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Dronfield Baptist Church

Annual Report for 01 November 2020 – 31 October 2021

Registered Address

Stubley Lane, Dronfield, Derbyshire S18 1PE

Charity Registration Number

1184178

Trustees

The Revd A C Gore	(Minister)
Mrs H M Machin	(Secretary to April 2021)
Mr D Lax	(Secretary from April 2021)
Mr D H Charles	(Treasurer)
Mrs A C Bygrave	
Mr M S Pocock	
Mrs G Smith	
Mr E M Tomlinson	
Mr C M Turk	

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 2021

Introduction

The Managing Deacons/Trustees present their annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 October 2021. 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

This has been a demanding year in the life of the church as it has transitioned through the times of lockdown and the process of reopening the building as well as restarting the many ways in which we as a church fulfil our charitable objectives. We are very grateful particularly to the current Leadership Team and for all of the time and effort that has gone into helping us as a church navigate our way through this time so well. In particular we would like to give a special thanks to those who have overseen our management of risk as well as ensuring the building is as safe and covid protected as possible.

During our experience of lockdown we explored the use of digital technology to fulfil our objective of enabling those within the church and the community to participate in worship. One of the consequences of this is that we will need to refurbish much of our PA and AV equipment that had been installed when the church was refurbished in the 1990's as it no longer enables us to fulfil the above charitable objectives. Therefore, we plan to purchase and install the equipment necessary to livestream and record our services as we return to the meet again in the building. Again, a huge amount of thanks must go to those who have given this a lot of time and effort as well as train others in the use of the new equipment.

We anticipate continuing to strengthen our charitable objective of growing in our understanding and living out the Christian faith by having a mid-week course, based upon our reading a book together, which will meet fortnightly from January to May.

In the New Year we expect to close our lunch club for though we anticipate the numbers coming not to have changed significantly, the size of the team has shrunk appreciably. We anticipate that we shall still be able to fulfil the charitable objectives the lunch club met by focussing upon our weekly coffee morning and serving of light lunches on Thursdays.

A significant challenge we are facing is the change in size of our Trustee group. We will seek to enlarge the current number of Trustees that we may continue to serve the charity and ensure that its charitable objectives continue to be fulfilled. One of the ways we will seek to do this is by exploring the manner and regularity of our meeting that we may continue to ensure the charity working as effectively as it can be.

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 £9,244 during the year, largely as a result of spending £7,010 in the first phase of upgrading Audio Visual equipment. Cash balances at the year-end amounted to £81,383.

As detailed in the accounts the Church contributed £10,106 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 £ 49,200 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 2021, the church held total cash funds of £81,383 of which £1,662 were restricted and £14,129 designated. It follows that cash resources available to spend on any of the Church's activities amount to £ 65,592.

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 appoint S Temple and M Herman as Independent Examiners was put to the Annual General Meeting. And this has been agreed.

This report was approved by the Trustees

D. Lax 8/8/22.

David Lax - 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 2021, which are set out on pages 7 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:

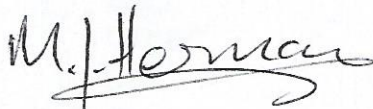
- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

8th August 2022



M. Herman

8/8/2022

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Accounts for the year ended 31 October 2021

