

SUTTON ST JAMES BAPTIST CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1184783

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2019-08-06

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE PRINCIPAL PURPOSES OF THE CHURCH ARE:-3.1.1 THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH ACCORDING TO THE PRINCIPLES OF THE BAPTIST DENOMINATION.3.1.2 THE CHURCH MAY ALSO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND CARRY OUT OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND/OR OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD.3.2 NOTHING IN THIS CONSTITUTION SHALL AUTHORISE AN APPLICATION OF THE PROPERTY OF THE CHURCH FOR PURPOSES WHICH ARE NOT CHARITABLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 7 OF THE CHARITIES AND TRUSTEE INVESTMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005 OR SECTION 2 OF THE CHARITIES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2008.

Activities: Sutton St James Baptist Church serves the Fenland community of Sutton St James and surrounding villages by sharing the Gospel message of Jesus Christ through weekly Sunday services which include Godly Play for the children, Bible study home group and through serving our community with activities such as coffee mornings, community lunches, mens breakfasts and other special events.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Cambridgeshire
- Lincolnshire

Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|---------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2024-12-31 | £71,109 | £46,316 | - | - |
| 2023-12-31 | £96,033 | £56,629 | - | - |
| 2022-12-31 | £58,320 | £75,384 | - | - |
| 2021-12-31 | £97,621 | £78,416 | - | - |
| 2020-12-31 | £56,831 | £59,470 | - | - |

Trustees

| Name | Role | Appointed |
|-------------------------------------|-------|------------|
| Deborah Jane Clarke Minister | Chair | 2025-10-10 |
| Alastair Chambers | | 2022-04-24 |
| Jacqueline Clark | | 2024-06-16 |
| Linda Andrews | | 2020-07-13 |
| Nigel Beverley-Stone | | 2025-03-06 |

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Accounts

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Sutton St James Baptist Church

Report and Accounts

For the year ended 31 December 2024

Sutton St James Baptist Church

Independent Examiner's Report

for the year ended 31st December 2024

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024 set out in the attached Accounts.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiners

As the charity's trustees (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act'); you consider that the audit requirement of Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts (under Section 145 of the 2011 Act) and to state on the basis of the Act, as amended, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiners' statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiners' statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - (a) to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act and section 386 of the 2006 Act; and
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- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Date: 27.04.25

Mark Rose, FFA
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Sutton St James Baptist Church – SSJBC 1184783

Annual Report for The Charity Commission

For the period 1st January 2024 – 31st December 2024

2024 has been a year of change for Sutton St James Baptist Church. Although our Pastor stepped down, our Trustees have worked hard to minimise the effect this would have across all our activities.

SSJBC ended the year with 18 Covenant Members and 7 Trustees. Up until October there were 9 Trustees, which included our Pastor and her husband.

Our daily Renew SSJ outreach is part of the National Network of Renew Wellbeing centres which is billed as a “quiet shared space where it is ok not to be ok.” The Outreach activities run by SSJBC continue to be popular and are going from strength to strength. These activities are reliant on our team of volunteers led by our Renew Lead Person. We have witnessed many friendships form and blossom. This common theme of reducing social isolation with the community has proved itself within our four walls.

As well as our Sunday Church Family, our wider family are regularly engaging with our various outreach events as listed below:

- **Daily**
 - Renew SSJ every weekday 10am – 12 noon. The following optional activities are also available each weekday.
 - Monday – Chair Exercise Group with Jake
 - Tuesday – French conversation group
 - Wednesday – Craft group
 - Thursday – Book club
 - Friday – Knitting and crochet group.
- **Weekly**
 - Sunday Worship
 - SSJ Village Choir – weekly on Thursday evenings
- **Monthly**
 - Men’s Breakfast for fellas of any age
 - Community Lunch
- **Special Events**
 - Pancake Day Drop-in
 - Flower Festival

- Pre-Christmas singalong

The feedback that we received from our auditor for the end of 2024 was that, in his opinion, we kept things steady during 2024, we had a financial plan set down by the previous Pastor which has led us into 2025 with the strengths which have been built up since Covid.

We are in the process of attempting to recruit a minister as we were unable to recruit a fully ordained minister during 2024.

Nigel Beverley-Stone
Chair of Trustees
Sutton St James Baptist Church

SUTTON ST JAMES BAPTIST CHURCH

Statement of Financial Activities: Year ended 31 December 2024

| Incoming Resources | General | Restricted | Designated | Total | 2023 |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | Purposes | | | | |
| Gift Aid | 5,355 | | | 5,355 | 5,464 |
| Planned Giving (uncovenanted) | 12,768 | | | 12,768 | 13,804 |
| Church Functions | 2786 | | | 2,786 | 2,398 |
| Fund Raising and Appeals (Note 2) | 14,534 | | | 14,534 | 13,775 |
| Investment Income (Note 3) | 0 | | 2,892 | 2,892 | 9,492 |
| Charitable and Ancillary Trading | 0 | | | 0 | 0 |
| Donations and Grants | 0 | 30,667 | 250 | 30,917 | 51,065 |
| Other Income | 1,857 | | | 1,857 | 35 |
| Building Restoration Grants | 0 | | | 0 | 0 |
| Total Incoming Resources | £37,300 | £30,667 | £3,142 | £71,109 | £96,033 |
| Resources Expended | | | | | |
| Relating to Church Activities | | | | | |
| Ministers Stipend | 0 | 11,917 | | 11,917 | 13,250 |
| Other employment | 11,646 | | | 11,646 | 8,490 |
| Church Running Expenses | 10,609 | | | 10,609 | 14,504 |
| Cost of Services | 1,777 | | | 1,777 | 973 |
| Outreach Costs and Renew SSJ | 0 | 8,912 | | 8,912 | 6,116 |
| Charity Donations | 0 | | | 0 | 1,173 |
| Building Restoration | 981 | | | 981 | 11,409 |
| | £25,012 | £20,829 | £0 | £45,841 | £55,915 |
| Fundraising Costs : | | | | | |
| Events and Appeals (note 4) | 0 | | | 0 | 299 |
| Governance Costs | | | | | |
| Accountancy | 475 | | | 475 | 415 |
| Total Resources Expended | £25,487 | £20,829 | £0 | £46,316 | £56,629 |
| Net movement in funds | 11,813 | 9,838 | 3,142 | 24,793 | 39,404 |
| Transfers | -267 | 5,832 | -5,565 | 0 | 0 |
| Fund balances introduced / bfwd | 11,525 | -1,637 | 56,602 | 66,490 | 27,086 |
| Fund balances carried forward | £23,071 | £14,033 | £54,179 | £91,283 | £66,490 |

Statement of Net Income

Gross Income As Above

| | | |
|----------------------|---------------|--------|
| General Purpose Fund | 37,300 | |
| Designated Fund | 3,142 | |
| Restricted Funds | <u>30,667</u> | 71,109 |

