

BOSTON BAPTIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1185777

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2019-10-14

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE PRINCIPAL PURPOSES OF THE CHURCH ARE:-1 THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH ACCORDING TO THE PRINCIPLES OF THE BAPTIST DENOMINATION.2 THE CHURCH MAY ALSO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND CARRY OUT OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND/OR OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD.

Activities: The advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination. Through regular public worship, prayer, Bible study, preaching and teaching; Supporting our community through community based activities eg coffee mornings, youth projects. etc

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Lincolnshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£48,921	£26,665	-	-
2024-12-31	£50,490	£54,166	-	-
2023-12-31	£59,563	£33,895	-	-
2022-12-31	£76,510	£72,583	-	-
2021-12-31	£64,358	£61,691	-	-
2020-12-31	£60,429	£57,343	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Adrian Went		2025-02-27
Dr Jillian Massey		2019-11-28
Kevin Smithbone		2019-11-28
PATRICK CORKE		2022-03-24
Peter Meller		2019-11-28

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Accounts

Boston Baptist Church Annual General Meeting 26th February 2026

AGENDA

Devotions

Apologies

Members Present

Minutes of the previous AGM

Election of Deacons

Jill Massey and Adrian Went due for re-election.

Election of Church Secretary & Church Treasurer

Secretary – Adrian Treasurer – Pete

Review of Church Members list.

Review should be done every 3 years.

Church Reports:

Time for questions about the Reports presented and Acceptance of Reports
Any proposals for church development and advancement of activities.

Finance:

- Formal acceptance of the Annual Financial Report
- Allocation of Tithes
- Agreement for a formal request to Boston Baptist Trust for funding for 2026

Safeguarding:

- Reading of Safeguarding Statement & Acceptance of Statement
- Appointment / Reappointment of Safeguarding Officer - Jill
- Appointment of Deputy Safeguarding Officer - Robert
- Children's Advocates – All Sonseekers leaders.
- BU Safeguarding Video
- Level 2 Food Hygiene qualification
- Fire safety arrangements

Boston Baptist Trust - Nomination of Trustees to be appointed by the Church?

New Minister – Matthew Champion applied to be appointed as our Minister. He visited us and conducted services a couple of times and was interviewed by the Deacons. A Church meeting was held on the 23rd October where, following discussion and prayer it was unanimously decided by all the church members present that we should invite Matthew Champion to become our Minister. We plan for him and his wife, Abi, to join us from 13th July 2026. A service is planned for Saturday 1st August for Matthew to be Ordained.

Pastoral.

Any Other Business – Please let Adrian know as soon as possible before the meeting.

Date of next meeting.

Close of AGM.



BOSTON BAPTIST CHURCH ANNUAL REPORTS

To be presented to the Annual General Meeting on 26th February 2026

Boston Baptist Church Secretary's Report

We've had a busy year as I have been learning about being a Church Secretary. Definitely different to organising MAF flights of essential staff and supplies to a remote place or arranging a medical evacuation from a conflict area.

It is great to see our membership numbers increase to 25. (Meaning we currently need 10 members at least to attend each of our church meetings to be quorate.) We have also had a request from 2 more people who want to become members. Baptism classes are progressing for another person who we hope to baptise soon. We are in the process of starting another 'Christianity Explored' course. I note from Shane's report that the visits to our website have increased from about 10,000 in 2024 to over 16,000 last year. I also see this growth in the Romanian Church who meet every week and we now welcome the Filipino community church, as from this month they will meet every 1st and 3rd Sunday at our church. We look forward to working and meeting with all these people as they grow in faith and numbers.

We praise God for the growth we can see happening and pray for more to join our Sunday services, the courses, Prayer Meetings and Bible Studies and other events we run at church, but mostly that we will see more people responding positively to Jesus' call on their lives by accepting the love, care and salvation He offers.

We are pleased that the safeguarding review we carried out has led to the changes we have made, as recommendations have been implemented. The time and effort invested has helped us refine the way we do our best to look after the children and vulnerable adults we meet. It has also helped us to look at our Fire Safety procedures that we are currently working through. We are having a new Fire Alarm fitted, putting fire evacuation procedures in place and volunteer Fire Marshalls will need to be trained. (Yes, another chance to volunteer please.) When all this is completed, hopefully fairly soon, we will need to carry out at least one practice evacuation to make sure the procedures work and do really ensure the safety of all who use our church buildings.

We are also very grateful to the Boston Baptist Trust for the work carried out on our Church building and car park to make it a pleasant place for people attending. We thank them as well for the support for Ministry at our church. (More on that later.) I know some of the intensive work, particularly on the car park, meant some disruption over the past few months, but we are starting to see some of the benefits now. I note the comments in the RoadHog report below on the better arrangements for access. I need to comment on the difficult time when we could not access the church while the car park was dug up. We had several challenges preparing for and holding our services and meetings in different places. I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who arranged and helped, in any and every way, for our Services to be held at Blackfriars Theatre and meetings at members homes. This work did at least prove we could overcome the challenges and

with prayer, individual and team efforts - make our way out of the church building to hold events elsewhere when needed! For now we look forward to continuing to welcome anyone and everyone joining us at High Street.

I must say thank you to those people who have been doing extraordinary things, by the grace of God. Patrick and others who have been preaching for so many of our services, teaching us from the Bible and leading our prayers. For those who arrange the preachers, songs and audio/visual equipment for our services and streaming to those who can't attend in person. For all the people welcoming on the door, providing the flowers, tea and refreshments and clearing up afterwards. For people who have opened their homes for meetings, particularly when the church building was inaccessible. For those who visit, befriend and keep in touch with our visitors and members, who look after the children and reach out the young people from the bus or older people who can't get out and those who are unwell. We must remember that each contact showing Jesus' love for people is important and makes a difference, maybe the difference that will lead to people finding Jesus – that is the extraordinary work you are doing, led by the Holy Spirit.

After more than three years now without a Minister at High Street, remember that this time last year we were still waiting for God's provision of a Minister. At that time the Deacons had received a tentative enquiry from Matthew Champion, who was studying in Bristol, about becoming our Minister. Discussions followed and visits to the church, followed by more discussions, as his calling to Boston Baptist Church became clearer. We praise God that in October, following prayers seeking God's guidance, that we as a church unanimously decided to call Matthew as our Minister. Matthew is planning to start on the 13th July 2026, after his studies have finished. We plan his Ordination Service to be held on Saturday 1st August 2026. We now praise God for His timing and provision and wonder where God - through His Holy Spirit and studying His Word - will lead us, as we look forward to Matthew and Abi joining us, and we all move forward with God's plans for His church here in Boston.

May God bless us all.

Adrian.

BOSTON BAPTIST CHURCH - TREASURER'S REPORT 2025

Here we are again at that pivotal point of another new year in which to look forward and the close of another year in which to look back in reflection. Doing just that reminds me of two big events of 2025 for the church. After three years since our Minister Steve retired, we have by God's leading and grace called a new minister to our church – an event due to be fulfilled in the summer when Matt and Abi Champion take up residence following completion of ministry training and qualification.

The second big event which has been long in the planning stages and after much other work to the grounds and drains including filling in a large sink hole the new church car park has been built and laid in a work which has almost doubled the size of the area fit for use.

As in previous years however I would not be able to testify to these achievements without acknowledging the Boston Baptist Trust who have certainly paid the lions share of this project and then some!

Once again it has been a pleasure and privilege to work with the Trust in sorting out who pays for what and how funds should be allocated. Without the Trust we

would not be where we are now and I am indebted to them for their constant love, support and assistance in being there for the church and helping at every turn as the church continues to serve its members, friends and the local community.

I would like to extend my grateful thanks and acknowledge Shane who took the bold step to take on the Chairman of the Trust and to see him doing such a brilliant job in that role. He certainly gets on with it and a lot of his time is chasing up admin, suppliers and contractors to get things moving and jobs completed. I am indebted to him for his help this year along with the rest of the Trust members who have supported the church throughout this year of building renovations, future-proofing and the completion of the car park project which has been a huge upgrade.

Once again as in previous years there were moments when I wondered how things would go as expenses increased – quite dramatically in some cases – and unavoidable rising costs begin to spiral. But as always the Lord has been gracious as my guide with juggling the treasury. He has ensured we have met all our costs and obligations. One example being the church projector which broke down and could not be repaired. It had to be replaced at a cost of just over £5,400 including incidentals, new cables and specialist equipment with an engineer who installed it. Just at that time the delayed payment of the Gift Aid claim arrived from HMRC and dropped just under £6,400 in our lap – so the invoice was paid and the near £1000 left over went into church funds.

God - in a manner of saying chill man, I've got this - reminded me again this year that He's in control and I just need to trust Him.

