

Bethesda Baptist Church Felixstowe Annual Church Report 2020

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Mission Statement

We live to bring glory to God by being and making disciples of Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Values

Bethesda is a local church family that strives to be marked by the following characteristics...

...Worshipful

Marked by desire to know, love and glorify God.

We believe that people have no higher purpose than to glorify God and enjoy him forever. Our desire is that the Triune God is glorified and worshipped in all that we do and we long to grow in our knowledge, love and enjoyment of Him each day.

...Biblical

Marked by trust in the Bible as the living and active Word of God.

We believe that the Bible is the very voice of God and the instrument through which he changes us.

...Prayerful

Marked by faithfulness in public and private prayer.

In prayer, private and corporate, we commune with God and seek to know him as both personal and powerful.

...Dependent

Marked by dependence on the grace and power of God.

It is only by his grace given to us in the Lord Jesus and his power at work in us by the Holy Spirit that we are able to live godly lives. We therefore seek to walk in humble dependence on his grace and expectation of his power.

...Loving

Marked by genuine love and fellowship with one another.

Jesus died on the cross, not only to bring us to God but to bring us together as his church. Be- cause of this, we strive to grow in love and unity with one another as well as other gospel-centred churches.

...Missional

Marked by passion for making disciples of Jesus Christ.

We are committed to making disciples of Jesus Christ by taking the good news of his life, death and resurrection to the world.

1. Pastoral Secretary report 2020

**As the deer pants for streams of water, So my soul pants for you,
O God.**

Psalm 42:1

Our year started with a reminder of a deer seeking water; panting for it as in a time of drought or famine. The psalmist takes this image and reflects on his own desire for the Lord and how, at that time, he was famished for God's presence and meeting with God's people. How little we realised back in January 2020 that our own circumstances would soon drastically change and we, with the writer, would remember going to the 'house of God' together with joy and thanksgiving but not being able to do so. Our absence from the building, verses our meeting together face-to-face in the building was 'only' about 50/50 during the year but the absence felt much greater.

We thank the Lord for many things as we look back at the year. In particular...

..things **Practical**: the efforts to re-open the church building for worship and all that was done by so many to make our church environment as 'safe' as possible. The one-way system, sanitizers, socially distanced seating, logistics of getting us in and out, and working out where we could sit each week, to name a few...

..and things **Technological**: For YouTube, Zoom and other platforms that kept us connected on Sundays and during the week. For those who learnt quickly, especially André, how to make this work for us so we could worship together from our homes. Yes, a second-best option, but given the circumstances, significantly better than not being able to meet at all. A big thank you too to Liz and the family for putting up with a 'studio' invading their home for six-months throughout the year. We give thanks too for the technology to Livestream during the times we were back in Bethesda. Also for those who made it happen, giving us the opportunity to worship as a fellowship simultaneously both physically and virtually.

..things **Expositional**: Despite all the struggles throughout the year, we give thanks that we heard the word expounded to us through André's ongoing ministry...

1. Trusting the Invisible God (Esther) - finished from 2019
2. The Sabbath
3. Series on Exodus (1-12)
4. Death & Resurrection of Jesus (Luke) - finished from 2019
5. Series on Isaiah (1 - 12)
6. Series on Romans (1 - 7)

Thank you Lord for the continual teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness we have received consistently in 2020. We were also blessed by the ministries of Stuart Baker, John Bridge, Tim Burnham, Tom Hart, Stephen Nowak and Scott Savage at different points throughout the year, for which we give thanks.

..things **Numerical**: We began 2020 with 60 members and added 2 who had unfortunately missed the change process to CIO. The 2 additions were Lesley Fender and Alison Hudson and they joined the CIO in March. We therefore ended the year with a membership total of 62.

Despite the struggles of the year, new folk have continued to come and worship the Lord with us (virtually and face-to-face). We hope that, as they make their home with us, they will join us and participate in the privileges and responsibilities of membership.