Total Expenditure As Above

| | | |
|----------------------|---------------|--------|
| General Purpose Fund | 25,487 | |
| Designated Fund | 0 | |
| Restricted Funds | <u>20,829</u> | 46,316 |

Net Income (Expenditure) For the Year £24,793

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Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024

| | 2024 | | 2023 | |
|---|--------|----------------------|--------|--------------------|
| Current Assets | | | | |
| Stock | 0 | | 0 | |
| Prepayments | 0 | | 0 | |
| Bank Current Account- Community Account | 10,245 | | 18,270 | |
| East Midlands Baptist Trust Account 1 | 30,760 | | 0 | |
| East Midlands Baptist Trust Account 2 | 52,169 | | 50,037 | |
| Cash in Hand | 47 | | 62 | |
| Debtors | 0 | 93,222 | 0 | 68,369 |
| | | | | |
| Current Liabilities | | | | |
| Creditors | | 1,939 | | 1,879 |
| Net Assets | | <u>£91,283</u> | | <u>£66,490</u> |
| FUNDS | | | | |
| Unrestricted Funds | | | | |
| General Purpose Funds | | 23,071 | | 11,258 |
| Designated Funds | | | | |
| Designated Funds | | 54,179 | | 51,037 |
| Restricted Funds | | | | |
| Mental Health and Wellbeing | | <u>14,033</u> 14,033 | | <u>4,195</u> 4,195 |
| | | <u>£91,283</u> | | <u>£66,490</u> |

We approve the accounts set out on pages 1 to 5 and confirm that we have made available all information and records for their preparation.

Signed on behalf of the Committee on

Trustee

J Clark

Dated

27.04.25

Trustee

Nigel Bennett

Dated

27.04.25

SUTTON ST JAMES BAPTIST CHURCH

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024

1 Accounting Policies

General

These accounts have been prepared under the Historical Cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP.

a Restricted Funds

Restricted funds represent monies earmarked by Grants/Donations for specific projects.

b Designated Funds

Designated funds are funds specifically allocated by the Trustees as being earmarked for specific projects

c Unrestricted Funds

Unrestricted funds are donations and other income received or generated for the objects of the church without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

2 Fund Raising and Appeals

| | General | Restricted |
|------------------|---------|------------|
| Church Functions | 0 | 0 |
| Outreach | 13,259 | 0 |
| Lunches | 0 | 0 |
| Renew | 0 | 0 |
| Mens Breakfast | 1,241 | 0 |
| Youth Activities | 34 | 0 |
| Events | | |
| | £14,534 | £0 |

3 Investment Income

| | General | Restricted |
|-------------------|---------|------------|
| Barclays Bank | 0 | 0 |
| Baptists Together | 0 | 2132 |
| Baptists Together | 0 | 760 |
| | £0 | £2,892 |

4 Fund Raising Costs

| | General | Restricted |
|-------------------------|---------|------------|
| Lunches | 0 | 0 |
| Coffee Mornings/Drop In | 0 | 0 |
| Mens Breakfasts | 0 | 0 |
| Event Costs | 0 | 0 |
| Miscellaneous Costs | 0 | 0 |
| | 0 | £0 |

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024

5 Analysis of Net Assets by Fund

| | General | Restricted Wave 12 | Mental Health Wellbeing | Designated Designated Funds | Total |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| Current Assets | 23,071 | 0 | 14,033 | 54,179 | 91,283 |
| Current Liabilities | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Fund Balances at 31 December 2024 | <u>£23,071</u> | <u>£0</u> | <u>£14,033</u> | <u>£54,179</u> | <u>£91,283</u> |

SUTTON ST JAMES BAPTIST CHURCH

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6 Funds

Restricted Funds

Grants and Donations are sought where available.

Pioneer Grant

A grant is applied for to enable the Church to pay a Stipend to the Pastor.

Project Refresh

This fund is set up for building and other projects to maintain or improve the Church property.

Wave 12

Funds received for specific items which are restricted

7 Remuneration and Expenses

No remuneration was paid either directly or indirectly out of the funds of the Church for the year to any Trustee or to any other person or persons known to be connected with any of them, other than the Pastor's Stipend if a grant can be secured to cover this.

No reimbursement of expenses has been made to any of the members in respect of the year, save for re-imbursing out of pocket expenses with receipts.

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Report and Accounts

For the year ended 31 December 2023



Mark Rose Accountancy

Annual Report for Sutton St James Baptist Church For the period 1st January 2023 – 31st December 2023

2023 has been a good year for Sutton St James Baptist Church where we have seen both consolidation and growth across all our activities. This has been especially encouraging with regard to Sunday gatherings where we have seen an increase both in people and in their willingness to serve our community through the various outreach activities that SSJBC offers.

SSJBC ended the year with 17 Covenant Members and 8 people exploring membership with a view to becoming Covenant Members early in 2024. We have been blessed with a number of new people becoming a regular part of our Sunday Church family which is giving us an average Sunday attendance of approx. 30 people.

The Outreach activities run by SSJBC continue to be popular and attendance has grown significantly, especially with our daily Renew SSJ outreach which is part of the National network of Renew Wellbeing centres. These activities are reliant on our wonderful team of volunteers led by our Renew Lead Person. During 2023 we had 3721 visits to Renew SSJ which is billed as a "quiet shared space where it is ok not to be ok" built around a daily short optional period of guided prayer offered at 11.30am.

As well as our Sunday Church Family of approx. 30 people, our wider Church family now numbers in excess of 250 people who are regularly engaging with our various outreach events as listed below:

- **Daily:**
 - Renew SSJ every weekday 10am – 12 noon and most weeks the following optional activities are also available:
 - Mondays: Chair Exercise Group with Jake.
 - Tuesdays: French Conversation Group & Chess Group
 - Wednesdays: Crafting with Claire
 - Long COVID Peer Support Group
 - Fridays: A knitting and crochet group
- **Weekly:**
 - Sunday Worship which would include something for the children.
 - SSJ Village Choir – weekly on Thursday evenings
- **Fortnightly:**
 - Assemblies at SSJ Community School
 - Half Termly assemblies at Tydd St Mary CofE School
 - New Horizons Youth Group Fortnightly in Term time for School Year 6 upwards.
 - Souper Thursdays Bible Study discussion group with a soup lunch
- **Monthly:**
 - Men's Breakfast for fellas of any age
 - Community Lunch
 - Film Nights
- **Special Events:**
 - Pancake Day Drop-in
 - 3 Day Flower Festival
 - 3 Day performance of a live play & cream tea

- Pre-Christmas singalong & cream tea.