Throughout 2025 money continued to come in although Sunday morning offerings have dropped off somewhat. Numbers attending have levelled and been sustained and we've had many visitors who have generously supported the church via bank payments. This is also along with the faithful who have again upheld their support in giving regularly as covenant giving for which I thank you from the heart and trust you will be blessed for serving God in this way. On top of that it's been a blessing once again to receive as already mentioned £6,400.00 in our annual Gift Aid claim.

I've held the Office of Treasurer for 13 years – during which we've always paid all our bills and costs and our share of the renovations which have future proofed the church and provided a building in excellent condition - ready for the future.

Our church tithe this year was £2,350 which was allocated to support the Baptist Union and Baptist Missionary Society, Mission Aviation Fellowship, Open Doors for persecuted Christians, RoadHoG youth ministry and our local homeless support organisation Centrepoint.

Our additional support for Centre Point has continued in the form of donations of food and provisions for their outreach programme.

And also noteworthy is our ongoing support through Compassion UK of our sponsorship for Dickson – the young man in Uganda who has greatly encouraged us with his letters and expressions of gratitude. Long may that continue. Thank you to the young people who have supported him and helped generate funds

towards his sponsorship and for all who have donated during fellowship tea and coffee.

I said it last year and repeat it today – all these ministries would not be possible without our generosity of donations, pledges, covenants and love gifts which show care and compassion in a practical way. God is no man's debtor and - in accordance with His word - will keep us make sure all our needs met.

So – I conclude this year's report with a hint of sadness this year. My faithful friend and money counting, 50p coin collecting and all round good egg James – passed away recently following a short illness. He was a nice chap, easy going good natured fellow with a good sense of humour. Even in his latter days struggling with his health he remained faithful. I will miss him and the banter we used to share every week when we counted, verified and booked in the offerings received. God Bless you Jim!

Thank you to all of you for your ongoing generosity and service to the Lord and His church at High Street which has made my job a fulfilling and rewarding privilege.

Also thanks once again to Carol Lidget who completed the audit of church accounts so my grateful thanks go out to her. She is a stickler for detail, doesn't miss anything and spots things I would never have seen! She's held me to account and helped correct my mistakes to produce an accurate, true, transparent and professional set of accounts which anybody can view anytime.

Finally I thank the Lord for His patience in putting up with me and helping me to prayerfully hold the Office of Treasurer. His patience and provision for this work has inspired me and grown my faith and given me a great deal of joy and encouragement. He really is good! He never fails and His love endures forever!

Much Love in Jesus



Treas!x

Boston Baptist Trust Report

I took over from Kev being the chairman of Boston Baptist trust in March 2025. It has definitely been a learning curve with some difficulties along the line but with God's help and help from my dad and Kev it's been great.

The Trust has been mightily blessed over recent years.

We are – of course – indebted to Mr John Saul, who in 1749 felt God leading him so set up the Trust and to donate both a Church Building for Baptists to worship in, and to give a farmhouse and some farmland to provide the Pastor of the Church with an income. Fast-forward a few years (OK Centuries) to the early 21st Century and the income from the farm became - in real-terms – less useful. Prices had gone up and land rental incomes had failed to keep pace. The income to the Trust was now only a few thousand pounds each year.

The Trust became a CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation) in 2021 – thanks to a huge amount of work by Rev Steve Holland – and we were up to date and able to administer the Trust in a much easier and practical manner than previously, and the rest, as they say, is history.

The Trust now owns 6 properties, which are rented out through an independent letting agency and therefore bring in a regular income.

In addition to their generating rental income, the properties are, of course, also gaining value in line with the general increase in property prices – so something of a double win - although the Trust does have to meet the necessary maintenance costs for each of the properties.

There is also still one small portion of land bordering Heron Way which the Trust hope to sell in the near future.

In 2025, the trust decided that they would commission Vere Bros to do the new car park, during this process it was found that the drains were no longer in good working order so had to be replaced before the car park work could begin. The trust also put in for planning permission to have the monument relocated but unfortunately this was denied, so we've had to put it back where it was. This work should be completed by April 2026, weather permitting.

As the work on the building comes to the end, and we move into maintenance, we hope in the future that we can make grants towards other projects in the South Lincolnshire area.

I would like to say a big thankyou to Rev Steve Holland for he gives so much of his free time to pay the bills, keep the accounts, produce the end-of-year reports for the Charities Commission and regularly sends the Trustees up to date financial reports. Without Steve's input the Trust would not be so financially "well set" as it now is.

Within the Trust's Constitution, is an allowance for the Church to appoint two people as Trustees with a view to their ensuring that the Church is fully represented at all Trust Meetings. If you feel that you might be called to that area of service (you do not need to be an official "Church Member"), then have a word with the Church Secretary so that the subject of your nomination can be raised at a future Church Meeting.

Shane Holland

P.A.

I would like to start by saying a big thanks to Matt, Kev and Pete for helping on the sound deck on Sunday's and Pete Meller for helping put new songs together.

The sound deck is performing well and we hope to do some AV (Audio/Video) training in March If people would like to learn how to use it.

If you have any feedback about the P.A. or songs, please let Shane Holland know.

Shane Holland

LIVE STREAMING

The live streaming on YouTube is going well with a average 5/7 viewers watching live on the Sunday morning, whilst a further average 35 folk are viewing the recording during the following weeks.

Shane Holland

WEBSITE

The church website address is www.bostonbaptistchurch.co.uk, and it has had 16,546 views from 01/01/2025 to 01/01/2026. Shane keeps the website up to date by upload the video, mp3, thoughts for the week and noticeboard on a weekly basis.

Shane Holland

NEWSLETTER & PUBLICITY

The Newsletter is working well and I would just like to remind people that they need to get information to Shane Holland about upcoming events by the Wednesday of the week prior to the Sunday on which they wish it to be published.

We have a publicity group if you would like to help, please let Shane know.

The publicity group are putting together weekly meetings, special adverts and items for the noticeboard outside church.

Shane Holland

FABRIC OFFICERS REPORT

We have now had the Foyer painted thanks to Andy and his son.

I would like to say a big thanks to the Trust for doing the work to the car park and building as well.

Over the next month Shane Holland will be coming up with a schedule of works to keep the building in good condition.

The annual electrical PAT has been completed.

We still have some works to do that were picked up by the Quinquennial inspection of 2022 which will be reviewed in the coming months .

Shane Holland

Sonseekers Report February 2026

Our children's group "Sonseekers" continues to meet for about 30 minutes each Sunday during the second half of the service.

Caz, Hannah and Jacqueline take it in turn to teach. Each week we also have a helper/2nd adult in the group with us. The folk who kindly help at the moment are Jill, Brian, Ionel and Dorothy and Matthew B.

As you will have noticed the number of children varies from week to week. Last year we were averaging 5-6 but for the last 2 months the numbers have been lower. We have very few "regular" children at the moment.

We try to vary what we do each week, to keep them involved, enjoying themselves and learning from God's word. We use the projector to show videos and other online teaching, we have games, crafts, worksheets, quizzes and discussions and to name but a few.

Planning for each Sunday has become more difficult as we have no idea how many, what age, and what previous experience of Sunday School the children may have. We have to have alternative plans ready to use depending on who is there each week.

Sonseekers support Dickson, a child in Uganda through Compassion. The children periodically communicate with him via letters. (See the Notice Board)

We had a Toy and Cake Sale in May in the Church car park. Many of the then regular children enthusiastically helped and raised £174.

Donations are welcome each week via the jar on the coffee table after the service on Sundays. At the moment as we have so few regular children, we are not in a position to arrange any other fundraising involving the children so are relying on support from the church.

We had one social event in August this year at Jacqueline and Adrian's home. Though the weather was awful and we were confined to the house, it was well attended and enjoyed by all. Patrick concluded the event with a short time of bible teaching.

Please continue to pray for us as we plan what to do each week and as we interact with the children on a Sunday.

Finally, if you feel that you could help in teaching or helping on a Sunday, please speak to one of us.

Thanks
Caz, Hannah and Jacqueline.

The Wednesday Prayer Meeting

The Wednesday Prayer Meeting has continued to meet regularly, usually with between six and ten attending. We have had a couple of guest sessions, with the Hallidays visiting one day and a young Hungarian student worker another time (Berci). Patrick passed the lead to Malcolm while he was with us, and Robert and Jill have also led occasional meetings. We normally start by reading Scripture (usually a Psalm) and turning to praise God, before turning to other concerns.

Our great encouragement has been the progress we have seen towards finding a new Minister, and praying for Matthew as he comes to us will continue to be a focus for the group in the coming months.

It has always been encouraging to spend time praying together: Prayer is the powerhouse of the church. Why not try coming if you can?

Patrick

Afternoon Tea

We still meet on the first Wednesday of each month and enjoy a time of fellowship and getting to know each other better, in an informal friendly setting, with the added pleasure of sharing food and tea or coffee.

Numbers vary from between ten and fifteen but there is plenty of room for more.

We have been entertained recently by Bill on the piano.