..**God's Sovereignty**: Church life HAS been different throughout the year. Sometimes we've not known whether we are coming or going but we do know, God is

sovereign and He is faithful. I am reminded of the January of 2014 when the first sermon of the year was on I Corinthians 1:9, "Faithful, God is faithful!" It was true then when we saw the Lord's hand at work amongst the fellowship and it was true in 2020. His word hasn't changed and neither has He. Yes, it has been a tough year in many ways and for many people. But He has walked through the turmoil with us, sometimes carrying us, but always by our sides. We have seen His activity amongst us. His care for us, His speaking to us, His provision for us. Yes, a tough year, and certainly NOT one we would have expected or wanted, but HE IS FAITHFUL and as His children we have the privilege of being able to point back time and time and time again to our Father's loving care and presence. How great is our God!

...and finally, things **ministerial**: Besides the things I've already mentioned, the church continues to be involved in many other things: mission, evangelism, discipleship, Bible study, supporting and caring for each other, prayer and worship. Thank you for your efforts and participation in the life of the church. Please continue to work faithfully and prayerfully in the coming year. Please remember to keep André, Liz and the children, as well as the other Elders and their families in your prayers. As we all walk and work together, may the Lord's name be glorified and may we see His Kingdom built amongst us and those with whom we have contact. Soli deo gloria.

Shalom,

Keith Doust

2. Missionary report

Despite the Coronavirus Pandemic restrictions placed upon the vast majority of the World for most of 2020, Bethesda Felixstowe continued to support a number of missionary societies through prayer and financial giving.

Sadly Fabiano Fernandes of EMF was not able to come in March as planned – he should have been with us the day before the first lockdown commenced. We had also booked Asaf Pelled of Christian Witness to Israel to visit in June which also had to be cancelled. The only opportunity to see as well as hear from a mission partner came, via the wonders of technology, in November when we heard of the work Rogerio Ramos is doing in Portugal, representing the European Mission Fellowship. 'Zoom' has opened up a new channel of meeting mission partners and may well be a means of supplementing contact that is used more often in the years to come.

John Bale, despite family health issues, lead his team in the work on the Triangle in the month of March. They reported that they had good conversations as well as experiencing some hostility. We express our thanks to the team and especially to John for all his faithfulness and our deepest sympathy at the passing of Norma who was such a great support to him.

Individual monthly face-to-face prayer meetings took place between January and March for the work of Latin Link, London City Mission, and WEC International but stopped due to the lockdown restrictions. The Prayer Meetings recommenced on Zoom and incorporated prayer spots for a whole range of other organisations including Armenian Ministries, Christian Witness to Israel, the European Mission Fellowship, Hope Church, Open Doors (the Persecuted Church) and SIL International.

It is a great privilege to prayerfully support Keith and Lorraine Doust and Sue Bullard, working for SIL International. Keith took up a new role during the year as the Director of a large region of SIL's work in Eurasia. We are also pleased to show support

to Michael Fitch who is a Trustee of Fihankra, setting up family homes for street children in Ghana.

Because of the pandemic, individuals from the Fellowship supported the Samaritan's Purse Shoebox appeal by donating money via the Website. Details of all the financial support of Keith and Lorraine and the various Mission Partners can be found in the attached accounts.

Sue Chapman

Supervisor Endorsements of Keith and Lorraine Doust



For supporting churches and other friends. Period: January–December 2020

Supervisor Endorsement of Keith Doust

Supervisor name: John Young
Supervisor role: Area Director, SIL Eurasia

Location: Dublin, Republic of Ireland

Keith has made an important contribution to SIL's engagement with the language communities of Eurasia over the past year as the supervisor for our operations that are carried out in the five strategy service groups. When I took over as Area Director there was urgent need for someone who had previous experience and a heart for partnership to serve in the role of Director for the SIL-Bolshoi group. Keith provides a mature, experienced perspective, informed by years of language programme management experience and he continues to serve on our Area Leadership Team. I am pleased how Keith engages with partners even though it is much more difficult with COVID restrictions and lack of travel. I look forward to working with Keith in the years to come.

Supervisor Endorsement of Lorraine Doust

Supervisor name: Heather Ford Lark

Supervisor role: Staff Care Services Coordinator, SIL Eurasia Area

Location: UK

Lorraine is a good team worker, and her contribution is valued and appreciated by many people. Her conscientious care for people and their wellbeing positively impacts staff on the field, many of whom live in very challenging circumstances. She has particularly focused this past year on the wellbeing and education of families, providing resources and support.