Receipts and Payments Account

	Notes	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Receipts					
Weekly offerings		71,356	-	71,356	67,399
Appeals and special gifts	3	1,371	2,268	3,639	6,443
Grants		1,250	716	1,966	1,780
Income tax recovered on gifts to 5 April		13,607	-	13,607	14,141
Legacies		2,400	-	2,400	300
Other Church groups	10	1,023	-	1,023	3,215
Youth Camp		-	-	0	210
Interest received		60	-	60	270
Sundry		951	-	951	1,314
Total receipts rounded to nearest £		92,018	2,984	95,002	95,073
Payments					
Minister and Manse	4	35,761	-	35,761	33,913
Upkeep of Church premises	5	11,915	816	12,731	13,617
Baptist Missionary Society		3,560	90	3,650	4,296
Home Mission		3,560	-	3,560	4,136
Worship and outreach		678	-	678	596
Discipleship and training		3,700	15	3,715	2,528
Youth Camp		-	-	0	534
Grants and donations	6	1,737	1,158	2,895	3,401
Families, Youth and Children	7	26,443	-	26,443	26,165
Other Church groups	10	1,055	-	1,055	3,434
Administration		1,709	-	1,709	2,498
Other costs	8	2,954	-	2,954	3,352
New fixtures, fittings and equipment	9	8,190	-	8,190	354
Total payments rounded to nearest £		101,262	2,079	103,341	98,823
Excess of (expenditure) over receipts		(9,244)	905	(8,339)	(3,750)
Balances brought forward from previous year		88,965	757	89,722	93,472
Balances carried forward to next year		79,721	1,662	81,383	89,722

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 2021

Monetary Assets	Notes	2021	2020
<u>Cash in hand and on deposit</u>		£	£
CoOp savings accounts		78,724	81,125
CoOp / CAF current accounts		500	7,416
Cash balances - Other Church groups		1,014	1,161
Cash in hand		1,145	20
Net Monetary Assets		£ 81,383	£ 89,722

Represented by funds:		2021	2020
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>		£	£
General fund		65,592	72,618
<u>Designated funds</u>			
Special fund		10,668	12,369
Other Church groups	10	3,461	3,979
		79,721	88,966
<u>Restricted funds</u>			
Amounts received for other causes		67	61
Audio Visual Upgrade		1,300	300
Garden Project fund		295	395
		£ 81,383	£ 89,722

Other Monetary Assets and Liabilities		2021	2020
<u>Debtors</u>		£	£
Gift aid recoverable	Est	5,000	Est 5,000
<u>Less Creditors</u>			
Taxes and Social Security		(649)	(543)
	£	4,351	£ 4,457

Baptist Pension Scheme (BPS) Liability Statement

The BPS estimated that £49,200 (2020 £61,600) 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		2021	2020
Fixed assets for Charity use		£	£
Church insured value		2,167,052	2,126,646
Manse insured value		214,197	203,220
Furniture and equipment		24,303	16,833
Total Fixed Assets for Charity Use	£	2,405,552	£ 2,346,699

David Charles
Trustee

DA Charles
8 Aug 2022

Approved by the Trustees

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Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 October 2021

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.

		Unrestricted	Restricted	2021 Total	2020 Total
		£	£	£	£
3 Appeals and special gifts					
CP	Ashgate Hospice	-	45	45	145
	Audio Visual Refurbishment	-	1,000	1,000	300
	BMS	-	90	90	119
	BMS - Birthday Scheme	-	388	388	425
	Coffee machine etc.	244	-	244	546
	Christian Aid	-	20	20	-
CP	Derbyshire Air Ambulance	-	132	132	-
CP	Elm Foundation (Domestic Abuse)	-	114	114	-
	Holiday Club	537	-	537	540
	Homeless & Rootless at Christmas	-	434	434	-
CP	St Lukes Hospice	-	45	45	70
	Families, Youth & Children Activities	410	-	410	-
	Sundry & Anon	180	-	180	39
	Angel Tree	-	-	-	100
	Baby Basics - Christmas Donations	-	-	-	295
CP	Bluebell Wood	-	-	-	133
	Building Fund	-	-	-	190
	Children In Need	-	-	-	50
	Corona Virus Fund	-	-	-	1,530
	Extraordinary women	-	-	-	60
	HSBC re Treasurer	-	-	-	1,000
	Lent books and reading notes	-	-	-	100
CP	MacMillan Cancer Support	-	-	-	122
	Weddings and funerals	-	-	-	680
		£			
		1,371	2,268	3,639	6,443

CP 'Coffee Pot' coffee mornings raised £336, having again been limited by CoVid-19 pandemic.