We meet in the lower school hall between 2 and 4 pm so please come and join us.

Jill Massey

Pastoral Care

The team which continues to try to support and care for all folk who have contact with the Church are Patrick, Debbie, Caz, Kev, Matthew (Cheer), Josie, Robert, Dorothy and Jill.

Each person associated with the Church is allocated to one of these team members and we hope to keep closer contact and get to know each other better, so that at any time we are able to pick up if a person has a particular need for support and help, and perhaps inform others in the congregation who may be able to also help. This may be an acute situation or a long term issue.

The exchanges should be confidential, and permission to be shared with others always sought.

In recent months God has blessed us with several new attenders at Church and writing this report reminds me that it is some time since we met to share our experience of how the system is working, so I plan to call a meeting in the near future to see if we can improve ways to care for and help all members of the fellowship.

Jill Massey

Safe Guarding

As a Church we take the responsibility of safe guarding very seriously.

The safe guarding officers are Jill and Robert., but all the Fellowship are expected to bring any situations which they think might be presenting a safe guarding issue to their attention.

We check certificates of training and DBS checks are up to date.

We have not had any reports of issues of concern over the past year, apart from observations that some of our older members may be vulnerable when living alone, with problems of frailty, sometimes memory issues, and coping with everyday situations .We have on occasion reported this, with the individual's permission, to Social Services to get professional assessment and help.

Members who have agreed to undertake specific roles in the Church are supplied with a description of their expected responsibilities and conduct to perform their duties..

Jill Massey

Church Rotas

These are produced three monthly but can be changed if unexpected circumstances occur making one unable to fulfil the rostered commitment.

We should love to involve extra people on the rotas for arranging flowers, serving refreshments after the Sunday morning service, teaching and helping in Sonseekers, welcoming people at the door, cleaning the Church etc..

we are very grateful to those who faithfully undertake these roles. Please consider whether you would be able to join them.

Jill Massey

RoadHoG Group (Tuesday Evenings)

So. 2026, you say. Write a report, you say. What could go wrong: you say. Don't say I didn't warn you looking at the below...

The below is a brief report of the House of God on the road, known as the RoadHoG bus, at High Street in 2025. For the RoadHoG youth project, 2025 was quite the year of challenge versus God's provision. In terms of the big purple girl, she's had a few bouts of being poorly recently. Apparently, it's all to do with the gear change switch. I'm not going to pretend to understand, I am going to tell you that the Lord ensured the bus broke down in John Cropley's yard, so LYM - the charity that run RoadHoG - didn't have to lay out the expense of vehicular recovery. Thanks to John and his team, both times that this occurred, it was resolved very quickly. The Lord only gave two stops a break, before having us back at his project.

On that note, RoadHoG really has some similar to tales to the Bible, in all honesty. Yes, you read that correctly. RoadHoG is all about unsung heroes, from the person that refills the 'tuck shop' (which includes going to the discount stores to find the crisps or sweets that the young persons love), the person that designs all the crafts and slides to the quizzes, to the people that keep the bus healthy; just using their gifts to serve God's ministry to younger folk. So, if us weird yet wonderful people can do it, I'd question why anybody else thinks they can't. Another challenge felt throughout the

RoadHoG family in 2025, was simply decreasing numbers of team members. We felt that profoundly with Heather who used to be able to attend regularly, had to stop. She did need hospital treatment, so we will let her off. In that, I speak for the whole team when I say, I praise the Lord for her recovery. He will know who you're talking about, please pray for Heather.

As mentioned prior, God's provision always shone through, we've always had enough of a team of called people to be able to run the stop when it is here at High Street. Both Debbie in addition to Robert have agreed to become team members here at High Street, for RoadHoG. I pray they both know God's blessing for stepping into this for him. However, even with those two - we are short of two people. If you are reading this, consider prayerfully whether you are called to give two hours a fortnight to minister to Boston's young people. Even if only as holiday and sickness cover.

An additional challenge was our Church's car park was closed for tarmac-ing works, from October for a number of weeks. Of course, this was another case of God's providing for us, as doing so has now eliminated the ongoing challenges of cars parking in the carpark, blocking access for the bus. In January 2026, we were able to return.

None of the above matters without young people coming onboard the bus. For High Street, that means every other Tuesday. Team members arrive about half past six to setup as well as pray prior to letting the young people on at seven, the young people leave at eight, then the team clears up and prays before departing themselves. The largest number of attendees was fifteen, the average number was four and the smallest number of attendees was ZERO. We've had this for two stops in a row, now.

Lastly, I'd like to thank a few people, most of all the Lord for his provision, love and blessings to RoadHoG in 2025. I thank everybody who has helped at High Street in 2025, especially those that do other things in the background, at least three of our team come after work. I thank Caz for keeping me on track, as she's the deputy team leader! To close, please could I ask for prayer on a few things:

- > Please pray for our 'usual' driver Phil. He's poorly at the moment with a severely bad back.
- > Please pray for the young people that attend, and the volunteers when it is our night.
- > Please pray about whether you are being called to be one of Christ's messengers to Boston town's youth.
- > Please pray for an increased number of young visitors.

God bless,
Brian

High Street Voices

We sang at Easter, Harvest and Christmas in services. We also sang at a Christmas music event which was more of a social/ outreach event. There has been some disappointment at times due to the fact that it's difficult to get sound properly balanced across different microphones and people feel exposed due streaming. The Christmas singing event held on December 22nd (with quiz) was well received and there were 6 or 7 people who don't normally attend the church who came along. Happily we had a pianist and no microphones were needed!!

It's difficult to get people together and allow practice time so we need advance notice if leaders would like contributions to services. We are happy to help with anything if we can and seek God's leading in the development of music at Boston Baptist in 2026.

Thanks,
Debbie

THANK YOU

A big thank you very much to everyone who prepared and sent me these reports in plenty of time for circulating for our AGM. There is so much going on involving many people. Well done to everyone who plans, organises and goes to each and every service, event or meeting. We look forward to new people joining us to be involved in planning organising and carrying out our mission to tell others, in and around us, of Jesus love and His message of salvation to them.

God bless.

Adrian.

**BOSTON BAPTIST CHURCH
GENERAL PURPOSE FUND
INCOME / EXPENDITURE STATEMENT**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

INCOME	2024	2025	VARIANCE
Offerings	7,674.54	9,511.93	1,837.39
Covenants CAF Gift Aid	18,755.00	17,655.00	-1,100.00
Baptist Trust	13,950.00	12,000.00	-1,950.00
Gift aid claim	6,516.24	6,357.50	-158.74
Hire of buildings	2,310.00	1,250.00	-1,060.00
Donations	246.00	1,008.68	762.68
Compassion donations	0.00	190.04	190.04
Recycled items	164.32	169.60	5.28
Bank interest received	<u>874.09</u>	<u>778.50</u>	<u>-95.59</u>
	<u>50,490.19</u>	<u>48,921.25</u>	<u>-1,568.94</u>
 EXPENDITURE			
MINISTRY			
Stipend PAYE & NIC	12.00	12.00	0.00
Pension	10.00	0.00	-10.00
Rent	0.00	0.00	0.00
Minister's expenses	299.00	1,047.00	748.00
	<u>607.94</u>	<u>857.00</u>	<u>249.06</u>
	<u>928.94</u>	<u>1,916.00</u>	<u>987.06</u>
 EXPENSES			
Manse expenses	0.00	155.75	155.75
Church utilities	10,422.21	3,546.00	-6,876.21
Church insurance	3,638.42	3,729.06	90.64
Church maintenance	12,747.85	4,324.02	-8,423.83
Church cleaning	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	<u>26,808.48</u>	<u>11,754.83</u>	<u>-15,053.65</u>

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INCOME / EXPENDITURE STATEMENT (Continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

2024		2025	Variance
FELLOWSHIP			
Fellowship	1,494.36	342.88	-1,151.48
Photocopier & stationery	630.51	705.31	74.80
Tithe	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
Audio Visual Tech	201.46	476.80	275.34
AV Projector and filters	0.00	6,495.09	6,495.09
Donations	384.00	9	465.54
Publicity and advertising	0.00	849.54	389.33
Sundries	170.00	389.33	40.88
Charges	60.00	210.88	0.00
One off restoration	20,391.37	60.00	-20,391.37
CCLI licence	0.00	274.40	274.40
Baptist Union sub	97.75	100.00	2.25
Evangelical Alliance Sub	0.00	90.00	90.00
	<u>26,429.45</u>	<u>12,994.23</u>	<u>-13,435.22</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>54,166.87</u>	<u>26,665.06</u>	<u>-27,501.81</u>
NET	<u>-3,676.68</u>	<u>22,256.19</u>	<u>26,181.93</u>

