



Dronfield Baptist Church

Annual Report for 01 November 2019 – 31 October 2020

Registered Address

Stubley Lane, Dronfield, Derbyshire S18 1PE

Charity Registration Number

1184178

Trustees

The Revd A C Gore	(Minister)
Mrs H M Machin	(Secretary)
Mr D H Charles	(Treasurer)
Mr D W Brennan	
Mrs A C Bygrave	
Ms C M Harrop	(Until April 2020)
Mr M S Pocock	
Mrs G Smith	
Mr E M Tomlinson	
Mr C M Turk	
Mrs S D L Waite	(Until November 2019)

Property Trustees

The Baptist Union Corporation Limited Baptist House, 129 Broadway, Didcot, Oxfordshire OX11 8RT

Bankers

Co-Operative Bank plc, P O Box 250, Skelmersdale, WN8 6WT
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Report of the Managing Deacons/Trustees for the year ended 31 October 2020

Introduction

The Managing Deacons/Trustees present their annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 October 2020. The Deacons are also referred to as Trustees in this report.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity is governed by an Approved Governing Document. Members of the Church are accepted in accordance with the Constitution which requires them to be or to have been publicly baptised on the profession of faith in Jesus Christ, or following other modes of baptism to renew their public profession of faith in Jesus Christ.

The members Meeting normally takes place ten times per year and has responsibility for the overall policy of the church. In accordance with the Constitution, the members appoint up to eleven Trustees, who together with the Minister, Church Secretary and Treasurer (who are also appointed by the Members), are responsible for the day to day running of the church's work and witness, and the financial and legal aspects of the charity. All members are encouraged to take an appropriate part in the spiritual and practical tasks involved in the furtherance of the charitable objective.

Relevant matters may be submitted to the Church meeting by the Trustees for guidance, or may be raised by members in Church meeting for further consideration by the Trustees. Though the Constitution permits decisions to be made at Church meetings by appropriate majorities, the Church seeks to work by consensus wherever possible.

Objectives and Activities

The principal purpose of the charity is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination to include the advancement of education, community service and such other general charitable purposes in such parts of the United Kingdom and the world as the Church shall determine.

In order to achieve the principal objective which is set out above, the Church provides a variety of activities both to its membership and to the community generally. The aim is to show the love of Jesus Christ in both word and deed and to bring people into a closer relationship with Him as our living Lord.

Central to the work and witness of the Church is the provision of regular public services of Christian worship. These services normally take place each Sunday at both 10.30 am and 4.00pm or 6.30 pm, apart from the third Sunday evening when a United Service is hosted by the various Dronfield churches. There are also occasional services at other times which are advertised on the Church Notice Board and the website at www.dronfieldbaptist.co.uk There is a full children's programme during the morning services. The church seeks to be a friendly and welcoming community and anybody is free to attend any of these services.

The Church runs a series of fellowship groups for the growth of faith and discipleship in the homes of some members or on the church premises, and further details of these can be obtained from the Trustees on request, or at the Sunday services of worship.

From time to time, in conjunction with other local churches the Church runs courses for people interested in discovering more about Christianity, entitled 'Alpha'. Guidance on Church Membership and Believer's Baptism is also available throughout the year.

The Church normally runs various regular activities for Families, Children & Young People and for people in the Third Age.

The Church operates systems to ensure that all people working with children and vulnerable adults are appropriately vetted with regard to the Disclosure and Barring Service.

The church has read the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit, and is satisfied that the activities outlined above clearly demonstrate that the charity is providing a benefit to the public.

Risk Assessment

The Church regularly reviews the risks to which it is exposed. It operates systems to ensure that all people working with children and vulnerable adults are appropriately vetted with regard to the Disclosure and Barring Service.

Achievements and Performance

The Covid-19 restrictions have impacted greatly on the life of the church, from March 2020 when all weekday activities for both members of the church and our local community ceased. Due to the nature of the restrictions the Trustees took the decision that virtually none of the usual midweek activity could safely take place, even when the restrictions were lifted after the first lock down from March – June 2020. We had planned a limited restart of a number of midweek activities, but this was suspended by the second lockdown later in the year. Sunday services took place online until June when, after restrictions eased, Sunday morning worship took place with limited, socially distanced numbers from June to the end of October when restrictions were re-introduced. An Alpha course and children's and youth activities have continued online throughout this year available to members of the church and the community.

The main vehicle through which the Church seeks to understand its own growth and development as a community is through the process we've termed 'Mosaic Discipleship'. This is a process by which the church undertakes a sustained reflection, examination and development of its charitable objectives. The process is not dependent upon goals or targets, but through the far less tangible focus of the growth and development of character that seeks to reflect the character of Jesus. Such growth involves the growth in size of the church, of the involvement of its members in volunteering in activities within the church and in the community and in their own personal development.