3a. Evangelism: Friday Coffee Morning:

Following on from 2019 the Coffee Morning continued to be held each week on Friday mornings from 10.30 until noon. We kept to the same format as it seemed to be appreciated and worked well. We welcomed folk from various sources, some from the neighbourhood, holiday makers, others from local churches and Bethesda itself. The total numbers attending was usually in the upper teens.

Coffee/tea and an excellent selection of refreshments were prepared and served from the church kitchen by our capable Bethesda Coffee Morning team throughout the morning. Although we make no charge for the refreshments, we receive sufficient voluntary donations to more than cover our costs.

Each week at 11 o'clock we pause for 10 minutes to read a Bible passage followed by a short talk. We do this as we believe it is important that God's message through the Bible is shared.

Unfortunately, because of Covid we could not continue to meet; our last meeting being on 13th March. The Coffee Morning remained closed for the rest of the year. However, we have managed to keep in contact with some of our local regular visitors by phone. Our conversations include keeping them aware of any likely plans to open the Coffee Morning again.

David Forshaw for the Coffee Morning team

3b. Evangelism: Outreach evenings:

There were three Outreach Evenings during the year. All of the events were hosted online due to the Covid19 pandemic and were held in the form of an interview.

The first event was held on the 25th March via YouTube and was entitled "How Can a Loving God Send People to Hell." I hosted the event with John Baker as the main

speaker. Despite some aggressive comments on social media, the event went well, receiving over 300 (311 at the time of writing) views on YouTube; a number that continues to rise. We were also encouraged by the number of questions we received and for email confirmation that non-Christians both watched and appreciated the conversation.

On the 13th May a follow-up conversation was hosted by the same speakers on the subject "What the Bible really says about Heaven." Although it is always hard to tell what impact YouTube events have had, we were again encouraged that the event received over 150 (183 at the time of writing) views. There were heart-felt questions being asked by Christians and non-Christians in response to the talk.

Our final outreach evening for the year was held on the 26th of November. This time I gave the talk and our new pastor-in-training, Tim Burnham, hosted the evening. The topic was "Is this life all that there is?" The event received just under 50 views. The event was appreciated by those who attended but didn't seem to have attracted the same numbers or interest as the previous two events

André Beck

3c. Evangelism: Guest/Family services & Seminars:

Although guest services were not really possible over 2020 due to the restrictions, the fact that all of our services (including Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Harvest and Christmas Eve) were being streamed online meant that our gatherings were far more accessible to the public than ever before. Liz and I were also able to host daily advent readings for children and families on YouTube. We trust that the Lord has used these online services to reach the lost and build his Church.

One notable event was a joint online "Tenebrae" (Maundy Thursday) service which was produced and hosted by Bethesda Felixstowe with Christ Church, Felixstowe. The event has received over 250 views online and was welcomed as a much needed demonstration of unity between the two churches. This demonstration of unity was further displayed in the daily Psalm videos which featured local church leaders from around Felixstowe.

In addition to this Tim and I were able to present virtual seminars via ZOOM on the very important subject of "The Covenants and the Bible's Message". All of the seminars are available on YouTube.

André Beck

4. WoW (Women of the Word)

We started 2020 as normal, meeting on Tuesday mornings as a group of 8-12 women (along with any children under 3) from various churches in the local area, in each other's homes. We decided to have a change from the usual study guide and were enjoying working through the **DVD series *Jesus the Game Changer***. However, the country went into lockdown just before the final session so we started meeting on Zoom. Initially, we were drawn to simply share and pray about the huge impact the pandemic was having on our lives and the nations, and really appreciated the support of each other as well as the stability of meeting regularly in the midst of so much uncertainty. One of our regular members didn't have access to Zoom, so we set up a rota to phone

her frequently to maintain contact. However, others joined who hadn't been able to when we were meeting face-to-face, most notably Cristina Nunes from Portugal!

From mid-May, we started going through the **Letter of James** using a study guide, without losing the increased emphasis on prayer, and found the reflections extremely helpful and relevant to the times we were living through. The online format continued to provide the opportunity to invite and welcome other women to the group who needed encouragement and connection at that time.

In the autumn we continued to meet online and studied a selection of Psalms using the Good Book Guide, ***The King's Choir: Singing the Psalms with Jesus***. We've found that by spreading each study over two weeks, we have enough time for focussed prayer, as well as sharing a song or other media online.