BOSTON BAPTIST CHURCH

GENERAL PURPOSE FUND

INCOME / EXPENDITURE STATEMENT 31st DECEMBER 2025

SUMMARY

	2024	2025
INCOME	50,490.19	48,921.25
EXPENDITURE	54,166.87	26,665.06
NET	<u>-3,676.68</u>	<u>22,256.19</u>
BALANCES BFWD	54,905.32	51,228.64
BALANCES CFWD	<u>51,228.64</u>	<u>73,484.83</u>
MOVEMENT IN THE YEAR	<u>-3,676.68</u>	<u>22,256.19</u>
BALANCES REPRESENTED BY		
Cash at bank		
Current Account	20,060.33	29,579.76
Deposit Account	<u>31,168.31</u>	<u>43,905.07</u>
	<u>51,228.64</u>	<u>73,484.83</u>

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**BOSTON BAPTIST CHURCH
GENERAL PURPOSE FUND
INCOME / EXPENDITURE STATEMENT**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

INCOME	2024	2025	VARIANCE
Offerings	7,674.54	9,511.93	1,837.39
Covenants CAF Gift Aid	18,755.00	17,655.00	-1,100.00
Baptist Trust	13,950.00	12,000.00	-1,950.00
Gift aid claim	6,516.24	6,357.50	-158.74
Hire of buildings	2,310.00	1,250.00	-1,060.00
Donations	246.00	1,008.68	762.68
Compassion donations	0.00	190.04	190.04
Recycled items	164.32	169.60	5.28
Bank interest received	874.09	778.50	-95.59
	<u>50,490.19</u>	<u>48,921.25</u>	<u>-1,568.94</u>
 EXPENDITURE			
MINISTRY			
Stipend PAYE & NIC	12.00	12.00	0.00
Pension	10.00	0.00	-10.00
Rent	0.00	0.00	0.00
Minister's expenses	299.00	1,047.00	748.00
	607.94	857.00	249.06
	<u>928.94</u>	<u>1,916.00</u>	<u>987.06</u>
 EXPENSES			
Manse expenses	0.00	155.75	155.75
Church utilities	10,422.21	3,546.00	-6,876.21
Church insurance	3,638.42	3,729.06	90.64
Church maintenance	12,747.85	4,324.02	-8,423.83
Church cleaning	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<u>26,808.48</u>	<u>11,754.83</u>	<u>-15,053.65</u>

BOSTON BAPTIST CHURCH

GENERAL PURPOSE FUND

INCOME / EXPENDITURE STATEMENT (Continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

2024		2025	Variance
FELLOWSHIP			
Fellowship	1,494.36	342.88	-1,151.48
Photocopier & stationery	630.51	705.31	74.80
Tithe	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
Audio Visual Tech	201.46	476.80	275.34
AV Projector and filters	0.00	6,495.09	6,495.09
Donations	384.00	9	465.54
Publicity and advertising	0.00	849.54	389.33
Sundries	170.00	389.33	40.88
Charges	60.00	210.88	0.00
One off restoration	20,391.37	60.00	-20,391.37
CCLI licence	0.00	0.00	274.40
Baptist Union sub	97.75	274.40	2.25
Evangelical Alliance Sub	0.00	100.00	90.00
	<u>26,429.45</u>	<u>12,994.23</u>	<u>-13,435.22</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>54,166.87</u>	<u>26,665.06</u>	<u>-27,501.81</u>
NET	<u>-3,676.68</u>	<u>22,256.19</u>	<u>26,181.93</u>

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BALANCES REPRESENTED BY		
Cash at bank		
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INCOME / EXPENDITURE STATEMENT**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

INCOME	<i>2022</i>	2023	<i>VARIANCE</i>
Offerings	<i>12,125.34</i>	10,327.16	<i>-1,798.18</i>
Covenants CAF Gift Aid	<i>24,360.00</i>	19,305.00	<i>-5,055.00</i>
Baptist Trust	<i>28,687.00</i>	19,800.00	<i>-8,887.00</i>
Gift aid claim	<i>7,195.00</i>	7,038.75	<i>-156.25</i>
Hire of buildings	<i>2,805.00</i>	1,850.00	<i>-955.00</i>
Donations	<i>1,044.61</i>	438.10	<i>-606.51</i>
Recycled items	<i>254.24</i>	358.15	<i>103.91</i>
Memorial Service	<i>0.00</i>	140.00	<i>140.00</i>
Bank interest received	<i>39.69</i>	305.92	<i>266.23</i>
	<u><u>76,510.88</u></u>	<u><u>59,563.08</u></u>	<u><u>-16,947.80</u></u>
EXPENDITURE			
MINISTRY			
Stipend PAYE & NIC	<i>22,104.11</i>	1,838.00	<i>-20,266.11</i>
Pension	<i>6,175.17</i>	10.00	<i>-6,165.17</i>
Rent	<i>7,800.00</i>	650.00	<i>-7,150.00</i>
Minister's expenses	<i>9,507.71</i>	726.12	<i>-8,781.59</i>
Preachers' expenses	<i>100.00</i>	385.00	<i>285.00</i>
	<u><u>45,686.99</u></u>	<u><u>3,609.12</u></u>	<u><u>-42,362.87</u></u>
EXPENSES			
Church utilities	<i>5,673.32</i>	5,746.59	<i>73.27</i>
Church insurance	<i>3,189.85</i>	3,573.57	<i>383.72</i>
Church maintenance	<i>15,072.72</i>	10,749.96	<i>-4,322.76</i>
Church cleaning	<i>200.18</i>	97.43	<i>-102.75</i>
	<u><u>24,136.07</u></u>	<u><u>20,167.55</u></u>	<u><u>-3,968.52</u></u>

BOSTON BAPTIST CHURCH

GENERAL PURPOSE FUND

INCOME / EXPENDITURE STATEMENT (Continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

	2022	2023	Variance
FELLOWSHIP			
Fellowship	380.83	659.10	278.27
Photocopier & stationery	354.85	315.66	-39.19
Tithe	0.00	7,900.00	7,900.00
Audio Visual Tech	163.04	343.70	180.66
Donations	1,351.00	413.00	-938.00
Charges	81.00	60.00	-21.00
CIO Application	0.00	0.00	0.00
CCLI licence	227.25	245.00	17.75
Baptist Union sub	112.50	91.80	-20.70
Evangelical Alliance Sub	<u>90.00</u>	<u>90.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	<u>2,760.47</u>	<u>10,118.26</u>	<u>7,357.79</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>72,583.53</u>	<u>33,894.93</u>	<u>-38,973.60</u>
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	<u>3,927.35</u>	<u>25,668.15</u>	<u>22,025.80</u>

BOSTON BAPTIST CHURCH
GENERAL PURPOSE FUND

INCOME / EXPENDITURE STATEMENT 31st DECEMBER 2023

SUMMARY

	2022	2023
INCOME	76,510.88	59,563.08
EXPENDITURE	72,583.53	33,894.93
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	<u>3,927.35</u>	<u>25,668.15</u>
BALANCES BFWD	25,309.82	29,237.17
BALANCES CFWD	<u>29,237.17</u>	<u>54,905.32</u>
MOVEMENT IN THE YEAR	<u>3,927.35</u>	<u>25,668.15</u>
BALANCES REPRESENTED BY		
Cash at bank		
Current Account	24,689.58	19,579.33
Deposit Account	<u>4,547.59</u>	<u>35,325.99</u>
	<u>29,237.17</u>	<u>54,905.32</u>

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

INCOME	<i>2022</i>	2023	<i>VARIANCE</i>
Offerings	<i>12,125.34</i>	10,327.16	-1,798.18
Covenants CAF Gift Aid	<i>24,360.00</i>	19,305.00	-5,055.00
Baptist Trust	<i>28,687.00</i>	19,800.00	-8,887.00
Gift aid claim	<i>7,195.00</i>	7,038.75	-156.25
Hire of buildings	<i>2,805.00</i>	1,850.00	-955.00
Donations	<i>1,044.61</i>	438.10	-606.51
Recycled items	<i>254.24</i>	358.15	103.91
Memorial Service	<i>0.00</i>	140.00	140.00
Bank interest received	<i>39.69</i>	305.92	266.23
	<u>76,510.88</u>	<u>59,563.08</u>	<u>-16,947.80</u>
 EXPENDITURE			
MINISTRY			
Stipend PAYE & NIC	<i>22,104.11</i>	1,838.00	-20,266.11
Pension	<i>6,175.17</i>	10.00	-6,165.17
Rent	<i>7,800.00</i>	650.00	-7,150.00
Minister's expenses	<i>9,507.71</i>	726.12	-8,781.59
Preachers' expenses	<i>100.00</i>	385.00	285.00
	<u>45,686.99</u>	<u>3,609.12</u>	<u>-42,362.87</u>
 EXPENSES			
Church utilities	<i>5,673.32</i>	5,746.59	73.27
Church insurance	<i>3,189.85</i>	3,573.57	383.72
Church maintenance	<i>15,072.72</i>	10,749.96	-4,322.76
Church cleaning	<i>200.18</i>	97.43	-102.75
	<u>24,136.07</u>	<u>20,167.55</u>	<u>-3,968.52</u>

