

Charity Number 1184783

Sutton St James Baptist Church

Report and Accounts

For the year ended 31 December 2022

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Independent Examiner's Report

for the year ended 31st December 2022

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022 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.



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.

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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

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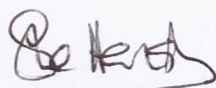
Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2022

	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	0	11,791
	28,665	44,620
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	0	0
	3,000	11,744
	<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 16/3/20

Alastair Chambers - Trustee



Dated

16/3/20

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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
	<u>£12,311</u>	<u>£0</u>

3 Investment Income

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

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
	<u>4,979</u>	<u>£938</u>

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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>

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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.