2023 also saw the start of the upgrade to the Sound & Vision System including the installation of a hearing loop so that it can meet the current and future needs of the Church. This was made possible through grant funding secured through Crowd Funding, Bishop of Lincoln Social Justice Fund & the Grange Wind Farm Trust.

SSJBC remains acutely aware of the need to become financially sustainable and the need to reduce our reliance on grant funding especially for the core roles which underpin the work of SSJBC - however this is a big challenge for a small rural church.

In January 2022 the Covenant Members agreed to set aside £500 per month towards futureproofing roles currently funded by grants and this was continued into 2023. In March 2023, SSJBC received an unexpected sum of £9,307 and were also successful in a Grant Application from the Mental Health & Wellbeing Community Fund that would provide funding for 3-years towards the costs of running Renew SSJ, Community Lunch & Men's Breakfast - the first years grant of £25,000 was received in April.

In May 2023 the Covenant Members agreed to invest £50,000 in a 1-Year Fixed Rate interest account towards futureproofing those roles that are currently grant funded. These roles include:

- Pastor (works full time but currently paid a half stipend funded by a Pioneer Grant from the EMBA - this grant is in place until December 2023.)
- Renew Lead Person (works 16 hours per week and paid the National Living Wage.)

In April 2023, the Pastor and her husband announced that they would be stepping down from leadership at an agreed point after Easter 2024 and as such the Church should convene a team to begin drafting a Profile that would enable the role of Pastor to be advertised. Work on this commenced in July and as 2023 ends, is still in progress with the first draft planned to be shared with the Covenant Members at the Church Meeting in January 2024.

As we finish 2023, we remain encouraged by all that is happening at SSJBC and the consolidation that has been able to take place.

God has been a faithful provider of both finances and volunteers, and we trust that if we stay true to His call to "open the doors and love people" that our efforts on all fronts will continue bear fruit and that SSJBC will be here to serve our community for many years to come.

Sutton St James Baptist Church

Independent Examiner's Report

for the year ended 31st December 2023

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Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiners

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Mark Rose
FFA.



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Date: 28th April 2024

SUTTON ST JAMES BAPTIST CHURCH

Statement of Financial Activities: Year ended 31 December 2023

| Incoming Resources | General Purposes | Restricted | Designated | Total Funds | 2022 |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Gift Aid | 5,464 | 0 | 0 | 5,464 | 5,175 |
| Planned Giving (uncovenanted) | 13,804 | 0 | 0 | 13,804 | 18,664 |
| Church Functions | 2,398 | 0 | 0 | 2,398 | 0 |
| Fund Raising and Appeals (Note 2) | 13,775 | 0 | 0 | 13,775 | 12,311 |
| Investment Income (Note 3) | 9,455 | 0 | 37 | 9,492 | 0 |
| Charitable and Ancillary Trading | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Donations and Grants | 0 | 45,500 | 5,565 | 51,065 | 22,000 |
| Other Income | 35 | 0 | 0 | 35 | 170 |
| Building Restoration Grants | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Incoming Resources | £44,931 | £45,500 | £5,602 | £96,033 | £58,320 |
| Resources Expended | | | | | |
| Relating to Church Activities | | | | | |
| Ministers Stipend | 0 | 13,250 | 0 | 13,250 | 12,375 |
| Other employment | 8,490 | | 0 | 8,490 | 16,538 |
| Church Running Expenses | 14,504 | | 0 | 14,504 | 6,598 |
| Cost of Services | 973 | | 0 | 973 | 834 |
| Outreach Costs and Renew SSJ | 6,116 | | 0 | 6,116 | 3,683 |
| Charity Donations | 1,173 | | 0 | 1,173 | 1,076 |
| Building Restoration | 5,241 | 6,168 | 0 | 11,409 | 31,612 |
| | £36,497 | £19,418 | £0 | £55,915 | £72,716 |
| Fundraising Costs : | | | | | |
| Events and Appeals (note 4) | 299 | | 0 | 299 | 2,234 |
| Governance Costs | | | | | |
| Accountancy | 415 | 0 | 0 | 415 | 434 |
| Total Resources Expended | £37,211 | £19,418 | £0 | £56,629 | £75,384 |
| Net movement in funds | 7,720 | 26,082 | 5,602 | 39,404 | -17,064 |
| Transfers | -51,000 | 0 | 51,000 | 0 | 0 |
| Fund balances introduced / bfwd | 54,805 | -27,719 | 0 | 27,086 | 44,150 |
| Fund balances carried forward | £11,525 | -£1,637 | £56,602 | £66,490 | £27,086 |

Statement of Net Income

Gross Income As Above

| | | |
|----------------------|--------|--------|
| General Purpose Fund | 44,931 | |
| Designated Fund | 5,602 | |
| Restricted Funds | 45,500 | 96,033 |

Total Expenditure As Above

| | | |
|----------------------|--------|--------|
| General Purpose Fund | 37,211 | |
| Designated Fund | 0 | |
| Restricted Funds | 19,418 | 56,629 |

Net Income (Expenditure) For the Year £39,404

SUTTON ST JAMES BAPTIST CHURCH

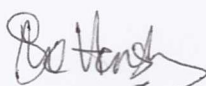
Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2023

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Current Assets | | |
| Stock | 0 | 0 |
| Prepayments | 0 | 0 |
| Bank Current Account- Community Account | 18,270 | 28,603 |
| Bank Savings Account | 0 | 0 |
| East Midlands Baptist Trust Account | 50,037 | 0 |
| Cash in Hand | 62 | 62 |
| Debtors | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> |
| | 68,369 | 28,665 |
| Current Liabilities | | |
| Creditors | 1,879 | 1,579 |
| Net Assets | <u><u>£66,490</u></u> | <u><u>£27,086</u></u> |
| FUNDS | | |
| Unrestricted Funds | | |
| General Purpose Funds | 11,258 | 16,586 |
| Designated Funds | | |
| Designated Funds | 51,037 | 7,500 |
| Restricted Funds | | |
| Baptist Insurance Grant | 0 | 0 |
| Outreach and Renew SSJ | 0 | 0 |
| WAVE 12 Funding | 0 | 3,000 |
| Mental Health and Wellbeing | <u>4,195</u> | <u>0</u> |
| | 4,195 | 3,000 |
| | <u><u>£66,490</u></u> | <u><u>£27,086</u></u> |

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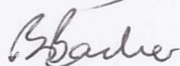
Pastor Susan Hensby - Trustee



Dated 26.04.24

Barbara Barker - Trustee

Barbara Barker



Dated 26.04.24

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2 Fund Raising and Appeals

| | General | Restricted |
|------------------|---------|------------|
| Church Functions | 0 | |
| Outreach | 10,660 | |
| Lunches | 0 | |
| Renew | 0 | |
| Mens Breakfast | 0 | |
| Youth Activities | 92 | |
| Events | 3,023 | |
| | £13,775 | £0 |