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GENERAL PURPOSE FUND

INCOME / EXPENDITURE STATEMENT (Continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

	2022	2023	Variance
FELLOWSHIP			
Fellowship	380.83	659.10	278.27
Photocopier & stationery	354.85	315.66	-39.19
Tithe	0.00	7,900.00	7,900.00
Audio Visual Tech	163.04	343.70	180.66
Donations	1,351.00	413.00	-938.00
Charges	81.00	60.00	-21.00
CIO Application	0.00	0.00	0.00
CCLI licence	227.25	245.00	17.75
Baptist Union sub	112.50	91.80	-20.70
Evangelical Alliance Sub	<u>90.00</u>	<u>90.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	<u>2,760.47</u>	<u>10,118.26</u>	<u>7,357.79</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>72,583.53</u>	<u>33,894.93</u>	<u>-38,973.60</u>
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BOSTON BAPTIST CHURCH
GENERAL PURPOSE FUND

INCOME / EXPENDITURE STATEMENT 31st DECEMBER 2023

SUMMARY

	2022	2023
INCOME	76,510.88	59,563.08
EXPENDITURE	72,583.53	33,894.93
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	<u>3,927.35</u>	<u>25,668.15</u>
BALANCES BFWD	25,309.82	29,237.17
BALANCES CFWD	<u>29,237.17</u>	<u>54,905.32</u>
MOVEMENT IN THE YEAR	<u>3,927.35</u>	<u>25,668.15</u>

BALANCES REPRESENTED BY

Cash at bank

Current Account 24,689.58 19,579.33

Deposit Account 4,547.59 35,325.99

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INCOME / EXPENDITURE STATEMENT**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

INCOME	<i>2021</i>	2022	<i>VARIANCE</i>
Offerings	11,008.54	12,125.34	1,116.80
Covenants CAF Gift Aid	23,757.00	24,360.00	603.00
Baptist Trust	19,800.00	28,687.00	8,887.00
Gift aid claim	8,450.00	7,195.00	-1,255.00
Hire of buildings	1,000.00	2,805.00	1,805.00
Donations	342.76	1,044.61	701.85
Recycled items	0.00	254.24	254.24
Bank interest received	0.44	39.69	39.25
	<u>64,358.74</u>	<u>76,510.88</u>	<u>12,152.14</u>

EXPENDITURE

MINISTRY

Stipend PAYE & NIC	22,540.00	22,104.11	-435.89
Pension	9,395.88	6,175.17	-3,220.71
Rent	7,800.00	7,800.00	0.00
Manse expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
Minister's expenses	5,596.25	9,507.71	3,911.46
Preachers' expenses	0.00	100.00	100.00
	<u>45,332.13</u>	<u>45,686.99</u>	<u>254.86</u>

EXPENSES

Church utilities	3,521.64	5,673.32	2,151.68
Church insurance	3,453.69	3,189.85	-263.84
Church maintenance	299.98	15,072.72	14,772.74
Church cleaning	45.00	200.18	155.18
	<u>7,320.31</u>	<u>24,136.07</u>	<u>16,815.76</u>

BOSTON BAPTIST CHURCH

GENERAL PURPOSE FUND

INCOME / EXPENDITURE STATEMENT (Continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

	2021	2022	Variance
FELLOWSHIP			
Fellowship	593.39	380.83	-212.56
Photocopier & stationery	308.62	354.85	46.23
Tithe	5,850.00	0.00	-5,850.00
Audio Visual Tech	0.00	163.04	163.04
Donations	200.00	1,351.00	1,151.00
Charges	96.00	81.00	-15.00
CIO Application	1,564.20	0.00	-1,564.20
CCLI licence	213.72	227.25	13.53
Baptist Union sub	212.65	112.50	-100.15
Evangelical Alliance Sub	0.00	90.00	90.00
	<u>9,038.58</u>	<u>2,760.47</u>	<u>-6,278.11</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>61,691.02</u>	<u>72,583.53</u>	<u>10,792.51</u>
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	<u>2,667.72</u>	<u>3,927.35</u>	<u>1,359.63</u>

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References and Administrative Details

Registered Address

98 High Street Boston Pe21 8TA

Charity Registration Number 1185777

Trustees

The Revd Steve Holland (Pastor/Minister)

Mr Kevin Smithbone (elected November 2019)

Mr Pete Meller (elected Treasurer November 2019)

Mrs Gill Massey (elected November 2019)

Penny Hare (resigned 4th February 2022)

Property Trustees

Boston Baptist Trust, 98 High Street Boston PE21 8TA

Bankers

CAF Bank Ltd, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent ME19 4JQ

Independent Examiner

Mrs Carol Lidgett

Annual Report for 2021

The trustees present their Annual Report and financial statements for 2022

Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity is governed by an Approved Governing Document. Members of the Church are accepted in accordance with the Constitution which requires them to be or to have been publicly baptised on the profession of faith in Jesus Christ or following other methods of baptism to renew their public profession of faith in Jesus Christ.

The members Meetings normally take place no less than four times per year with an AGM in March each year. Important decisions and policies of the church are discussed and approved at these meetings. In accordance with the Constitution, the members appoint Trustees, who together with the Minister (Pastor), Church Secretary and Treasurer (who are also appointed by the Members), are responsible for the day to day running of the church's work and witness, and the financial and legal aspects of the charity.

The church has a Leadership Team comprising of trustees meets no less than six times a year. The Minister is responsible for the spiritual direction and oversight of the church. The other trustees (Deacons) take an active role in the practical running of the church. All members are encouraged to take an appropriate part in the spiritual and practical tasks involved in the furtherance of the charitable objective.

Relevant matters may be submitted to the Church meeting by the Trustees for guidance or may be raised by members in Church meetings for further consideration by the Trustees. Though the Constitution permits decisions to be made at Church meetings by appropriate majorities, the Church seeks to work by consensus wherever possible.

Objectives and Activities

The principal purpose of the charity is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination to include the advancement of education, community service and such other general charitable purposes in such parts of the United Kingdom and the world as the Church shall determine.

In order to achieve the principal objective which is set out above, the Church provides a variety of activities both to its membership and to the community generally. The aim is to show the love of Jesus Christ in both word and deed and to bring people into a closer relationship with Him as living Lord.

Central to the work and witness of the Church is the provision of regular public services of Christian worship. These services take place both in church and on-line (via YouTube) each Sunday at 10.30 am. There are also occasional services at other times which are advertised on the Church notices and the website at 'bostonbaptistchurch.co.uk'. There is a children's programme during the morning services. The church seeks to be a friendly and welcoming community, and anybody is free to attend any of these services.

The Church runs bible study groups for the growth of faith and discipleship in addition the church holds regular prayer meetings to pray for the world, nation, community and the fellowship which, as for the bible study, for 2021 has been held electronically via 'Zoom' and details of these published on the church notice sheet and through the website and are available upon request.

From time to time the Church runs courses for people interested in discovering more about Christianity, entitled 'Christianity Explored' and 'Christianity explained'.

The church also works with young people through a local mobile youth project call RoadHog.

The church buildings are available to be used by local community groups including a mums and toddler group, and a bereavement counselling service.

The Church operates systems to ensure that all people working with children and vulnerable adults are appropriately vetted with regard to the Disclosure and Barring Service.

The trustees have read the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and are satisfied that the activities outlined above and below clearly demonstrate that the charity is providing a benefit to the public.

Achievements and Performance

Refer to the reports prepared below by the Minister and Secretary.

Financial Review

The Church continues to raise the funds which it needs to carry on its activities from within its own membership and congregation, with support from the 'Boston Baptist Trust. No wider public appeal was made for funds during the year

The most significant expenses relate to payments of the Pastor, and the running costs of the church buildings. The Church expressed its part in the life of the; local community and the wider church by making grants to national and international Christian organisations and societies with Christian aims and objectives compatible with the church's own charitable purpose. The Church is heavily dependent on its membership working as volunteers in all aspects of the church's activities which contribute to the achievement of the church's objectives. The financial results for the year, together with a summary of the accounting policies adopted are set out in the financial statements below

Ministers Report 2021

So another year has passed and it has been a year that has been in many ways much the same way as the year before.

So what should I include in this Ministers report?

I could mention the challenges of the covid pandemic which have limited what have been able to do as we began the year with a lockdown that meant we continued to worship in the virtual world, via on-line You Tube Services and zoom meetings for prayer, bible study and even social gatherings over coffee.

I could talk about how blessed we are to be back worshipping in church, even if some of our mid week meetings continue on-line.

but I want to talk about the church which is more than a building, or dates in a calendar,

It is the people of God who come together for activities of fellowship and worship.

I am of course, truly thankful to those who keep our technology working making it possible for us to continue with the ministry of worship over the internet as well as in church.