Our WhatsApp group and Zoom meetings have been a lifeline over the past year, and we're especially thankful to Dee Balshaw of Christ Church, Felixstowe for setting up and hosting the weekly Zoom calls. Since we're likely to be meeting this way for the foreseeable future, we welcome women of any age to join us in studying God's Word and encouraging one other through prayer and fellowship.

Lorraine Doust, on behalf of The WoW Group

5. Bethesda Women's Fellowship (B.W.F.)

Although quite a good number of ladies had been attending BWF the number of leaders was getting smaller. With the originally intended departure of Yvonne and Steve Millard to New Zealand in June 2020 that would have left Betty Croft and Cathy O'Neill to run BWF when only a year or two earlier there were six members on the committee.

Sadly, neither of us felt we could continue running the meeting, particularly if one of us couldn't be there for some reason, so we decided to inform the ladies in March 2020 of our decision to close BWF after the last meeting of the term. However, the lockdown beat us to it and we weren't able to officially announce BWF's closure. We feel that over the years we have had an interesting Christian based programme with speakers, videos, activities, outings, cream teas etc. It was also a time for the ladies to interact socially.

We praise the Lord for His provision over the many years that BWF has been running. We thank Him for all the ladies who have attended and for all the leaders who have played a role in keeping it going. We recognise that there is the need for an opportunity for older women to meet socially, with some form of Christian input, and we pray that the Lord will give all of us at Bethesda guidance as to the way forward in this regard.

Cathy O'Neill

6. Mini-Zone

Sadly, Mini Zone only lasted for two and a half months this year. During that time we looked at the Nature of God, using the usual Energise materials.

We have a lovely group of children that come out every week and engage in all the games, stories, discussions and craft activities. During this year we had eight leaders involved in mini zone and I am very thankful for their commitment in teaching these young children.

Sarah Blundell for the Mini-Zone Team

7. Y-Zone

Y-Zone started the year with a core group of 4 or 5 young people aged 11+, meeting in André's office at the same time as Mini Zone. We spent several weeks looking in more detail at Bethesda's core values, then went back to focussing on some of the *Big Questions* of faith. Each of the leaders (Stuart, Joy, Scott and Lorraine) really appreciated the support of those other adults willing to come up to help during that time, for safeguarding purposes.

Since the end of March the group has not been able to meet in-person. We tried a few mid-week sessions on Zoom but it was difficult to sustain without full participation. The leaders tried to stay connected through dropping off goody bags and doorstep visits, but have struggled with how difficult the restrictions have made it to care for and support our young people, just when they (and their parents) needed it most. It was encouraging to see some members of the group back at church in the autumn but disappointing to again be unable to meet separately.

We know that 2020 was an extremely difficult and challenging year for young people and their families, and that Y-Zone was not alone in grappling with issues of connection and how to nurture faith. We've prayed consistently for parents and young people alike during that time, and praise God for their diligence and resilience through all the disruptions, uncertainties and constant changes. We long to return to meeting in-person, but are continuing to seek God for wisdom and creativity regarding the way forward in 2021. Please join us in praying that the Holy Spirit would comfort and encourage our young people, reminding them of the truths they have learned over the years, and that the seed of God's Word would continue to grow and bear fruit in their lives.

Lorraine Doust for the Y-Zone Team

8. Allsorts (9-13)

Our 2020 Spring Term Programme was about Jesus' life – childhood, baptism, temptation and teaching, all leading up to the Easter story. With the help of Naomi, we had started to plan an evening where the parents were going to be invited to come and see the Allsorts children take part in an Easter presentation. Unfortunately, our last meeting was on March 16th and so this couldn't take place. We continue to pray that the children will remember what we taught and shared with them. They were a committed group who came regularly, several of whom will now have moved up to High School. The team consisted of Stuart, Neil, Richard and Theresa.

In November 2020, Richard and Theresa decided to retire from Allsorts. This was something we had been prayerfully considering for sometime prior to lockdown and felt now was the right time.