3 Investment Income

| | General | Restricted |
|------------------------------------|---------|------------|
| East Midlands Baptist Trust Co Ltd | 9382 | 0 |
| Baptists Together | 37 | |
| Barclays Business Savings Account | 36 | 0 |
| | £9,455 | £0 |

4 Fund Raising Costs

| | General | Restricted |
|-------------------------|---------|------------|
| Lunches | 0 | |
| Coffee Mornings/Drop In | 0 | |
| Mens Breakfasts | 0 | |
| Event Costs | 299 | |
| Miscellaneous Costs | 0 | |
| | 299 | £0 |

Sutton St James Baptist Church

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023

5 Analysis of Net Assets by Fund

| | General | Restricted | Mental Health Wellbeing | Designated Funds | Total |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|------------|----------------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| | | Wave 12 | | | |
| Current Assets | 11,258 | 0 | 4,195 | 51,037 | 66,490 |
| Current Liabilities | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Fund Balances at 31 December 2023 | <u>£11,258</u> | <u>£0</u> | <u>£4,195</u> | <u>£51,037</u> | <u>£66,490</u> |

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Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiners

As the charity's trustees (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act'); you consider that the audit requirement of Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts (under Section 145 of the 2011 Act) and to state on the basis of the Act, as amended, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiners' statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiners' statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
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 - (b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act and section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
 - (c) to prepare the accounts in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charitieshave not been met; or
- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Date: 12th April 2023

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Annual Report for Sutton St James Baptist Church For the period 1st January 2022 – 31st December 2022

2022 began in a positive way with two Baptisms taking place in January – the first at SSJBC for over 10 years. It was a wonderfully joyous occasion and a real encouragement to our Church family after the two previous years which had been so badly affected by the impact of COVID-19.

Formal Church Membership has continued to fluctuate and whilst we rejoice at welcoming four people into Formal Church Membership, we also had two Members resign for various reasons and another six members who are not actively engaging in the prayer and worship life of the Church.

The Annual Review of our “Lapsed Members” which usually takes place in April was postponed in 2022 because of the impact of COVID during the previous year. As such it was decided not to remove them from the Formal Members list during 2022, rather we have continued inviting them to all activities and asking that they recommit to the prayer and worship life of the church. The position will be reviewed at the AGM in April 2023.

Whilst numbers at our main Sunday gatherings may have fluctuated, we have seen a steady growth in the number of people attending the many Outreach activities that SSJBC runs, especially with our daily Renew SSJ outreach which is part of the National network of Renew Wellbeing centres. During 2022 we had 2342 visits to Renew SSJ which is billed as a “quiet shared space where it is ok not to be ok” built around a daily short optional period of guided prayer offered at 11.30am.

The following worship and outreach activities took place during 2022:

- **Daily:**
 - Renew SSJ every weekday 10am – 12 noon and most weeks the following optional activities are also available:
 - Mondays: Chair Exercise Group with Jake.
 - Wednesdays: Crafting with Claire
 - Fridays: A knitting and crochet group
- **Weekly:**
 - Sunday Worship which would include something for the children.
 - SSJ Village Choir – weekly on Thursday evenings
 - Youth Café – weekly in Term Time on Friday Evenings
- **Fortnightly:**
 - Assemblies at SSJ Community School
 - Half Termly assemblies at Tydd St Mary CofE School
- **Monthly:**
 - Men’s Breakfast for fellas of any age
 - Community Lunch
- **Special Events:**
 - 3 Day Flower Festival
 - Crazy Science Party for Children (instead of Halloween)
 - Summer Church Club (6 mornings in the school holidays)
 - Matinee performance of a live play & Cream Tea
 - Pre-Christmas singalong & cream tea.

2022 also saw the completion of Project Refresh – the refurbishment project which had been taking place over the last 4 years. The final works included the resurfacing of the carpark and pathway to the graveyard, the creation of a more usable outside space, repainting the outside of the building and erecting new signage. This work had been made possible thanks to a grant received from Baptist Building CIO in October 2021.

SSJBC are acutely aware of the need to become financially sustainable and the need to reduce our reliance on grant funding especially for the core roles which underpin the work of SSJBC - however this is a big challenge for a small rural church.

SSJBC has been particularly blessed during 2022 with some of our members tithing from additional income that they had benefitted from during the year, however this level of giving is not something that will continue in 2023.

In January 2022 our Members took the first steps by agreeing to set aside £500 per month towards “future proofing” roles which are currently funded by grants. These roles include:

- Pastor (works full time but currently paid a half stipend funded by a Pioneer Grant from the EMBA – this grant is in place until December 2023.)
- Renew Lead Person (works 16 hours per week and paid the National Living Wage. Role has been funded by Wave 11 & Wave 12 funding from the Lincolnshire Managed Care Network – this funding ends in March 2023 but a further grant has been secured which will provide a level of funding until 2026 dependent on accurate data collection and regular reporting.

As we finish 2022, we remain encouraged by all that is happening at SSJBC and how so much of what has been achieved did not seem possible at the start – especially the refurbishment program! God has been a faithful provider of both finances and volunteers, and we trust that if we stay true to His call to “open the doors and love people” that our efforts on all fronts will bear fruit and that SSJBC will be here to serve our community for many years to come.

SUTTON ST JAMES BAPTIST CHURCH

Statement of Financial Activities: Year ended 31 December 2022

| Incoming Resources | General Purposes | Restricted | Designated | Total Funds | 2021 |
|--|------------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Gift Aid | 5,175 | 0 | 0 | 5,175 | 1,921 |
| Planned Giving (uncovenanted) | 18,664 | 0 | 0 | 18,664 | 6,692 |
| Services Collections | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Fund Raising and Appeals (Note 2) | 12,311 | 0 | 0 | 12,311 | 5,634 |
| Investment Income (Note 3) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 58 |
| Charitable and Ancillary Trading | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Donations and Grants | 0 | 20,000 | 2,000 | 22,000 | 43,316 |
| Other Income | 170 | 0 | 0 | 170 | 0 |
| Building Restoration Grants | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 40,000 |
| Total Incoming Resources | £36,320 | £20,000 | £2,000 | £58,320 | £97,621 |
| Resources Expended | | | | | |
| Relating to Church Activities | | | | | |
| Ministers Stipend | 0 | 12,375 | 0 | 12,375 | 12,250 |
| Other employment | 0 | 16,538 | 0 | 16,538 | 0 |
| Church Running Expenses | 6,598 | 0 | 0 | 6,598 | 3,024 |
| Cost of Services | 834 | 0 | 0 | 834 | 559 |
| Outreach Costs and Renew SSJ (note 4) | 3,683 | 0 | 0 | 3,683 | 7,462 |
| Charity Donations | 1,076 | 0 | 0 | 1,076 | 1,304 |
| Building Restoration | 0 | 29,612 | 2,000 | 31,612 | 50,988 |
| | £12,191 | £58,525 | £2,000 | £72,716 | £75,587 |
| Fundraising Costs : | | | | | |
| Events and Appeals (note 4) | 1,296 | 938 | 0 | 2,234 | 2,529 |
| Governance Costs | | | | | |
| Accountancy | 434 | 0 | 0 | 434 | 300 |
| Total Resources Expended | £13,921 | £59,463 | £2,000 | £75,384 | £78,416 |
| Net movement in funds | 22,399 | -39,463 | 0 | -17,064 | 19,205 |
| Transfers | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Fund balances introduced / bfwd | 32,406 | 11,744 | 0 | 44,150 | 24,945 |
| Fund balances carried forward | £54,805 | -£27,719 | £0 | £27,086 | £44,150 |
| Statement of Net Income | | | | | |
| Gross Income As Above | | | | | |
| General Purpose Fund | 36,320 | | | | |
| Designated Fund | 2,000 | | | | |
| Restricted Funds | 20,000 | 58,320 | | | |
| Total Expenditure As Above | | | | | |
| General Purpose Fund | 13,921 | | | | |
| Designated Fund | 2,000 | | | | |
| Restricted Funds | 59,463 | 75,384 | | | |
| Net Income (Expenditure) For the Year | | | | | -£17,064 |