And while I am saying thank you, I would also want to register my gratitude to all of you who serve the church in some way, whether it be leading prayers and readings or cleaning and making tea. Everyone of you brings glory to God as you serve with cheerful hearts.

I also thank all of you who have give each other pastoral support through a year when it has been so difficult for so many, and I pray that this vital ministry which has been carried out so well will continue to be a defining aspect of our church.

As a fellowship we have mourned the loss of Phyllis, who has been a powerful servant of the church especially in the ministry of music but also of Rita who gave herself in so many ways to the Lord's service in this place, someone we continue miss daily, and yet we are able to praise God that they are now in Glory with him. We also miss Fran who has moved to Derby but who was an important part of our pastoral team. These folk leave a hole in our church, but again we praise God for the new people who have joined us for regular worship.

I recently wrote to you about the importance of membership, of the importance of fellowshiping together and our responsibilities to meet together, encourage one another, to serve together and honour God by sharing in communion together. And recognising that we cannot do this on our own and that we need to take every opportunity to draw strength from God by joining together in worship and prayer

I thank God for all the activities that have continued, even while we were not able to meet together in person. But the challenge for us as we go forward is to continue to seek the will of God for us in our community.

- A community which finds us where we live – a community continues to grow with new houses being built and new families moving in.
- A community where we work – where in so many ways it is more and more un-cool to be a Christian and we need to dispel the misconceptions about our faith.
- and of course a community where we worship – where we are ever challenged to be the real thing sharing who we are with a God who gives and forgives.

I believe we need to find new ways to release the gifts and resources that God has blessed us with, to engage in those places where we are. Recognising that we not alone when we share the good news of Christ, but that we partner with God who leads the way. We need to seek out the opportunities presented to us, to engage with a changing world that will sometimes seem hostile, which means we will also need to grow and mature together as Christians who support and care for one another encouraging one another and praying for one another.

As we look to the future, we cannot know what is around the corner. Somethings of course we do know, for example that at the end of 2022 the church we be seeking a new minister as I retire and this is something that even now the church should be praying about. But irrespective of the uncertainties the church might face we have one certainty that we can always hold fast to. God is with us to the very end of the age.

I close with a passage I would like to make ours for this coming year and beyond. It's from the letter to the Romans 12:9-13 and is entitled Love in Action

⁹ Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in love. Honour one another above yourselves. ¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervour, serving the Lord. ¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. ¹³ Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

I believe this is meant not only for within our own fellowship but is to be shared with all people, and if this is true then we need to find new ways to release the gifts and resources that God has blessed us with, to engage in those places where we are and those around us. Recognising that we not alone when we share the good news of Christ, but that we partner with God who leads the way. We need to seek out the opportunities presented to us, to engage with a changing world that will sometimes seem hostile, which means we will also need to grow and mature together as Christians who support and care for one another encouraging one another and praying for one another.

Steve Holland (Minister)

Secretary's Report 2021

I should like to start by paying tribute to Rita Corke, who wrote last year's secretary's report, and who sadly left us after a short illness to join Jesus in glory last November. In Rita we have lost a wise, compassionate, reliable friend who served her Lord in so many ways. Her gift for administration will be greatly missed. Let us

thank God that her gifts blessed our Church and so many individuals. Shortly before Rita died, we lost another faithful Christian, Phyllis Davy, who was also devoted to serve her Lord at Boston Baptist Church for many years.

The past year continued with lockdown and various restriction to our activities. We continue to thank Shane and Steve for maintaining the online provision on YouTube and Zoom, which has enabled us to keep in contact with each other. Matthew Lymer was also kind enough to update and improve our website.

As we now have fewer advised restrictions in meeting, we have been able to gather face-to-face, if we feel confident, and Sunday services are almost back to normal – to singing without masks, enjoying coffee, tea and biscuits after the service, etc. Several of the congregation meet for coffee on a Wednesday morning. Also, afternoon tea on the first Wednesday afternoon of the month has been reinstated.

Many were delighted to share fellowship in the Church again, and it is hoped that more will feel able to return over the coming weeks. We have been pleased to welcome several new folks into fellowship, and also some into membership recently.

At present, the Bible study on Monday evening and the prayer meeting on Thursday afternoon are still being held on Zoom.

We have continued to share the Church buildings with others. The Romanian Church meet on a Sunday evening, and Pastor Minko and his Bulgarian congregation meet on a Saturday evening. Rompers, the mother and toddler group (meeting on a Friday morning), will return after a two-year break after Easter. The music exams will also take place again this year.

We thank God that we have been able to continue supporting, among others, Centrepont, Roadhog and Churches Together in Boston.

Steve and Karen provided Christmas lunch for several of the congregation and friends, which was a very enjoyable occasion. We are now looking forward to celebrating Easter together: the joyful news of God's plan of salvation for anyone who will accept what Jesus achieved by his sacrifice and resurrection.

If you feel led to get more involved in the various goings-on at High Street, please speak to Steve or one of the deacons; there are several openings for service, e.g. the prayer chain, pastoral care and Church cleaning. If you have an idea of how we can start a new venture, please do not keep it to yourself.

We anticipate several adjustments in the coming months, including a change in our leadership as Steve's retirement and time as our pastor draws to a close. Steve and Karen have been a tremendous blessing during an unusual period of restrictions; we are thankful for their use of all their special gifts to serve the Lord, and we shall miss them greatly. We pray that they will enjoy this new phase of their life together and keep in contact with us.

Let us all rely on each other to commit to collective and individual prayer to seek God's will for our Church and its community.

Gill Massey (Secretary)

**BOSTON BAPTIST CHURCH
GENERAL PURPOSE FUND**

INCOME / EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

	2020	2021	VARIANCE
INCOME			
Offerings	8,631.82	11,008.54	2,376.72
Covenants CAF Gift Aid	26,185.00	23,757.00	-2,428.00
Baptist Trust	16,800.00	19,800.00	3,000.00
Gift aid claim	8,292.50	8,450.00	157.50
Hire of Buildings	165.00	1,000.00	835.00
Donations	350.00	342.76	-7.24
Bank interest received	5.34	0.44	-4.90
	<u>60,429.66</u>	<u>64,358.74</u>	<u>3,929.08</u>
EXPENDITURE			
MINISTRY			
Stipend PAYE & NIC	21,990.53	22,540.00	549.47
Pension	8,198.01	9,395.88	1,197.87
Rent	7,800.00	7,800.00	0.00
Manse Expenses	3,926.63	0.00	-3,926.63
Ministers Expenses	1,045.39	5,596.25	4,550.86
Preachers Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<u>42,960.56</u>	<u>45,332.13</u>	<u>2,371.57</u>
EXPENSES			
Church Utilities	4,054.29	3,521.64	-532.65
Church Insurance	3,162.45	3,453.69	291.24
Church Maintenance	1,127.42	299.98	-827.44
Church Cleaning	0.00	45.00	45.00
Entrance costs	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<u>8,344.16</u>	<u>7,320.31</u>	<u>-1,023.85</u>
FELLOWSHIP			
Fellowship	316.40	593.39	276.99
Photocopier & stationery	315.88	308.62	-7.26
Tithe	4,700.00	5,850.00	1,150.00
Donations	290.00	200.00	-90.00
Charges	60.00	96.00	36.00
Legal fees	356.40	0.00	-356.40
CIO Application	0.00	1,564.20	1,564.20
CCLI Licence	0.00	213.72	213.72
Baptist Union sub	0.00	212.65	212.65
	<u>6,038.68</u>	<u>9,038.58</u>	<u>2,999.90</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>57,343.40</u>	<u>61,691.02</u>	<u>4,347.62</u>
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	<u>3,086.26</u>	<u>2,667.72</u>	<u>-418.54</u>

**BOSTON BAPTIST CHURCH
GENERAL PURPOSE FUND**

INCOME / EXPENDITURE STATEMENT 31st DECEMBER 2021

	SUMMARY	
	2020	2021
INCOME	60,429.66	64,358.74
EXPENDITURE	57,343.40	61,691.02
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EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	<u>3,086.26</u>	<u>2,667.72</u>
BALANCES BFWD	19,555.84	22,642.10
BALANCES CFWD	<u>22,642.10</u>	<u>25,309.82</u>
MOVEMENT IN THE YEAR	<u>3,086.26</u>	<u>2,667.72</u>
MOVEMENT ON GENERAL FUND	<u>3,086.26</u>	<u>2,667.72</u>
BALANCES CFWD REPRESENTED BY		
Cash at bank		
Current Account	18,241.99	20,909.27
Deposit Account	<u>4,400.11</u>	<u>4,400.55</u>
	<u>22,642.10</u>	<u>25,309.82</u>

Accounts approved on 24th March 2022
and signed on the Church's behalf

Steve Holland



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steve Holland', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive.