Richard and Theresa Adams for the Allsorts Team

9. Wednesday Group

Although the group has not been able to meet in person since the first lockdown, several attempts were made to keep the group going via Zoom. However, after a while it

was felt that it would be better to postpone our group until we could meet together in person again after the restrictions had been lifted. We did, in between restrictions, manage to gather once outdoors which was a great time to catch up. The boys in the group (Jack, Daniel & Donovan) also went for a milkshake with Tim and Andre but the girls plans were sadly cancelled when restrictions tightened again. We look forward to restrictions lifting and moving this group forward.

André Beck

10. Connect

Connect has not been able to meet since the first lockdown and has also been reduced in number due to various members of the group moving away for work and personal reasons. The members of the group remain in contact via home groups and one-to-one Bible studies.

André Beck

11. Flower Report

Once again my thanks go to the team for all the help given over another year even though it was a disrupted one. Thank you to those who have donated flowers for special occasions or in memory of a loved one.

Each week the flowers are usually given to various people and are received gratefully as they represent the love and prayers of the fellowship. Anyone wishing to join the team or have any questions re donations please speak to Betty.

Betty Croft

12. Treasurer's Report (Year Ended 31 December 2020)

Background

Prior to 20 December 2019, the church operated as a Charitable Unincorporated Association (CUA) registered with the Charity Commission. On 24 September 2019 the trustees registered a new Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) called Bethesda Baptist Church Felixstowe CIO. On 20 December 2019, the assets and liabilities of the church were transferred to the CIO. From that date onwards the church has operated as a CIO. You may recall that we were required to submit accounts to the Charity Commission for the old CUA for the period from 1 January 2019 to 20 December 2019. The transactions that took place between 21 and 31 December 2019 are included the CIO's 2020 accounts.

However, it seems sensible to present to the church in this report the accounts for the full year, as this makes comparison with previous years more straightforward.

The way the church manages, accounts for and holds itself accountable for its financial activity has not changed in 2020. The Treasurer, as designated by the Elders/Trustees is still responsible for all aspects of financial control and management. I have again been supported in this throughout the year by David Forshaw and Neil Serjeant. David takes responsibility for the Sunday offerings, banking and he 'holds' the cheque book. Neil keeps the books, prepares internal and external financial reports,

manages the payroll and claims Gift Aid. I'm pleased to report that Greg Weston, who has acted as Independent Examiner for many years, has agreed to do so again for the 2020 CIO accounts.

Summary

2020 was a challenging year for the church financially. We began the year with total funds in hand of £25,750 of which less than £500 was in the General Fund. We are grateful to God for the generosity of his people and for enabling us to navigate the situation wisely and successfully. By the end of the year we had funds in hand of £52,601, and the General Fund had recovered to £29,297.

The financial story for the year can be summarised as follows:

Bethesda Baptist Church, Felixstowe										
Funds Summary										
31 December 2020	Calendar Year									
		General	Missionary Unrestricted	Restricted	Building Restricted	Bookstall	Training Fund	Ministry Apprentice	Total	Bank
Balances Brought Forward at 1 January 2020		(492.23)	(11,890.55)	(2,561.78)	0.00	449.94	0.00	(25,750.00)	(40,244.62)	40,244.62
Income		(105,423.92)	(17,397.69)	(1,891.24)	(33,222.03)	(73.69)	(3,400.00)	0.00	(161,408.57)	
Expenditure		76,619.47	29,288.24	1,229.24	33,222.03	77.55	0.00	8,615.89	149,052.42	
Closing Balances at	31 December 2020	(29,296.68)	0.00	(3,223.78)	0.00	453.80	(3,400.00)	(17,134.11)	(52,600.77)	52,600.77

Fuller details of income and expenditure, including a comparison with 2019, are provided in the attached draft accounts. These have not yet been independently examined and may change. However, they paint a more detailed picture of the finances of the church in the period.

The key points that I'd like to draw your attention to are:

General Fund

I highlighted last year that Our General Fund income was reduced, reflecting the loss of several regular donors who have moved away from the area, and others whose circumstances have led to them reducing their giving. We had incurred additional costs in converting to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, and there was a lag between adjusting Andre's remuneration to allow him to buy a house and the receipt of reliable income from letting the Manse. That, together with our commitment to give away 40% of our income to mission left our General Funds in a difficult state.

Early in 2020 the Elders wrote to all members advising them of the situation, indicating that the church would, for the time being, put on hold its commitment to giving away 40% of its income to mission, and asking members to review their financial support for the church.

