other monetary assets</u>		
Gift Aid tax reclaim due	5,092	6,155
<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	937
Independent Examination Fee	912	840

Approved by the Trustees on 2/10/2022 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 £17,694 during the year (2021: £11,175). David Batchelor received a salary of £29,902 (2021: £29,412) and pension contributions of £6,024 (2021: £5,926), 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 £994 (2021: £973) during the year. Relatives of trustee David Batchelor received payment for caretaking and cleaning during the year. C Batchelor received £712 (2021: £735), J Batchelor received £736 (2021: £588) and G Batchelor received £84 (2021: nil).

**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
	<b>2,942</b>	<b>36,364</b>	<b>(15,361)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23,945</b>	<b>54,473</b>	<b>(36,480)</b>	<b>41,938</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 employ an evangelist.

**Shoe Bags** - a fund to send shoe bags with toys and clothing to Sierra Leone each year.

**Sierra Leone Mission (SLM)** - 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** - used to support people who come to the Church seeking food or other support.