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

BOSTON BAPTIST CHURCH

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31ST DECEMBER 2021

**Charity no
(if any)**

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2021.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below²) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect,:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

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

Signed:

Carol Lidgett

Date:

18/03/2022

Name:

Carol Lidgett

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

FCCA retired
No fee charged for this examination

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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 details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

As with other charities and churches who are banking with HSBC there has been a problem banking cash as HSBC no longer accept cash at their branch in Boston and this is the bank that handles bankings for CAF Bank.

This has meant that a trustee has used their own personal bank account to bank the cash offerings but has transferred the amounts by bank transfer to CAF bank

I have been unable to follow this audit trail as a further complication arose due to the Covid19 restrictions leading to the closure of the church building during 2 lengthy lockdowns.

I have checked the amount of cash transfers against the cash offering book but was unable to reconcile the two as more had been banked than the cash offering book recorded. As the church was closed for many weeks the offering book only records the weeks when the church was open when a proper count was carried out with 2 people doing this.

HSBC has not changed its policy but steps are being put in place to have a special bank account for this cash and a fully restored audit trail will then be put in place.

I am confident that cash offerings have been banked eventually and so this doesn't affect the accounts annexed to this report. Many donors are now using bank transfers themselves to facilitate their giving lowering the amount of cash handling required which is a positive outcome in a turbulent and uncertain year.

BOSTON BAPTIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1185777

Accounts



BOSTON BAPTIST CHURCH

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References and Administrative Details

Registered Address

98 High Street Boston Pe21 8TA

Charity Registration Number 1185777

Trustees

The Revd Steve Holland (Pastor/Minister)
Mrs Rita Corke (Secretary resigned March 2020)
Mr Kevin Smithbone (elected November 2019)
Mr Pete Meller (elected Treasurer November 2019)
Mrs Gill Massey (elected November 2019)
Penny Hare (elected November 2019)

Property Trustees

Boston Baptist Trust, 98 High Street Boston PE21 8TAnion Corporation Limited Baptist House, 129

Bankers

CAF Bank Ltd, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent ME19 4JQ

Independent Examiner

Mrs Carol Lidgett

Annual Report for 2020

The trustees present their Annual Report and financial statements for 2020

Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity is governed by an Approved Governing Document. Members of the Church are accepted in accordance with the Constitution which requires them to be or to have been publicly baptised on the profession of faith in Jesus Christ or following other methods of baptism to renew their public profession of faith in Jesus Christ.

The members Meetings normally take place no less than four times per year with an AGM in March each year. Important decisions and policies of the church are discussed and approved at these meetings. In accordance with the Constitution, the members appoint Trustees, who together with the Minister (Pastor), Church Secretary and Treasurer (who are also appointed by the Members), are responsible for the day to day running of the church's work and witness, and the financial and legal aspects of the charity.

The church has a Leadership Team comprising of trustees meets no less than six times a year. The Minister is responsible for the spiritual direction and oversight of the church. The other trustees (Deacons) take an active role in the practical running of the church. All members are encouraged to take an appropriate part in the spiritual and practical tasks involved in the furtherance of the charitable objective.

Relevant matters may be submitted to the Church meeting by the Trustees for guidance or may be raised by members in Church meetings for further consideration by the Trustees. Though the Constitution permits decisions to be made at Church meetings by appropriate majorities, the Church seeks to work by consensus wherever possible.

Objectives and Activities

The principal purpose of the charity is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination to include the advancement of education, community service and such other general charitable purposes in such parts of the United Kingdom and the world as the Church shall determine.

In order to achieve the principal objective which is set out above, the Church provides a variety of activities both to its membership and to the community generally. The aim is to show the love of Jesus Christ in both word and deed and to bring people into a closer relationship with Him as living Lord.

Central to the work and witness of the Church is the provision of regular public services of Christian worship. These services take place each Sunday at 10.30 am. There are also occasional services at other times which are advertised on the Church notices and the website at 'bostonbaptistchurch.co.uk'. There is a children's programme during the morning services. The church seeks to be a friendly and welcoming community, and anybody is free to attend any of these services.

The Church runs bible study groups for the growth of faith and discipleship in the homes of some members, although throughout the lockdown and during covid restrictions this has been held via zoom. and further details of these can be obtained from the Trustees on request, or at the Sunday services of worship.

From time to time the Church runs courses for people interested in discovering more about Christianity, entitled 'Christianity Explored' and 'Christianity explained'.

The church also works with young people through a local mobile youth project call RoadHog.

The church buildings are available to be used by local community groups including a mums and toddler group, and a bereavement counselling service.

The Church operates systems to ensure that all people working with children and vulnerable adults are appropriately vetted with regard to the Disclosure and Barring Service.

The trustees have read the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and are satisfied that the activities outlined above and below clearly demonstrate that the charity is providing a benefit to the public.

Achievements and Performance

Refer to the reports prepared below by the Minister and Secretary.

Financial Review

The Church continues to raise the funds which it needs to carry on its activities from within its own membership and congregation, with support from the 'Boston Baptist Trust. No wider public appeal was made for funds during the year

The most significant expenses relate to payments of the Pastor, and the running costs of the church buildings. The Church expressed its part in the life of the local community and the wider church by making grants to national and international Christian organisations and societies with Christian aims and objectives compatible with the church's own charitable purpose. The Church is heavily dependent on its membership working as volunteers in all aspects of the church's activities which contribute to the achievement of the church's objectives. The financial results for the year, together with a summary of the accounting policies adopted are set out in the financial statements below

Ministers Report 2020

What a year this has been for all of us not just in the life of the church but across every aspect of life!

Therefore, naturally this will be a very different report to previous years.

As a church and a congregation, we have had to endure several lockdowns which has meant the closure of our church building. This has resulted in us worshiping in a whole new way as we negotiated the challenging path of going on-line. I would like to particularly thank Shane Holland for all his hard work in enabling this to happen. I would also like to thank Martin and Pat Wyatt for their generous donation towards a video camera.

Like our services our prayer meetings and Bible Studies and even our coffee mornings have moved on-line and continued through Zoom, and I can't help but thank God that we have these technologies at this trying time – I cannot imagine how we would have managed without them.

I realise this encroaches on the report of the Treasurer but I wanted to thank all of you who have supported the church financially throughout the lockdown. And I would also thank the Baptist Trust for their generous support. Without such support the church would struggle to continue to be the church it is.

I know that beyond the practical issues of functioning as a church through this year that many of you have stepped up to support one another through telephone calls and zoom meetings at a time when isolation has caused many to struggle, and for this I praise God.

As we move out of the lockdown and hopefully back towards enjoying the freedoms we so easily take for granted, I am sure that the church will rise to the challenges we will face in supporting one another and our community.

In addition to many of the existing activities re-starting we will need to also explore new ways in which we can show the love of God to our community and especially those in need.

We all have a part to play in the life of the Church, and this is not limited to those who serve us so faithfully at present, every one of us, young and old, male and female have something unique to contribute, and I want to commit to encouraging you.

While we cannot avoid the impact of what has happened and how it will affect us. We must recognise that the past does not define us. We are a people of the future and that future is bound in Christ Jesus our Lord. Our challenge as we move forward is to look to see what God wants us to do and who we should be.

We should actively and intentionally encourage everyone in our fellowship.

We should look for, and encourage one another to develop the gifts that God has given each one of us.

In our daily lives I want to encourage our study of the Bible and I would of course be delighted to see everyone taking part in our Bible Study groups, which are a real inspiration and blessing in understanding the Word of God, for those who attend. I also want to encourage our prayer life as individuals and as a Church, I have been disappointed at the poor numbers attending our prayer meetings, although I understand that relying on technology as we have had to for so much of the year is challenging and prevents some from participating. I believe that prayer is the powerhouse of the church and if we are to succeed in our desire to serve the Lord to the best of our ability, we need to be a people at prayer.

And I also want to encourage us in our faith, we need to believe with an expectancy of what God can do through his church which is of course every one of us.

In 2 Corinthians 4:14-18 we read

¹⁴ We know that God, who raised the Lord Jesus, will also raise us with Jesus and present us to himself together with you. ¹⁵ All of this is for your benefit. And as God's grace reaches more and more people, there will be great thanksgiving, and God will receive more and more glory.

¹⁶ That is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are[®] being renewed every day. ¹⁷ For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! ¹⁸ So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever.

This year we adopted a new logo and we included the phrase 'Praising God, Following Christ, Bringing Hope.' In these few words we acknowledge our need to look upwards in praising God, in the struggles and in the blessings, but they also call us to look inwardly to recognise our need to grow as people of God, through prayer and study and of course in fellowshiping together. And finally, we are challenged to look outwardly, to show our community the Love that has been shown to us and offer it to them. So, I want to encourage us to show the love of Christ to our community.

So let me leave you with these words from Philippians 3

¹³ ... Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.