Members responded generously. A large number of you made one-off donations and/or increased your regular giving. We also transferred the balance on the Missionary Fund of £10,359 back to the General Fund. The one-off gifts and the balance transfer restored the General Fund to the minimum level required to assure the smooth operation of the church.

Further, in May 2020, we received an anonymous gift of just over £21,000 which allowed us to pay off the outstanding loan from Stewardship relating to the refurbishment of the church. Since then we have not therefore had to pay the monthly repayments of £1,840.

The increases in regular giving, regular income from the Manse, and the settlement of the building loan, comfortably allowed the church to live within its means over the year as a whole.

We continued our designated support for Keith & Lorraine Doust. We were also able to make donations to the mission organisations we support. Although these gifts were less than in previous years, we still gave away 29% of our income to mission. The Elders keep this under constant review, and we very much hope to be donating 40% of income to mission in 2021.

Covid-19

Another big story in 2020 of course, was the pandemic and associated restrictions. We have had 2 significant periods during which we could not meet in-person as a church. When we could meet there were restrictions on numbers and on what we could do. Offerings have been lower because of this, though we're grateful that a number of you who normally gave at services have found ways to give directly. If anyone needs help with this, please do contact me. Activities such as children's work, youth work and coffee mornings have been curtailed by the restrictions, with a corresponding reduction in expenditure in these areas.

Pastor-in-Training

Finally, we accepted Tim Burnham as a Pastor-in-Training in August 2020. This is an exciting development, giving the church an additional resource to support Andre alongside the Elders. Also, it gives us the opportunity as a church to play a part in the training of one of the next generation of church leaders. Tim's salary in his first year is being met half from the Ministry Apprentice Fund established in 2018 and half from an FIEC Training grant. We are seeking a follow-up FIEC grant to supplement the Ministry Apprentice Fund for the second year.

I'm always happy to discuss any questions from members.

Clifford Lewis



Bethesda Baptist Church Felixstowe <i>Draft Subject to Independent Examination</i>		No (if any) 1185482	
Receipts and payments accounts			
For the period from	24-Sep-19	To	31-Dec-20

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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £	
A1 Receipts						
General Fund (Unrestricted)			0	0		
Offerings	75,294		0	75,294		
less 40% to Missionary Fund			0	0		A
Tax Recovered on Gift Aided Donations	30,569		0	30,569		
less 40% to Missionary Fund			0	0		A B
Manse Rent Received	14,291			14,291		
Gifts & Bequests	2,425		0	2,425		
Interest	41		0	41		
Church Awayday	0		0	0		
Transfer to General Fund	(20,567)			(20,567)		A
Transfer to Training Fund	(3,400)			(3,400)		A A
Transfer to Bookstall Fund	(55)			(55)		A
				0		
Missionary Funds (Designated Unrestricted; Restricted)			0	0		
40% tithe of Offerings	0		0	0		A
Gift Aid Tax Recovered	1,305		0	1,305		A
Transfer from General Fund	20,567			20,567		A
Gifts and Donations	3,060	1,969	0	5,029		C
				0		
Bookstall Sales (Unrestricted)	74		0	74		
				0		
Building Fund (Restricted)			0	0		
Gifts and donations		25,340	0	25,340		D
Tax Recovered on Gift Aided Donations		8,638	0	8,638		
				0		
Training Fund (Designated Unrestricted)				0		
Gifts	0			0		
From General Fund	3,400			3,400		G
				0		
Ministry Apprentice Fund (Designated, Unrestricted)				0		
Gifts and Donations	0			0		
Tax Recovered on Gift Aided Donations	5,000			5,000		F
			0	0		
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	132,004	35,947	0	167,951	0	
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).						
	0	0	0	0	0	
	0	0	0	0	0	
Sub total	0	0	0	0	0	
Total receipts	132,004	35,947	0	167,951	0	

