

# **South Street Free Church**

**Registered Charity Number 1182375**

**Annual Report and Financial Statements**

**For the year ended 30 June 2023**

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**CHURCH INFORMATION**

<b><u>Trustees</u></b>	David Batchelor (Chair) Anthony Thompson Rachel Wells
<b><u>Charity number</u></b>	1182375
<b><u>Address</u></b>	South Street Free Church 21 South Street Eastbourne BN21 4UP
<b><u>Independent Examiner</u></b>	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.

**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 (resigned 14 September 2022)  
Rachel Wells

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: 6<sup>th</sup> 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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Chartered Certified Accountants  
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Date:

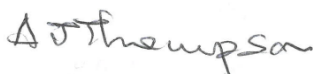
**Receipts and Payments Account**

	<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>2023</u></b>	<b><u>Funds</u></b>	<b><u>Funds</u></b>	<b><u>2022</u></b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b><u>Receipts</u></b>						
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
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>56,718</b>	<b>24,009</b>	<b>80,727</b>	<b>51,702</b>	<b>54,473</b>	<b>106,175</b>
<b><u>Payments</u></b>						
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
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>61,864</b>	<b>42,109</b>	<b>103,973</b>	<b>49,692</b>	<b>36,480</b>	<b>86,172</b>
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
<b>Cash funds at 30 June 2023</b>	<b>25,540</b>	<b>23,838</b>	<b>49,378</b>	<b>30,686</b>	<b>41,938</b>	<b>72,624</b>

**Statement of Assets and Liabilities**

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

Approved by the Trustees on 6<sup>th</sup> Sept 2023 and signed on its behalf by



Tony Thompson  
Elder



**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 £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.

**4 Related Party Transactions**

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
	<b>23,945</b>	<b>54,473</b>	<b>(36,480)</b>	<b>41,938</b>	<b>24,009</b>	<b>(42,109)</b>	<b>23,838</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.