During the year two church members died and three members resigned. Four people were accepted into membership by the church meeting. At 31 October 2020 the membership stood at 115 which was lower than a year earlier. The membership figure of 115 does not include a number of people in the wider fellowship who normally attend services and other activities.

Statement of Public Benefit

The church aims to play a positive role in the life of the community of Dronfield, since in addition to activities formally linked to the church, members also served as volunteers in other local charities and organisations, including the minister taking an active role in a local school and other members serving as school governors. Members also volunteer with a local community project to protect and enhance specific areas of Dronfield.

The Deacons/Trustees have read the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit, and is satisfied that the activities outlined above clearly demonstrate that the charity is providing a benefit to the public.

Financial Review

Unrestricted cash balances decreased by £4,061 during the year. Cash balances at the year-end amounted to £89,722.

As detailed in the accounts the Church contributed £11,284 for other causes including the denominational charities Home Mission Fund and the Baptist Missionary Society.

The Church continues to raise the funds which it needs to carry on its activities from within its own membership and congregation. No wider public appeal was made for funds during the year.

The most significant expenses related to the ongoing appointments of the Revd A Gore as Minister of the Church and Mr Andrew Evers as Families, Youth & Children's Ministry Leader. Revd Gore's role is to lead and co-ordinate the church's activities including the Sunday Services, to provide pastoral care for the congregation and other people, and to equip and encourage the membership in their life, Christian witness and service. Mr Evers co-ordinates and leads activities for young families, children and young people and enables contacts to be made that encourage a sense of community.

The Church is heavily dependent on its membership working as volunteers in all aspects of the church's activities, many of which run with little or no impact on the church's expenditure, but nevertheless contribute substantially to the achievement of the church's objectives.

The financial results for the year, together with a summary of the accounting policies adopted are set out in the accompanying financial statements.

The church is a participating employer within the Defined Benefit section of the Baptist Pension scheme and has been making ongoing deficit payments to cover the costs of past service of its employees within the scheme under a recovery plan. The church understands that if it had left the scheme at the year-end, it would have to have made a one-off payment estimated to be £ 61,600 to meet its statutory obligations to the scheme. The church has no plan to leave the scheme and expects to continue to make payments to the scheme in line with the recovery plan.

Reserves policy

The Trustees have established a Reserves Policy to enable the church to function effectively and meet its obligations in the event of a significant decline in our income or a major cost.

The Church expressed its part in the life of the wider church by making donations to national and international Christian organisations and societies with Christian aims and objectives compatible with the church's own charitable purpose.

Having considered the relevant risks of changes in income and expenditure, the Trustees have determined that the appropriate level of reserves is in the range £25,000 to £30,000. As at 31 October 2020, the church held total cash funds of £89,722 of which £756 were restricted and £16,348 designated. It follows that cash resources available to spend on any of the Church's activities amount to £ 72,618.

The Church strives to remain a force for good in the community in the longer term in its own right. It follows that as all of its reserves were given towards this, its primary purpose and are retained in accordance with its objects.

Independent Examiner

A resolution to reappoint S Temple and M Herman as Independent Examiners will be put to the Annual General Meeting.

This report was approved by the Trustees 8 November 2021.



Heather Machin - Managing Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Managing Trustees of the charity

We report to the managing trustees on our examination of the accounts of Dronfield Baptist Church (the Church) for the year ended 31 October 2020, which are set out on pages 6 to 11.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

We report in respect of our examination of the Trustee's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out our examination we have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

We have completed our examination. We confirm that no material matters have come to our attention in connection with the examination giving us cause to believe that in any material respect:

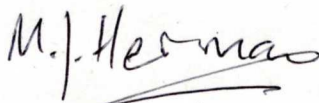
- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those records.

We 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.



S Temple

8 November 2021



M Herman

8 November 2021

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Accounts for the year ended 31 October 2020