A3 Payments						
General Fund (Unrestricted)			0	0		
Ministry	41,599		0	41,599		
Outreach	(79)		0	(79)		
Youth & Children's Work	262		0	262		
Church Utilities	3,517		0	3,517		
Church Cleaning	1,127		0	1,127		
Church repairs & Maintenance	1,007		0	1,007		
Church Fabric & Fittings	54		0	54		
Insurance	2,141		0	2,141		
Manse Repairs	1,122		0	1,122		
Manse Council Tax	0		0	0		B
Manse Utilities	416			416		
Manse Insurance	950		0	950		
Online and Print	853		0	853		
Refreshments	21		0	21		
Gifts and Donations	50		0	50		
Professional Fees	7,836		0	7,836		
Church AwayDay	0			0		
Miscellaneous	212		0	212		
				0		
Missionary Funds (Designated Unrestricted; Restricted)			0	0		
International Mission to Jewish People	500		0	500		
K & L Doust	26,288		0	26,288		C
European Missionary Fellowship	500		0	500		
Hope Community Church	500		0	500		
Latin Link	500		0	500		
WEC International	500		0	500		
Open Doors	1,500		0	1,500		
Samaritan's Purse	0	544	0	544		
Other	0	685	0	685		
Missionary Speakers			0	0		



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For the period from		24-Sep-19	To	31-Dec-20	
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		35,063	0	35,063	
		0	0	0	
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	0			0	
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	8,616			8,616	
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	100,070	36,292	0	136,362	0
	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
	100,070	36,292	0	136,362	0
	31,934	(346)	0	31,588	0
	(1,086)	1,086	0	0	0
	18,528	2,484	0	21,012	
			0	0	
	49,376	3,224	0	52,600	

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories

B1 Cash funds

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
CAF Current Account	100		-
CAF Gold Account	49,276	3,224	-
			-
Total cash funds	49,376	3,224	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

OK

OK

OK

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
Manse at 8 Mill Lane, Felixstowe	General	-	330,000
Church furniture	General	-	9,000
Church building, Cavendish Road, Felixstowe	General	-	-
		-	-
		-	-



Bethesda Baptist Church Felixstowe Draft Subject to Independent Examination		No (if any) 1185482		CC16a
Receipts and payments accounts				
For the period from	24-Sep-19	To	31-Dec-20	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval

NOTES

- A** In April the Trustees agreed to pause the routine 40% tithe of General Fund income to the Missionary Fund, which is a designated unrestricted fund. The balance on the Missionary Fund at 31 March - £12,131 - was transferred to the General Fund. In April and each subsequent month payments for Mission (including Keith & Lorraine Doust) have continued to be recorded in the Missionary Fund as have donations for the support of Keith & Lorraine. Amounts equal to the net of receipts and payments have been transferred from the General Fund each month.
- B** Shows rent less management charges and VAT.
- C** External gifts and donations, including Gift Aid recovered, totalling £6,334 were received by the church with a request that they be used to support Keith & Lorraine Doust. Total support paid to support Keith & Lorraine was £26,288. The net cost to the church was, therefore, £19,954.
- D** In May a gift of £20,600 was received for the Building Fund. Together with regular offerings and Gift Aid recoverable this allowed the Trustees to pay off the outstanding loan for building improvements of £35,063, and to close the Building Fund. During the period £1,086 was transferred from the General Fund to the Building Fund to meet the shortfall between restricted income and expenditure incurred on Building Fund prior to its being closed.
- E** This is the first set of accounts prepared for Bethesda Baptist Church Felixstowe CIO. It covers the period from the date of incorporation
- F** The church established a Ministry Apprentice Fund (designated, unrestricted) in 2019. A further donation of £5,000 was received in December 2019. In August 2020 Tim Burnham was employed as Assistant Minister and the cost of employing him are charged against this fund.
- G** In 2020 the church established a Training Fund (designated, unrestricted). £3,400 was transferred to this fund from the General Fund during the year to support future costs of training in ministry.
- H** The bank balances of the Charitable Unincorporated Association (CUA) at 21 December 2019 were £21,012. This balance was transferred to the CIO at that date when the CUA ceased to operate, along with the other assets and liabilities of the CUA.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Bethesda Baptist Church. Felixstowe

On accounts for the year
ended

20 December 2020

Charity no
(if any)

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Respective
responsibilities of
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 Act").

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent
examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 the 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

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below *~~) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with 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 order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date: 15/8/21

Name: G Weston

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

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Address:

5 Berners Road, Felixstowe, Suffolk, IP11 7LF

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

No issues noted