

Charity registration number 1185274



NEW STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

The trustees' present their report for the year to 31 December 2021.

Charity name and address

New Street Baptist Church ("the Church") is registered with the Charity Commission as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation ("CIO") with registration number 1185274. Its address is 22 New Street, St Neots, Cambridgeshire, PE19 1AE.

Charitable purposes

The principal purpose of the Church is the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith primarily but not exclusively within St Neots, Cambridgeshire and the surrounding neighbourhood and the United Kingdom. The Basis of Faith is set out in the the Church's constitution and describes the Church's Bible-based beliefs and doctrines. It can also be viewed on the Church's website, www.newstreetbaptist.co.uk/what-we-believe.

The Church may also engage in other charitable activities to put into practice the Christian faith including but not limited to: the prevention and relief of need, hardship and sickness; the advancement of education; and the provision of facilities for individuals who need them by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, financial hardship or social circumstances with the object of improving their conditions of life.

The trustees are aware of their duty to have regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and confirm that they have complied with such guidance where relevant to the exercise of their responsibilities.

Trustees

The trustees, all of whom served throughout the year, except as stated, are as follows:

Ann Broughton	
Daniel Coulling	Church Secretary
Irene Crawford (resigned 24 July 2022)	
Malcolm Crawford	Church Treasurer
Peter Hawkins (resigned 8 March 2021)	
Judith Single	
Steven Todd	
Richard Williams	Pastor

The church building at 22 New Street, St Neots, Cambridgeshire and adjoining manse are owned by a separate premises trust of which the trustee is Grace Baptist Trust Corporation.

Aim and objectives

The church's aim is to serve as the body of Christ to extend the Kingdom of God and glorify his Name. In pursuing this aim its objectives are to:

- Worship and pray
- Evangelise at home and abroad
- Nurture Christians
- Unify the membership
- Encourage and equip the congregation for Christian service
- Give pastoral care
- Support social action at home and abroad

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)

Achievements and performance

The coronavirus pandemic continued to have an impact on what activities could be carried out in a safe manner and in accordance with government guidance in 2021. The church building was closed until mid April but during this period church members could participate from home via Zoom in a live Sunday service together with pre-recorded sermon. The sermon was then made available to anyone through the Church's website, www.newstreetbaptist.co.uk.

During the last year the Church has carried out the following main activities to fulfil its charitable purposes for the public benefit:

- Weekly Sunday worship service.
- Weekly prayer and bible study groups.
- Sunday Kidz Klub (Sunday School).
- Tuesday and Friday Noah's Ark (Toddler Group).
- Harvest Sunday Service, food donations brought for the service display were donated to St. Neots Foodbank and Pains Mill Foyer, St. Neots.
- Pastoral care for the congregation.
- Carol service for local retirement home residents.
- Fellowship coffee morning.

Ministry, evangelism and fellowship

Although the last year saw continued disruption due to the pandemic, there were many encouragements. Our theme text for the year was Hosea 6:3 – 'Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD; his going out is sure as the dawn; he will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth', and we give thanks that we were able to do just this, whilst being joined by several new faces.

A key emphasis at the start of the year was a desire to see a culture of encouragement and building one another up continue to thrive and develop, and it's been a great source of joy to see how the church have embraced this. Most Sunday Gatherings now have times where people share prayers, testimonies, scriptures and prophetic insights.

The year also saw the return of sung worship and many other essential aspects of church life, and whilst the use of Zoom has and will continue to be a blessing, it's been wonderful to see the numbers present in the building steadily increase throughout the year. It's been noticeable in recent weeks, the good atmosphere created by the return of warm fellowship and conversation before and after each service.

A particular highlight has also been the addition of a monthly all-age service which aims to engage both young and old and it's been fantastic to see how the children have engaged with the activities, as have the adults through participation in some of the new ways of praying creatively.

Looking forwards, there is still more to do in the year ahead in terms of a renewed focus on prayer ministry, hospitality and evangelism as life returns to relative normality, however we continue to be grateful for the provision, presence and care of God throughout it all.

The Covid-19 pandemic had continued to affect evangelism and fellowship work throughout 2021. It was good to end the year with an outside Christmas Light Switch On event. It was also good that a monthly coffee morning started in October.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)

Children & Youth Group

The group has continued to run the Sunday Kidz Klub on a Sunday morning. From September we have held Noah's Ark Toddler Groups twice weekly, on Tuesday and Friday mornings. For Easter, although the Toddler Groups were not running, the children received an Easter activity book delivered to their homes. At Christmas a gift of a book was given to the children attending the groups.

Social & Community Action Group

The group is involved with activities taking place within the local community. Pre-covid we joined in assisting with the "Friday food" group, who met at a local church to provide meals and company for the homeless and those struggling with their home situations. Due to covid and a change in the host church rules, this was put on hold for a while although two Pizza evenings were held in December.

It has now started up properly again as "Thursday food" using a different church room and kitchen which they kindly let the group have free of charge. It has been set up under the Churches Together. We are having an average of 13 guests and we have had a lot of interest from volunteers. We now have to cook all of the meals on site, and we have had to register with the Environmental Health.

The group is also involved with St. Neots Community Support who provide users of the service with shopping and prescriptions. The Friendly Caller service is also well used and there are new volunteers coming forward.

Finance

The CIO started 2021 with the bank balance of £46,752 transferred from the unregistered church charity on the last day of 2020. Accordingly, there are no comparative figures for receipts and payments in the accounts of the CIO for 2021.