SUTTON ST JAMES BAPTIST CHURCH

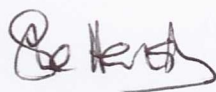
Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2022

| | 2022 | 2021 | |
|---|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Current Assets | | | |
| Stock | 0 | 0 | |
| Prepayments | 0 | 0 | |
| Bank Current Account- Community Account | 28,603 | 32,767 | |
| Bank Savings Account | 0 | 0 | |
| East Midlands Baptist Trust Account | 0 | 0 | |
| Cash in Hand | 62 | 62 | |
| Debtors | <u>0</u> | <u>11,791</u> | 44,620 |
| | 28,665 | | |
| Current Liabilities | | | |
| Creditors | 1,579 | | 470 |
| Net Assets | <u>£27,086</u> | | <u>£44,150</u> |
| FUNDS | | | |
| Unrestricted Funds | | | |
| General Purpose Funds | 16,586 | | 32,406 |
| Designated Funds | | | |
| Designated Funds | 7,500 | | 0 |
| Restricted Funds | | | |
| Baptist Insurance Grant | 0 | 11,744 | |
| Outreach and Renew SSJ | 0 | 0 | |
| WAVE 12 Funding | 3,000 | 0 | |
| Project Refresh | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | 11,744 |
| | 3,000 | | |
| | <u>£27,086</u> | | <u>£44,150</u> |

We approve the accounts set out on pages 1 to 5 and confirm that we have made available all information and records for their preparation.

Signed on behalf of the Committee on

Pastor Susan Hensby - Trustee



Dated 16/3/22

Alastair Chambers - Trustee



Dated

16/3/22

SUTTON ST JAMES BAPTIST CHURCH

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022

1 Accounting Policies

General

These accounts have been prepared under the Historical Cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP.

a Restricted Funds

Restricted funds represent monies earmarked by Grants/Donations for specific projects.

b Designated Funds

Designated funds are funds specifically allocated by the Trustees as being earmarked for specific projects

c Unrestricted Funds

Unrestricted funds are donations and other income received or generated for the objects of the church without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

2 Fund Raising and Appeals

| | General | Restricted |
|------------------|---------|------------|
| Church Functions | 1,112 | 0 |
| Amazon Smile | 120 | 0 |
| Lunches | 2,378 | 0 |
| Renew | 3,010 | 0 |
| Mens Breakfast's | 1,396 | 0 |
| Youth Activities | 1,105 | 0 |
| Events | 3,190 | 0 |
| | £12,311 | £0 |

3 Investment Income

| | General | Restricted |
|------------------------------------|---------|------------|
| East Midlands Baptist Trust Co Ltd | 0 | 0 |
| Barclays Business Savings Account | 0 | 0 |
| | £0 | £0 |

4 Fund Raising Costs

| | General | Restricted |
|------------------|---------|------------|
| Lunches | 1,132 | 0 |
| Renew | 1,644 | 0 |
| Mens Breakfast's | 340 | 0 |
| Youth Activities | 567 | 0 |
| One Off Events | 1,296 | 938 |
| | 4,979 | £938 |

Sutton St James Baptist Church

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022

5 Analysis of Net Assets by Fund

| | General | Restricted Wave 12 | Project Refresh | Designated Designated Funds | Total |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| Current Assets | 16,586 | 3,000 | 0 | 7,500 | 27,086 |
| Current Liabilities | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Fund Balances at 31 December 2021 | <u>£16,586</u> | <u>£3,000</u> | <u>£0</u> | <u>£7,500</u> | <u>£27,086</u> |

SUTTON ST JAMES BAPTIST CHURCH

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022

6 Funds

Restricted Funds

Grants and Donations are sought where available.

Pioneer Grant

A grant is applied for to enable the Church to pay a Stipend to the Pastor.

Project Refresh

This fund is set up for building and other projects to maintain or improve the Church property.

Wave 12

Funds received for specific items which are restricted

7 Remuneration and Expenses

No remuneration was paid either directly or indirectly out of the funds of the Church for the year to any Trustee or to any other person or persons known to be connected with any of them, other than the Pastor's Stipend if a grant can be secured to cover this.

No reimbursement of expenses has been made to any of the members in respect of the year, save for re-imbursing out of pocket expenses with receipts.

SUTTON ST JAMES BAPTIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1184783

Accounts

Charity Number 1184783

Sutton St James Baptist Church

Report and Accounts

For the year ended 31 December 2021

Sutton St James Baptist Church

Independent Examiner's Report

for the year ended 31st December 2021

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021 set out in the attached Accounts.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiners

As the charity's trustees (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act'); you consider that the audit requirement of Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts (under Section 145 of the 2011 Act) and to state on the basis of the Act, as amended, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiners' statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiners' statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - (a) to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act and section 386 of the 2006 Act; and
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- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date: 22nd April 2022

Annual Report for Sutton St James Baptist Church For the period 1st January 2021 – 31st December 2021

2021 was a challenging year for Sutton St James Baptist Church (SSJBC) due to the continued impact of COVID-19.

Whilst SSJBC had managed to maintain a presence in the community throughout the previous year through online provision and opening when we restrictions allowed, none of us anticipated having to start 2021 in the same manner and this was a great disappointment.

The financial impact of being unable to meet together for worship and other social activities cannot be underestimated as our income has historically been generated from those attending in person rather than by any regular giving by standing order – something that we hope to address. Grant funding has played a massive part in enabling us to virtually finish refurbishing the church building and helping us to reopen our doors again, but we are acutely aware that we need to work towards our own sustainability.