Receipts and Payments Account

	Notes	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2020 Total £	2019 Total £
Receipts					
Weekly offerings		67,399	-	67,399	68,213
Appeals and special gifts	3	3,805	2,638	6,443	24,381
Grants		1,500	280	1,780	320
Income tax recovered on gifts to 5 April		14,141	-	14,141	13,352
Legacies		300	-	300	1,000
Other Church groups	10	3,215	-	3,215	8,930
Youth Camp		-	210	210	771
Interest received		270	-	270	166
Sundry		1,314	-	1,314	804
Total receipts rounded to nearest £		91,945	3,128	95,073	117,937
Payments					
Minister and Manse	4	33,913	-	33,913	35,769
Upkeep of Church premises	5	13,146	470	13,617	14,794
Baptist Missionary Society		4,177	119	4,296	2,918
Home Mission		4,136	-	4,136	2,803
Worship and outreach		516	80	596	902
Discipleship and training		2,528	-	2,528	5,772
Youth Camp		365	169	534	1,159
Grants and donations	6	1,532	1,869	3,401	4,085
Families, Youth and Children	7	26,165	-	26,165	25,856
Other Church groups	10	3,324	110	3,434	8,687
Administration		2,498	-	2,498	2,352
Other costs	8	3,352	-	3,352	5,274
New fixtures, fittings and equipment	9	354	-	354	3,959
Total payments rounded to nearest £		96,006	2,817	98,823	114,330
Excess of (expenditure) over receipts		(4,061)	311	(3,750)	3,607
Balances brought forward from previous year		93,027	445	93,472	89,865
Balances carried forward to next year		88,966	756	89,722	93,472

All activities derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 8 to 11 form an integral part of these accounts.

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 October 2020

Monetary Assets	Notes	2020	2019
Cash in hand and on deposit		£	£
CoOp / RBS savings accounts		81,125	82,598
CoOp / RBS / CAF current accounts		7,416	9,665
Cash balances - Other Church groups		1,161	1,145
Cash in hand		20	64
Net Monetary Assets		£ 89,722	£ 93,472

Represented by funds:		2020	2019
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>		£	£
General fund		72,618	74,152
<u>Designated funds</u>			
Special fund		12,369	14,897
Other Church groups	10	3,979	3,978
		88,966	93,027
<u>Restricted funds</u>			
Amounts received for other causes		61	50
Audio Visual Upgrade		300	-
Building fund		-	-
Garden Project fund		395	395
		£ 89,722	£ 93,472

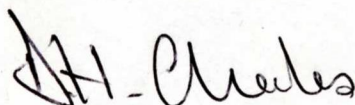
Other Monetary Assets and Liabilities		2020	2019
<u>Debtors</u>		£	£
Gift aid recoverable	Est	5,000	Est 5,000
<u>Less Creditors</u>			
Taxes and Social Security		(543)	(515)
BMS and Home Mission	£	-	(1,314)
		4,457	£ 3,171

Baptist Pension Scheme (BPS) Liability Statement

The BPS estimated that £61,600 (2019 £83,400) was the level of employer debt that the church would need to pay, if it had chosen to exit the defined benefit scheme at the year end.

Non-Monetary Assets		2020	2019
Fixed assets for Charity use		£	£
Church insured value		2,126,646	2,095,192
Manse insured value		203,220	196,920
Furniture and equipment		16,833	16,833
Total Fixed Assets for Charity Use	£	2,346,699	£ 2,308,945

David Charles
Trustee



Approved by the Trustees on 8 November 2021

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Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 October 2020

1 Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis. The Managing Deacons/Trustees confirm that as far as they are aware, there is no relevant accounting information of which the examiner is unaware.

2 Winding up or dissolution of the charity

If upon winding up or dissolution of the charity there remain any financial assets, after satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, the assets represented by the accumulated funds shall be transferred to some other charitable body or bodies having similar objects to the charity.

3 Appeals and special gifts

		2020	2019
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
Angel Tree	-	100	100
CP Ashgate Hospice	-	145	145
Baby Basics - Christmas Donations	-	295	295
BMS	-	119	119
BMS - Birthday Scheme	-	425	425
CP Bluebell Wood	-	133	133
Building Fund	-	190	190
Children In Need	-	50	50
Christian Aid	-	-	-
Cliffe College fees	-	-	-
Coffee machine etc.	546	-	546
Corona Virus Fund	1,000	530	1,530
Derbyshire Air Ambulance	-	-	-
Dronfield Council - Garden project	-	-	-
Domestic Violence Refuge	-	-	-
Dronfield 10K water station	-	-	-
Extraordinary women	-	60	60
Flowers	-	-	-
Garden project	-	-	-
Holiday Club	540	-	540
HSBC re Treasurer	1,000	-	1,000
Lent books and reading notes	-	100	100
Life Dronfield	-	-	-
Lunch club	-	-	-
CP MacMillan Cancer Support	-	122	122
CP St Lukes Hospice	-	70	70
St Wilfreds	-	-	-
Spurgeons - Christmas donations	-	-	-
Sundry & Anon	39	-	39
Tree Tops - Sheff Childn's Hospital	-	-	-
TV monitors for church projection	-	300	300
Weddings and funerals	680	-	680
Youth, Children & Families Activities	-	-	-
	£ 3,805	2,638	6,443
			11,000
			24,381

CP 'Coffee Pot' raised £470 but then had to close in March 2020 due to CoVid-19 pandemic.

