

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.

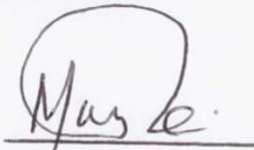
Basis of independent examiners' statement

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
 - (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

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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><u>-£2,639</u></u>		

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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	
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Net Assets	<u>£24,945</u>	
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FUNDS

Unrestricted Funds

General Purpose Funds	24,945	
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Designated Funds

Designated Funds	0	
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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.

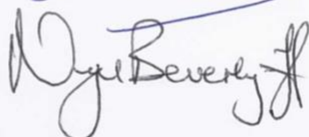
Signed on behalf of the Committee on

Pastor Susan Hensby - Trustee



Dated 28/4/21

Nigel Beverley-Stone - Trustee



Dated 6/5/2021

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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>

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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>

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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.

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 our 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 form 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.