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	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021 Total	2020 Total
	£	£	£	£
4 Minister and Manse				
Stipend, PAYE and pension	27,608	-	27,608	27,407
Ministers' expenses	262	-	262	631
Manse upkeep	2,830	-	2,830	2,376
Manse repairs and improvements	1,281	-	1,281	131
Current minister sub-total	31,982	-	31,982	30,546
Baptist Pension Scheme deficit	3,779	-	3,779	3,367
	<u>35,761</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>35,761</u>	<u>33,913</u>

5 Upkeep of Church premises	£	£	£	£
Cleaning *	2,620	716	3,336	5,584
Insurance and water	2,803	-	2,803	2,804
Light and heat	2,222	-	2,222	2,496
Maintenance and repairs	4,270	100	4,370	2,731
	<u>11,915</u>	<u>816</u>	<u>12,731</u>	<u>13,617</u>

* Restricted amount for cleaning was HM Government Job Retention Scheme (furlough) grant towards wages already paid in previous accounting year.

6 Grants and donations	£	£	£	£
Angel Tree	312	-	312	412
Ashgate Hospice	-	45	45	145
BMS - Birthday Scheme	-	388	388	425
Children In Need	25	-	25	50
Derbyshire Air Ambulance	-	132	132	-
Elm Foundation (Domestic Abuse)	-	114	114	-
Homeless & Rootless at Christmas	-	434	434	-
Life Dronfield	1,200	-	1,200	1,200
St Luke's Hospice	-	45	45	70
YBA Biglife India Appeal	200	-	200	-
Baby basics - Christmas donations	-	-	-	295
Bluebell Wood	-	-	-	133
MacMillan Cancer Support	-	-	-	122
External organisations	1,737	1,158	2,895	2,851
Corona Virus fund	-	-	-	550
	<u>1,737</u>	<u>1,158</u>	<u>2,895</u>	<u>3,401</u>

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	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
7 Families, Youth and Children				
Salary, PAYE and pension	23,721	-	23,721	22,980
Materials and expenses	2,111	-	2,111	2,274
Holiday Club	537	-	537	667
Messy Church	74	-	74	243
	<u>26,443</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>26,443</u>	<u>26,165</u>
8 Other costs	£	£	£	£
Catering	452	-	452	690
Subscriptions	2,312	-	2,312	2,082
Delegates expenses	29	-	29	205
Sundry	162	-	162	376
	<u>2,954</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,954</u>	<u>3,352</u>
9 New fixtures and equipment	£	£	£	£
Audio Equipment	1,833	-	1,833	354
Laptop Computer	1,180	-	1,180	-
Video Equipment	5,177	-	5,177	-
	<u>8,190</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,190</u>	<u>354</u>

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10 Designated funds

	Balance B / fwd	Legacy	Appeals and Donations	Expenditure *	Balance C / fwd
	£	£	£	£	£
Special Fund	12,369	2,400	-	4,102	10,668

* Special Fund Expenditure = 'Discipleship and training' spend, plus cost of FYC Assistant from Oct 2021.

	Balance B / fwd	Activity receipts	Appeals and Donations	Grants received	Activity payments	Donations paid out	Donations to / (from) Church	Balance C / fwd
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Other Church Groups								
BMS Birthday scheme	-	-	388	-	-	388	-	-
Coffee pot	-	-	336	-	-	336	-	-
Extraordinary Women	(57)	7	-	-	27	-	(77)	-
Feast of Flowers	709	-	-	-	-	-	-	709
Friday Parent & Toddler	362	214	-	-	241	25	9	301
Jolly Crafters	82	39	-	-	43	-	-	78
Light Lunches	212	161	-	-	139	100	24	110
Lunch Club	1,741	370	-	-	443	-	-	1,668
Monday Parent & Toddler	602	124	-	1,250	47	-	1,300	628
School's Out Dad's About	(14)	22	-	-	21	-	(13)	-
Who Let The Dads Out	(24)	85	-	-	94	-	-	(33)
Corona Virus Fund	368	-	-	-	-	-	368	-
	3,979	1,023	724	1,250	1,055	849	1,610	3,461

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.