

**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**

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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
  - (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: 22nd April 2022

## **Annual Report for Sutton St James Baptist Church For the period 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021 – 31<sup>st</sup> 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 (uncovenanted)	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
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>	<b>£14,927</b>	<b>£80,042</b>	<b>£2,652</b>	<b>£97,621</b>

### 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
	<b>£4,637</b>	<b>£68,298</b>	<b>£2,652</b>	<b>£75,587</b>

### Fundraising Costs :

Events and Appeals (note 4)	2,529	0	0	2,529
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### Governance Costs

Accountancy	300	0	0	300
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<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	<b>£7,466</b>	<b>£68,298</b>	<b>£2,652</b>	<b>£78,416</b>
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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

<b>Fund balances carried forward</b>	<b>£32,406</b>	<b>£11,744</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£44,150</b>
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### Statement of Net Income

#### Gross Income As Above

General Purpose Fund	14,927	
Designated Fund	2,652	
Restricted Funds	<u>80,042</u>	97,621

#### Total Expenditure As Above

General Purpose Fund	7,466	
Designated Fund	2,652	
Restricted Funds	<u>68,298</u>	78,416

<b>Net Income (Expenditure) For the Year</b>	<b>£19,205</b>
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# 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	
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Net Assets	<u>£44,150</u>	
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### FUNDS

#### Unrestricted Funds

General Purpose Funds	32,406	
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#### Designated Funds

Designated Funds	0	
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#### Restricted Funds

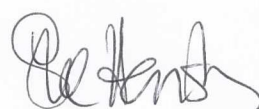
Baptist Insurance Grant	11,744	
Outreach and Renew SSJ	0	
Project Pioneer	0	
Project Refresh	<u>0</u>	11,744

£44,150

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.

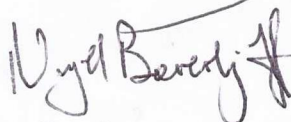
Signed on behalf of the Committee on

Pastor Susan Hensby - Trustee



Dated 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**

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#### **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

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#### **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.