However, from April 2021 SSJBC did reopen the doors, not just for a time of gathered worship on a Sunday, but also for 2 hours every weekday for Renew SSJ, part of the national Renew Wellbeing network of quiet shared space where it is ok not to be ok all built around a rhythm of prayer.

The impact of COVID-19 on people's mental health became a hot topic within the UK and a high priority for the Lincolnshire Managed Care Network who were keen to help support our Renew SSJ initiative. It was through successful grant applications for the Wave 10 & Wave 11 Lincolnshire Managed Care Network Mental Health Fund that has primarily enabled SSJBC to survive and to begin once again to grow.

During 2021 the following outreach activities took place:

- Weekly Sunday Worship and Godly Play either online or in person
- From April 2021 Renew SSJ 10am – 12 noon every weekday
- From September 2021
 - fortnightly assemblies at SSJ Community School
 - half termly assemblies at Tydd St Mary CofE School
 - Weekly Youth Café in term time
- Special Events including
 - 3 day Flower Festival
 - Light Party (instead of Halloween)
 - Christmas Community Lunch
 - December Men's breakfast
 - Pre-Christmas singalong and cream tea.

The demographic of our church family has changed during 2021 with Renew SSJ bringing many new people through our doors who come and enjoy a coffee and a chat, some coming two or three times a week creating the wonderful opportunity to build relationships with our local community and also providing the chance for us to share our faith in a natural and loving way.

However, in contrast, the many previously unchurched families with children who used to join us for Sunday Worship and Godly Play, sadly have not remained as involved although they do continue to link into various events and many of the young people now attend the SSJBC's regular Youth Café which takes place in term time and are inviting their friends.

Whilst our main Sunday gatherings may not be as well attended as we would like, we trust that in God's good timing He will touch the hearts of those we are journeying with and that they will experience His love and want to know more.

The refurbishment of the building (Project Refresh) that has been taking place over the last 3 years is now coming to completion with grants secured that will enable the final outside works to be completed in 2022. During 2021 grant funding enabled the old school room area to be completed, the main church area to be drylined, insulated and decorated to match the old school room and new flooring to be laid in the toilet area.

As we finish 2021 we are encouraged that we have two baptisms to look forward to in January 2022 and that grant funding is in place to enable Renew SSJ to continue every week day until at least the end of October 2022. We trust that if we continue to follow God's call to "open the doors and love people" that our efforts will bear fruit and that those who are journeying on the edges will be drawn in and come to know the joy of their own personal relationship with our Lord.

SUTTON ST JAMES BAPTIST CHURCH

Statement of Financial Activities: Year ended 31 December 2021

| Incoming Resources | General Purposes | Restricted | Designated | Total Funds |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| Gift Aid | 1,921 | 0 | 0 | 1,921 |
| Planned Giving (unconvenanted) | 6,692 | 0 | 0 | 6,692 |
| Services Collections | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Fund Raising and Appeals (Note 2) | 5,634 | 0 | 0 | 5,634 |
| Investment Income (Note 3) | 58 | 0 | 0 | 58 |
| Charitable and Ancillary Trading | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Donations and Grants | 623 | 40,042 | 2,652 | 43,317 |
| Other Income | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Building Restoration Grants | 0 | 40,000 | 0 | 40,000 |
| Total Incoming Resources | £14,927 | £80,042 | £2,652 | £97,621 |

Resources Expended

Relating to Church Activities

| | | | | |
|------------------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Pastors Fees and Expenses | 0 | 12,250 | 0 | 12,250 |
| Church Running Expenses | 2,774 | 250 | 0 | 3,024 |
| Cost of Services | 559 | 0 | 0 | 559 |
| Outreach Costs and Renew SSJ | 0 | 4,810 | 2,652 | 7,462 |
| Charity Donations | 1,304 | 0 | 0 | 1,304 |
| Building Restoration | 0 | 50,988 | 0 | 50,988 |
| | £4,637 | £68,298 | £2,652 | £75,587 |

Fundraising Costs :

| | | | | |
|-----------------------------|-------|---|---|-------|
| Events and Appeals (note 4) | 2,529 | 0 | 0 | 2,529 |
|-----------------------------|-------|---|---|-------|

Governance Costs

| | | | | |
|-------------|-----|---|---|-----|
| Accountancy | 300 | 0 | 0 | 300 |
|-------------|-----|---|---|-----|

Total Resources Expended

| | | | | |
|--|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| | £7,466 | £68,298 | £2,652 | £78,416 |
|--|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|

| | | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------|--------|---|--------|
| Net movement in funds | 7,461 | 11,744 | 0 | 19,205 |
| Transfers | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Fund balances introduced / bfwd | 24,945 | 0 | 0 | 24,945 |

Fund balances carried forward

| | | | | |
|--|----------------|----------------|-----------|----------------|
| | £32,406 | £11,744 | £0 | £44,150 |
|--|----------------|----------------|-----------|----------------|

Statement of Net Income

Gross Income As Above

| | | | |
|----------------------|--------|--------|--|
| General Purpose Fund | 14,927 | | |
| Designated Fund | 2,652 | | |
| Restricted Funds | 80,042 | 97,621 | |

Total Expenditure As Above

| | | | |
|----------------------|--------|--------|--|
| General Purpose Fund | 7,466 | | |
| Designated Fund | 2,652 | | |
| Restricted Funds | 68,298 | 78,416 | |

Net Income (Expenditure) For the Year

£19,205

SUTTON ST JAMES BAPTIST CHURCH

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2021

Current Assets

| | | |
|---|---------------|--------|
| Stock | 0 | |
| Prepayments | 0 | |
| Bank Current Account- Community Account | 32,767 | |
| Bank Savings Account | 0 | |
| East Midlands Baptist Trust Account | 0 | |
| Cash in Hand | 62 | |
| Debtors | <u>11,792</u> | 44,620 |

Current Liabilities

| | | |
|-----------|--|-----|
| Creditors | | 470 |
|-----------|--|-----|

| | | |
|-------------------|--|----------------|
| Net Assets | | <u>£44,150</u> |
|-------------------|--|----------------|

FUNDS

Unrestricted Funds

| | | |
|-----------------------|--|--------|
| General Purpose Funds | | 32,406 |
|-----------------------|--|--------|

Designated Funds

| | | |
|------------------|--|---|
| Designated Funds | | 0 |
|------------------|--|---|

Restricted Funds

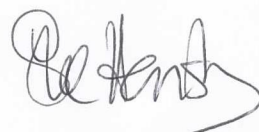
| | | |
|-------------------------|----------|--------|
| Baptist Insurance Grant | 11,744 | |
| Outreach and Renew SSJ | 0 | |
| Project Pioneer | 0 | |
| Project Refresh | <u>0</u> | 11,744 |