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	Unrestricted	Restricted	2020 Total	2019 Total
	£	£	£	£
4 Minister and Manse				
Stipend, PAYE and pension	27,407	-	27,407	26,540
Ministers cycle scheme	-	-	-	1,899
Ministers' expenses	631	-	631	12
Manse upkeep	2,376	-	2,376	2,562
Manse repairs and improvements	131	-	131	804
Current minister sub-total	30,546	-	30,546	31,817
Baptist Pension Scheme deficit	3,367	-	3,367	3,952
	<u>33,913</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>33,913</u>	<u>35,769</u>

The Minister effectively took a pay cut from Sep 2019 - Aug 2022 to meet the expense of the church providing him with an electric bike to aid him with his ministry.

	£	£	£	£
5 Upkeep of Church premises				
Light and heat	2,496	-	2,496	3,473
Insurance and water	2,804	-	2,804	2,993
Maintenance and repairs	2,541	190	2,731	3,053
Cleaning *	5,304	280	5,584	5,275
	<u>13,146</u>	<u>470</u>	<u>13,617</u>	<u>14,794</u>

* Restricted amount for cleaning was HM Government Job Retention Scheme (furlough) grant towards wages. Further amount expected in 2021 accounts for delayed payment received Nov 2020.

	£	£	£	£
6 Grants and donations				
Angel Tree	312	100	412	246
Ashgate Hospice	-	145	145	126
Baby basics - Christmas donations	-	295	295	-
BMS - Birthday Scheme	-	425	425	840
Bluebell Wood	-	133	133	155
Children In Need	-	50	50	-
Christian Aid Iraq Appeal	-	-	-	170
Derbyshire Air Ambulance	-	-	-	131
Domestic Violence Refuge	-	-	-	142
Lent books for Prisons	-	-	-	173
Life Dronfield	1,200	-	1,200	1,125
MacMillan Cancer Support	-	122	122	242
Spurgeons - Christmas donations	-	-	-	310
St Luke's Hospice	-	70	70	94
St Wilfreds	-	-	-	156
Tree Tops - Sheff Childn's Hospital	-	-	-	125
External organisations	1,512	1,339	2,851	4,035
Corona Virus fund	20	530	550	-
Lunch club	-	-	-	50
	<u>1,532</u>	<u>1,869</u>	<u>3,401</u>	<u>4,085</u>

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	Unrestricted	Restricted	2020 Total	2019 Total
	£	£	£	£
7 Families, Youth and Children				
Salary, PAYE and pension	22,980	-	22,980	22,167
Materials and expenses	2,274	-	2,274	754
Bibles books and stationery				434
Sunday groups				156
Midweek groups				147
Holiday Club	667	-	667	1,003
Messy Church	243	-	243	522
Christingle and Advent calendars				673
	<u>26,165</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>26,165</u>	<u>25,856</u>
8 Other costs	£	£	£	£
Catering	690	-	690	2,170
Subscriptions	2,082	-	2,082	2,154
Delegates expenses	205	-	205	175
Sundry	376	-	376	775
	<u>3,352</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,352</u>	<u>5,274</u>
9 New fixtures and equipment	£	£	£	£
Carpet	-	-	-	2,869
Computer audio visual system	354	-	354	-
Garden project	-	-	-	1,090
	<u>354</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>354</u>	<u>3,959</u>

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10 Designated funds

	Balance B / fwd	Legacy	Appeals and Donations	Expenditure *	Balance C / fwd
	£	£	£	£	£
Special Fund	14,897	300	-	2,828	12,369

* Special Fund Expenditure = 'Discipleship and training' spend, plus £300 from Oct 2019 that should have been deducted in 2019 accounts.

	Balance B / fwd	Activity receipts	Appeals and Donations	Grants received	Activity payments	Donations paid out	Donations to Church	Balance C / fwd
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Other Church Groups								
BMS Birthday scheme	-	-	425	-	-	425	-	-
Coffee pot	-	-	470	-	-	470	-	-
Extraordinary Women	31	135	60	-	283	-	-	(57)
Feast of Flowers	709	-	-	-	-	-	-	709
Friday Parent & Toddler	522	396	50	-	543	50	13	362
Jolly Crafters	75	154	-	-	147	-	-	82
Light Lunches	87	761	100	-	441	100	195	212
Lunch Club	2,169	962	-	-	1,390	-	-	1,741
Monday Parent & Toddler	413	552	-	-	363	-	-	602
School's Out Dad's About	(7)	84	-	-	91	-	-	(14)
Who Let The Dads Out	(21)	173	-	-	176	-	-	(24)
Corona Virus Fund	-	-	1,530	-	-	550	612	368
	3,978	3,215	2,635	-	3,434	1,595	820	3,979

The above items have all been designated for specific purposes by the Trustees, as such these receipts and payments are accounted for in the Church's accounts but are summarised here for information.