

**Charity Number 1184783**

**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**

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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
  - (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: 27.04.25

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**Sutton St James Baptist Church – SSJBC 1184783**

**Annual Report for The Charity Commission**

**For the period 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 – 31<sup>st</sup> 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 fellows 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 Purposes	Restricted	Designated	Total Funds	2023
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
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>	<b>£37,300</b>	<b>£30,667</b>	<b>£3,142</b>	<b>£71,109</b>	<b>£96,033</b>
<b>Resources Expended</b>					
<b>Relating to Church Activities</b>					
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
	<b>£25,012</b>	<b>£20,829</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£45,841</b>	<b>£55,915</b>
<b>Fundraising Costs :</b>					
Events and Appeals (note 4)	0			0	299
<b>Governance Costs</b>					
Accountancy	475			475	415
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	<b>£25,487</b>	<b>£20,829</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£46,316</b>	<b>£56,629</b>
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
<b>Fund balances carried forward</b>	<b>£23,071</b>	<b>£14,033</b>	<b>£54,179</b>	<b>£91,283</b>	<b>£66,490</b>

### 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

<b>Net Income (Expenditure) For the Year</b>	<b><u>£24,793</u></b>
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# SUTTON ST JAMES BAPTIST CHURCH

## Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024

	2024	2023
<b>Current Assets</b>		
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	£2,169	50,037
Cash in Hand	47	62
Debtors	0	0
	93,222	68,369
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Creditors	1,939	1,879
<b>Net Assets</b>	<u>£91,283</u>	<u>£66,490</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>		
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>		
General Purpose Funds	23,071	11,258
<b>Designated Funds</b>		
Designated Funds	54,179	51,037
<b>Restricted Funds</b>		
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		
	<u>£14,534</u>	<u>£0</u>

## 3 Investment Income

	General	Restricted
Barclays Bank	0	0
Baptists Together	0	2132
Baptists Together	0	760
	<u>£0</u>	<u>£2,892</u>

## 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
	<u>0</u>	<u>£0</u>

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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>



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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 12

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.