Despite the difficulties caused by the Covid-19 pandemic and the closure of the church building during lockdowns, God has continued to bless the Church through the generosity and support of its members, many of whom donate online or have set up arrangements for regular giving.

The Church ended the year with a bank balance of £77,152.

Grant making policy

The Church's aim is to set aside approximately 10% of its income by way of "tithe" to devote to good causes within the ambit of its charitable powers. The organisations benefitting are approved by the members on a quarterly basis and have strong Christian links.

Structure and governance

The Church has adopted a constitution supplemented by a church handbook. The Charity Commission approved the constitution on 12 September 2019, the date that the Church became a CIO.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)

The Church is served by three officers appointed or elected by the members, namely, the Pastor, the Church Treasurer and the Church Secretary. The officers, who are trustees, are assisted in various aspects of church life and administration by a number of specific interest groups, each of which has a group leader, who is also a trustee. The groups currently cover the following areas:

- Ministry
- Evangelism
- Fellowship
- Children and youth
- Social and community action
- Property
- Finance and administration

Reserves policy

The Church's policy is to hold unrestricted funds equivalent to around three months' income in order to mitigate the impact of any unforeseen drop in income.

The Church also aims to build up funds designated for future major building improvements and for periodic redecoration of the manse. The funds earmarked for the manse are likely to be spent in 2022 or 2023.

Approved by the trustees of New Street Baptist Church and signed on their behalf by:



Richard Williams

Pastor

Date 5 September 2022

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of New Street Baptist Church, St Neots, Cambridgeshire (charity registration number 1185274)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of New Street Baptist Church (CIO) for the year ended 31 December 2021 which are set out on pages 7 to 9.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Charities Act'). The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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, no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair" view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which give me cause to believe that, in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept as required by section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date 9 October 2022

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Receipts						
Covenants and gifts		46,006	-		46,006	-
Offerings		26,253	180		26,433	-
Covenants, gifts and offerings		72,259	180	-	72,439	-
Manse lease (net of collection expenses)		4,113	-		4,113	-
Church activities - youth work		349	-		349	-
Total Receipts		76,721	180	-	76,901	-
Payments						
Pastor: salary and pension		31,904			31,904	-
Donations and gifts		6,710			6,710	-
Visiting speakers		50			50	-
Worship team/ music and sound system		870			870	-
Web hosting and wifi access		441			441	-
Expenses of church activities						-
- youth work and coffee morning		745			745	-
Insurance		2,162			2,162	-
Lighting, heating, power and water		1,766			1,766	-
Cleaning and maintenance		776			776	-
Manse maintenance and refurbishment		632			632	-
Furniture and equipment		254			254	-
Charity registration fees		191			191	-
Total Payments		46,501	-	-	46,501	-
Net Receipts (Payments) for Year		30,220	180	-	30,400	-
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	-
		30,220	180	-	30,400	-
Bank and Cash Balances at beginning of Year		46,752	-	-	46,752	-
Transfer from New Street Baptist Church (unregistered charity)		-			-	46,752
Bank and Cash Balances at end of Year		76,972	180	-	77,152	46,752

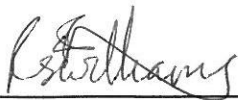
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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Bank and Cash Balances at end of Period						
Bank accounts		76,972	180	-	77,152	46,752
Cash balances		-	-	-	-	-
	1, 2	<u>76,972</u>	<u>180</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>77,152</u>	<u>46,752</u>
Other Monetary Assets						
		-	-	-	-	-
Investment Assets						
		-	-	-	-	-
Assets retained for Church use	3	<u>152,296</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>152,296</u>	<u>152,296</u>
Liabilities	4	<u>330</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>330</u>	<u>232</u>

The notes on page 9 form part of these accounts.

The accounts on pages 7 to 9 were approved by the trustees on 5 September 2022



Richard Williams

Pastor



Malcolm Crawford

Church Treasurer

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NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

1. Designated Funds

Designated funds form part of the Church's unrestricted funds.

Movements on designated funds during period:

	Building fund £	Manse redecorations £	Total £
At 31 December 2020	21,194	3,300	24,494
Allocation of general funds in year	-	720	720
At 31 December 2021	<u>21,194</u>	<u>4,020</u>	<u>25,214</u>

2. Restricted Funds

Restricted funds have been donated for future building work at the Church.

3. Assets retained for Church use

Movements on tangible fixed assets during period:

	Building improvements £	Furniture & equipment £	Total £
At cost - 31 December 2020	122,925	29,371	152,296
Additions	-	-	-
At cost - 31 December 2021	<u>122,925</u>	<u>29,371</u>	<u>152,296</u>

The building improvements relate to refurbishment of part of the church building.

The previous unregistered charity has acknowledged a grant from the Amey Community Fund (part of the Landfill Communities Fund) in 2020 which has contributed to the cost of the refurbishment project. The new CIO has taken over responsibility for ensuring that the grant conditions regarding availability of the facilities continue to be met.

Amey Community Fund has confirmed that the conditions on availability of the facilities will not be applied whilst the facilities have been closed under government Covid 19 lockdown restrictions.

The church building in New Street, St Neots, Cambridgeshire and the adjoining manse are owned by a separate trust of which the trustee is Grace Baptist Trust Corporation.

4. Liabilities

Liabilities at 31 December 2021 comprise:

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Tax and pension	-	-	-	-	-
Other creditors	330	-	-	330	232
	<u>330</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>330</u>	<u>232</u>