£44,150

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Signed on behalf of the Committee on

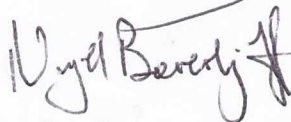
Pastor Susan Hensby - Trustee



Dated

4/5/22

Nigel Beverley-Stone - Trustee



Dated

4/5/2022

SUTTON ST JAMES BAPTIST CHURCH

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021

1 Accounting Policies

General

These accounts have been prepared under the Historical Cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP.

a Restricted Funds

Restricted funds represent monies earmarked by Grants/Donations for specific projects.

b Designated Funds

Designated funds are funds specifically allocated by the Trustees as being earmarked for specific projects

c Unrestricted Funds

Unrestricted funds are donations and other income received or generated for the objects of the church without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

2 Fund Raising and Appeals

| | General | Restricted |
|----------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Functions and Events | 2,570 | 0 |
| Amazon Smile | 757 | 0 |
| Hospitality | 2,307 | 0 |
| | <u>£5,634</u> | <u>£0</u> |

3 Investment Income

| | General | Restricted |
|------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| East Midlands Baptist Trust Co Ltd | 58 | 0 |
| Barclays Business Savings Account | 0 | 0 |
| | <u>£58</u> | <u>£0</u> |

4 Fund Raising Costs

| | General | Restricted |
|----------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Functions and Events | 1,051 | 0 |
| Hospitality | 1,478 | 0 |
| | <u>2,529</u> | <u>£0</u> |

Sutton St James Baptist Church

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021

5 **Analysis of Net Assets by Fund**

| | General | Restricted Baptist Insurance | Project Refresh | Designated Designated Funds | Total |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|---|----------------------------|--|----------------|
| Current Assets | 32,406 | 11,744 | 0 | 0 | 44,150 |
| Current Liabilities | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Fund Balances at 31 December 2021 | <u>£32,406</u> | <u>£11,744</u> | <u>£0</u> | <u>£0</u> | <u>£44,150</u> |

SUTTON ST JAMES BAPTIST CHURCH

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021

6 **Funds**

Restricted Funds

Grants and Donations are sought where available.

Pioneer Grant

A grant is applied for to enable the Church to pay a Stipend to the Pastor.

Project Refresh

This fund is set up for building and other projects to maintain or improve the Church property.

Wave 10 and Wave 11 and Covid 19 and Baptist Insurance

Funds received for specific items which are restricted

7 **Remuneration and Expenses**

No remuneration was paid either directly or indirectly out of the funds of the Church for the year to any Trustee or to any other person or persons known to be connected with any of them, other than the Pastor's Stipend if a grant can be secured to cover this.

No reimbursement of expenses has been made to any of the members in respect of the year, save for re-imbursing out of pocket expenses with receipts.

SUTTON ST JAMES BAPTIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1184783

Accounts

Charity Number 1184783

Sutton St James Baptist Church

Report and Accounts

**For the period from 6 August 2019
to 31 December 2020**

Sutton St James Baptist Church

Independent Examiner's Report

for the period ended 31st December 2020

I report on the accounts for the period 6 August 2019 to 31 December 2020 set out in the attached Accounts.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiners

As the charity's trustees (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act'); you consider that the audit requirement of Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts (under Section 145 of the 2011 Act) and to state on the basis of the Act, as amended, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

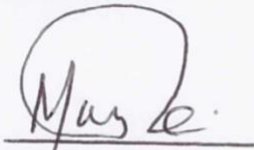
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Independent examiners' statement

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 - (a) to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act and section 386 of the 2006 Act; and
 - (b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act and section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
 - (c) to prepare the accounts in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charitieshave not been met; or
- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date: 28th April 2021

SUTTON ST JAMES BAPTIST CHURCH

Statement of Financial Activities: Period ended 31 December 2020

| Incoming Resources | General Purposes | Restricted | Designated | Total Funds |
|--|---------------------|-----------------------|------------|----------------|
| Gift Aid | 3,249 | 0 | 0 | 3,249 |
| Planned Giving (uncovenanted) | 4,216 | 0 | 0 | 4,216 |
| Services Collections | 7,030 | 0 | 0 | 7,030 |
| Fund Raising and Appeals (Note 2) | 5,448 | 0 | 0 | 5,448 |
| Investment Income (Note 3) | 939 | 0 | 0 | 939 |
| Charitable and Ancillary Trading | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Donations and Grants | 1,734 | 21,300 | 0 | 23,034 |
| Other Income | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Building Restoration Grants | 0 | 12,914 | 0 | 12,914 |
| Total Incoming Resources | £22,616 | £34,214 | £0 | £56,831 |
| | | | | |
| Resources Expended | | | | |
| Relating to Church Activities | | | | |
| Pastors Expenses | 476 | 7,500 | 0 | 7,976 |
| Church Running Expenses | 5,934 | 0 | 0 | 5,934 |
| Cost of Services | 1,231 | 0 | 0 | 1,231 |
| Cleaning | 905 | 0 | 0 | 905 |
| Charity Donations | 2,318 | 0 | 0 | 2,318 |
| Building Restoration | 10,759 | 26,714 | 0 | 37,473 |
| | £21,623 | £34,214 | £0 | £55,837 |
| | | | | |
| Fundraising Costs : | | | | |
| Events and Appeals (note 4) | 3,333 | 0 | 0 | 3,333 |
| | | | | |
| Governance Costs | | | | |
| Accountancy | 300 | 0 | 0 | 300 |
| Total Resources Expended | £25,256 | £34,214 | £0 | £59,470 |
| Net movement in funds | -2,639 | 0 | 0 | -2,639 |
| Transfers | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Fund balances introduced / bfwd | 27,584 | 0 | 0 | 27,584 |
| Fund balances carried forward | £24,945 | £0 | £0 | £24,945 |
| | | | | |
| Statement of Net Income | | | | |
| Gross Income As Above | | | | |
| General Purpose Fund | 22,616 | | | |
| Restricted Funds | <u>34,214</u> | 56,831 | | |
| | | | | |
| Total Expenditure As Above | | | | |
| General Purpose Fund | 25,256 | | | |
| Designated Fund | 0 | | | |
| Restricted Funds | <u>34,214</u> | 59,470 | | |
| | | | | |
| Net Income (Expenditure) For the Year | | <u>-£2,639</u> | | |

SUTTON ST JAMES BAPTIST CHURCH

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2020

Current Assets

| | | |
|---|----------|--------|
| Stock | 0 | |
| Prepayments | 0 | |
| Bank Current Account- Community Account | 1,648 | |
| Bank Savings Account | 943 | |
| East Midlands Baptist Trust Account | 22,762 | |
| Cash in Hand | 22 | |
| Debtors | <u>0</u> | 25,375 |

Current Liabilities

| | | |
|-----------|--|-----|
| Creditors | | 430 |
|-----------|--|-----|

| | | |
|-------------------|----------------|--|
| Net Assets | <u>£24,945</u> | |
|-------------------|----------------|--|

FUNDS

Unrestricted Funds

| | | |
|-----------------------|--------|--|
| General Purpose Funds | 24,945 | |
|-----------------------|--------|--|

Designated Funds

| | | |
|------------------|---|--|
| Designated Funds | 0 | |
|------------------|---|--|

Restricted Funds

| | | |
|-----------------|----------|---|
| Project Pioneer | 0 | |
| Project Refresh | <u>0</u> | 0 |

£24,945

We approve the accounts set out on pages 1 to 5 and confirm that we have made available all information and records for their preparation.