Steve Holland (Minister)

Secretary's Report 2020

It seems strange to be writing a report about 2020 in the middle of 2021, but then it has been a very strange 15 months! At our Annual General Meeting on 12th March last year, we were aware of the need to improve hygiene (paper towels) because of Covid but had no idea of what was to come and how much it would impact all our lives. That was our last Church Meeting of 2020 and meeting together is still a work in progress as we emerge from what, we hope and pray, is our last lockdown. I read recently in Psalm 59:17 "You are my strength, I sing praise to you; you, God are my fortress, my God on whom I can rely." How good to know that we have a sovereign, dependable God to whom we can turn at any time.

It has been so good to have the online services each Sunday and we owe a huge debt of gratitude to Steve and Shane for all the work they have put, and continue to put, into making that happen. I have also been so encouraged by those who have joined in the Zoom meetings – the Bible Study, the Prayer Meeting, the Coffee Morning. Thanks too to Pen for compiling the Words of Encouragement mailings, Steve for his continued Daily Thoughts and Carole for her contributions to the weekly Prayer Focus, all of which have helped us to stay connected. I know too that many of you have been encouraging one another by keeping in touch by phone, text, and email.

But how good it is to now be able to meet together again on Sundays, as we have done since Easter, despite some ongoing restrictions. I know that some have not felt able to join us, perhaps for health reasons, but, if health allows, I encourage you to come and enjoy fellowship once again. Last year I reported on an increase in the use of the church building! Since then, the building has hardly been used at all, though we did host music exams in November when restrictions allowed, and will do so again this month. The Romanian congregation have resumed their Sunday worship on Sunday evenings, and I know that Rompers are planning to re-start. CRUSE, who were planning to convert part of the upstairs schoolroom for their use, have had a major re-organisation and so are unlikely to need that space now. They are still welcome to use the building for training and counselling purposes but, like much of the rest of society, they are functioning by phone and online at present.

As you know, Fran Bouchard moved to Derby earlier this year to be nearer family. Fran (and her late husband Eddy) played a big part in Church life for many years, often behind the scenes. Lockdown meant that we could not give Fran the send-off we might have wished, but my thanks go to all of you who contributed greetings for her card and towards the gift vouchers we gave her for her new home. Fran has since resigned her membership with us and become a member of Broadway Baptist Church in Derby. Our loss is definitely their gain!

As we move on through and out of this very strange season for all of us, may I encourage us all to stay close to the Lord, and to encourage one another, as we seek to serve Him here in the Fellowship to which He has called us.

Rita Corke (Secretary)

**BOSTON BAPTIST CHURCH
GENERAL PURPOSE FUND**

INCOME / EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

	2019	2020
INCOME		
Offerings	16,476.82	8,631.82
Covenants CAF Gift Aid	24,590.00	26,185.00
Baptist Trust	7,800.00	16,800.00
Gift aid claim	7,683.45	8,292.50
Hire of Buildings	600.00	165.00
Donations	5,491.50	350.00
Bank interest received	9.04	5.34
	62,650.81	60,429.66
EXPENDITURE		
MINISTRY		
Stipend PAYE & NIC	21,196.00	21,990.53
Pension	9,033.84	8,198.01
Rent	7,800.00	7,800.00
Manse Expenses	4,184.16	3,926.63
Ministers Expenses	610.25	1,045.39
Preachers Expenses	100.00	0.00
	42,924.25	42,960.56
CHURCH EXPENSES		
Church Utilities	5,809.04	4,054.29
Church Insurance	3,064.37	3,162.45
Church Maintenance	164.83	1,127.42
Church Cleaning	19.74	0.00
Entrance costs	1,600.00	0.00
	10,657.98	8,344.16
FELLOWSHIP		
Fellowship	1,171.39	316.40
Photocopier & stationery	166.41	315.88
Tithe	3,700.00	4,700.00
Donations	235.46	290.00
Charges	235.40	60.00
Legal fees	0.00	356.40
	5,508.66	6,038.68
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	59,090.89	57,343.40
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	3,559.92	3,086.26

BOSTON BAPTIST CHURCH
GENERAL PURPOSE FUND

INCOME / EXPENDITURE STATEMENT 31st DECEMBER 2020

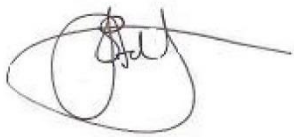
SUMMARY

	2019	2020
INCOME	62,650.81	60,429.66
EXPENDITURE	59,090.89	57,343.40
 EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	 3,559.92	 3,086.26
 SPECIFIC PURPOSE FUND		
	2019	2020
Balance carried forward	0.00	0.00
 BALANCES BFWD	 15,995.92	 19,555.84
BALANCES CFWD	19,555.84	22,642.10
MOVEMENT IN THE YEAR	3,559.92	3,086.26
 MOVEMENT ON GENERAL FUND	 3,559.92	 3,086.26
MOVEMENT ON SPECIFIC PURPOSE FUND	0.00	0.00
	3,559.92	3,086.26
 BALANCES CFWD REPRESENTED BY		
Cash at bank		
Current Account	11,161.07	18,241.99
Deposit Account	8,394.77	4,400.11
	19,555.84	22,642.10

The accounts and statement of assets and liabilities relating to the year ending 5th April 2021 are as approved on behalf of the Trustees.



Signed: Peter Meller (Treasurer) Dated 22nd April 2020



Signed: Steve Holland (Minister) Dated 22nd April 2020



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

BOSTON BAPTIST CHURCH

On accounts for the year ended

31ST DECEMBER 2020

Charity no (if any)

Set out on pages

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Remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets.

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
• the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
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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.

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

Signed:

[Signature]

Date:

05/04/2020

Name:

Carol Lidgett

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

FCCA retired
No fee charged for this examination

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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 details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

**BOSTON BAPTIST CHURCH
GENERAL PURPOSE FUND**

INCOME / EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

	2019	2020	VARIANCE
INCOME			
Offerings	16,476.82	8,631.82	-7,845.00
Covenants CAF Gift Aid	24,590.00	26,185.00	1,595.00
Baptist Trust	7,800.00	16,800.00	9,000.00
Gift aid claim	7,683.45	8,292.50	609.05
Hire of Buildings	600.00	165.00	-435.00
Donations	5,491.50	350.00	-5,141.50
Bank interest received	9.04	5.34	-3.70
	<u>62,650.81</u>	<u>60,429.66</u>	<u>-2,221.15</u>
EXPENDITURE			
MINISTRY			
Stipend PAYE & NIC	21,196.00	21,990.53	794.53
Pension	9,033.84	8,198.01	-835.83
Rent	7,800.00	7,800.00	0.00
Manse Expenses	4,184.16	3,926.63	-257.53
Ministers Expenses	610.25	1,045.39	435.14
Preachers Expenses	100.00	0.00	-100.00
	<u>42,924.25</u>	<u>42,960.56</u>	<u>136.31</u>
EXPENSES			
Church Utilities	5,809.04	4,054.29	-1,754.75
Church Insurance	3,064.37	3,162.45	98.08
Church Maintenance	164.83	1,127.42	962.59
Church Cleaning	19.74	0.00	-19.74
Entrance costs	1,600.00	0.00	-1,600.00
	<u>10,657.98</u>	<u>8,344.16</u>	<u>-2,313.82</u>
FELLOWSHIP			
Fellowship	2,456.85	316.40	-2,140.45
Photocopier & stationery	166.41	315.88	149.47
Tithe	2,350.00	4,700.00	2,350.00
Donations	300.00	290.00	-10.00
Charges	235.40	60.00	-175.40
Legal fees	0.00	356.40	356.40
	<u>5,508.66</u>	<u>6,038.68</u>	<u>530.02</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>59,090.89</u>	<u>57,343.40</u>	<u>-1,647.49</u>
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	<u>3,559.92</u>	<u>3,086.26</u>	<u>-573.66</u>

BOSTON BAPTIST CHURCH

GENERAL PURPOSE FUND

INCOME / EXPENDITURE STATEMENT 31st DECEMBER 2020

SUMMARY

	2019	2020
INCOME	62,650.81	60,429.66
EXPENDITURE	59,090.89	57,343.40
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	<u>3,559.92</u>	<u>3,086.26</u>
BALANCES BFWD	15,995.92	19,555.84
BALANCES CFWD	<u>19,555.84</u>	<u>22,642.10</u>
MOVEMENT IN THE YEAR	<u>3,559.92</u>	<u>3,086.26</u>
MOVEMENT ON GENERAL FUND	3,559.92	3,086.26
MOVEMENT ON SPECIFIC PURPOSE FUND	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	<u>3,559.92</u>	<u>3,086.26</u>
BALANCES CFWD REPRESENTED BY		
Cash at bank		
Current Account	11,161.07	18,241.99
Deposit Account	<u>8,394.77</u>	<u>4,400.11</u>
	<u>19,555.84</u>	<u>22,642.10</u>

Accounts approved on
and signed on the Church's behalf
Steve Holland