Signed on behalf of the Committee on

Pastor Susan Hensby - Trustee



Dated

28/4/21

Nigel Beverley-Stone - Trustee



Dated

6/5/2021

SUTTON ST JAMES BAPTIST CHURCH

Notes to the accounts for the period ended 31 December 2020

1 Accounting Policies

General

These accounts have been prepared under the Historical Cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP.

a Restricted Funds

Restricted funds represent monies earmarked by Grants/Donations for specific projects.

b Designated Funds

Designated funds are funds specifically allocated by the Trustees as being earmarked for specific projects

c Unrestricted Funds

Unrestricted funds are donations and other income received or generated for the objects of the church without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

2 Fund Raising and Appeals

| | General | Restricted |
|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Functions | 1,964 | 0 |
| Amazon Smile | 177 | 0 |
| Lunches | 376 | 0 |
| Coffee Mornings | 383 | 0 |
| Mums Drop In | 142 | 0 |
| Mens Breakfast | 385 | 0 |
| Renew | 156 | 0 |
| Lunches | 1,866 | 0 |
| | <u>£5,448</u> | <u>£0</u> |

3 Investment Income

| | General | Restricted |
|------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| East Midlands Baptist Trust Co Ltd | 931 | 0 |
| Barclays Business Savings Account | 8 | 0 |
| | <u>£939</u> | <u>£0</u> |

4 Fund Raising Costs

| | General | Restricted |
|-------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Lunches | 1,486 | 0 |
| Coffee Mornings/Drop In | 245 | 0 |
| Mens Breakfasts | 83 | 0 |
| Event Costs | 580 | 0 |
| Miscellaneous Costs | 940 | 0 |
| | <u>3,333</u> | <u>£0</u> |

Sutton St James Baptist Church

Notes to the accounts for the period ended 31 December 2020

5 **Analysis of Net Assets by Fund**

| | General | Restricted Project Pioneer | Project Refresh | Designated Designated Funds | Total |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|---|----------------------------|--|----------------|
| Current Assets | 24,945 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 24,945 |
| Current Liabilities | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Fund Balances at 31 December 2020 | <u>£24,945</u> | <u>£0</u> | <u>£0</u> | <u>£0</u> | <u>£24,945</u> |

SUTTON ST JAMES BAPTIST CHURCH

Notes to the accounts for the period ended 31 December 2020

6 **Funds**

Restricted Funds

Grants and Donations are sought where available.

Pioneer Grant

A grant is applied for to enable the Church to pay a Stipend to the Pastor.

Project Refresh

This fund is set up for building and other projects to maintain or improve the Church property.

7 **Remuneration and Expenses**

No remuneration was paid either directly or indirectly out of the funds of the Church for the year to any Trustee or to any other person or persons known to be connected with any of them, other than the Pastor's Stipend if a grant can be secured to cover this.

No reimbursement of expenses has been made to any of the members in respect of the year, save for re-imbursing out of pocket expenses with receipts.

Annual Report for Sutton St James Baptist Church
For the period from 6th August 2019 – 31st December 2020

Sutton St James Baptist Church (SSJBC) became a CIO on 6th August 2019 hence this reporting period is longer than usual.

2019 was a good year for SSJBC as our church family had continued to grow both with those attending on a Sunday for worship and with those attending one or more of the various outreach activities that take place on a regular basis. We had also had our first wedding at the church for over 15 years.

Regular outreach activities for 2019 were as follows:

- Weekly Sunday Worship and Godly Play for the children
- Weekly Thursday coffee morning
- Weekly in term time Tuesday School Run Cuppa Stop
- Weekly Renew SSJ on a Friday
- Monthly Community Lunch
- Monthly Men's Breakfast
- Special Events including
 - Pancake Day Drop In
 - Easter Cream Tea
 - Flower Festival
 - August Cream Tea
 - Light Party (instead of Halloween)
 - Pre-Christmas singalong and cream tea.

In December 2019 we had 10 people come into formal membership increasing our membership to 15 members – this was a great encouragement.

2020 started in a really positive way with another two weddings, a fantastic pancake day drop in and our community lunches and men's breakfasts – and then COVID-19 forced us to close our doors.

It was vitally important for SSJBC to maintain a presence in the local community as well as maintaining contact with our wider church family which now numbered over 200 people spread across 120 households. As such, it was decided to pre-record our Sunday services and Godly Play stories and created a YouTube Channel and have continued to do weekly services and Godly play most weeks with now over 100 videos on the channel! SSJBC invested in Zoom for our Bible Study and the Guided Prayer part of Renew SSJ hoping that many would link in – but the take up was disappointingly low.

Keeping in touch with the church family has been a challenge and takes a great deal of time. Many different medias used from telephone calls, emails, messenger, WhatsApp and monthly posted out letters, often containing little booklets or something similar to encourage people. Birthday cards are sent to everyone in or wider church family to let them know they are loved and missed.

Maintaining engagement with our young people has been particularly hard and as such we created Halloween bags which were delivered to over 40 children who are part of our wider church family and Advent Bags were sent to the 25 families who from part of our Sunday Church family which included gifts, envelopes and activities to do each week on the run up to Christmas, whilst the wider church family all received a mailout including special Christmas booklets.

SSJBC also set up and led the Sutton St James Support Group to offer shopping and prescription collection for those having to self-isolate and a team of volunteers from the wider community were recruited to help with this.



Having to close at such a crucial time in the rebirthing process of the church was particularly tough as we were just getting a real head of steam – however the time that the doors were closed was used to good effect and we stepped out in faith to refurbish the Old School Room and replacing the worn our roof utilising grants that had been secured for this specific purpose, monies raised through previous events and utilising much of the money from the Trust Fund.

The building became a silent witness to God's faithfulness by his provision of

grants and of creating opportunities for our community to still support us with by sponsoring tiles in the new roof.

As we finish 2020 we are encouraged that we have been able to maintain a presence in our wider community, serve our immediate church family and have greatly improved the building so that when we can reopen again as the community hub that we long to be – it will look and feel far more inviting.

