

Minister's report for 2022 AGM

Looking back on 2021

In February 2021 I joined the church and began with a listening exercise - a consultation with all church members in which I tried to speak with those in significant roles and meet with each life group.

From this listening exercise, the Leadership discerned that God was giving us the focus for 2021 of '**Get Connected**' and the following 3 objectives:

1. Help every member of the church CONNECT with God in a fresh way to be released in their gifts and service
2. Develop a new strategy to CONNECT the practical and spiritual needs of local people
3. Develop a new strategy to CONNECT our friends, family and colleagues with Jesus

We achieved this by:

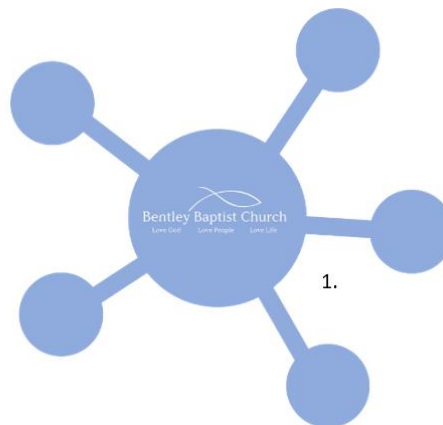
- Creating the **Discipleship Journey Strategy**, showing simple 'stepping stones' on the journey of faith. Each step helps people CONNECT a little more with God and with the church to become disciples who make disciples.
- Creating clarity to understand where *each church ministry* sits in the Discipleship Journey Strategy.
- Meeting in the local park and online to CONNECT with one another during lockdown.
- Resuming onsite services and ministry activities whilst continuing online to ensure our church continues to CONNECT with those not yet comfortable to return to church.
- Employing Hannah Cassell as our Web Resources Leader to improve the way we CONNECT online.
- Running two CONNECT Prayer weeks to encourage and resource people to encounter God.
- Running a successful 'Superhero Party' to CONNECT with dozens of families.
- Running Preaching series with accompanying Life Group studies to help us CONNECT and understand the vision and strategy. These included:
 - 'Covenant: God's good plan to connect with us'.
 - 'Get Connected'. Understanding our 2021 focus.
 - 'Stories worth telling'. How God connected with individuals in the Bible and today.
 - 'Mission Styles'. Understanding how God has made each of us to connect others with Him.

- 'Fear Factor'. Understanding how our connection with God helps us to overcome different fears.
- 'Faith Factor'. Understanding the practical power of Faith that comes from our connection with God.
- 'Connect at Christmas'. A series of messages about God's desire to Connect with us through the coming of Jesus.

As a result of these efforts, many people have responded God's desire to CONNECT with them and given their lives to Jesus. We've seen numerical growth in the gathered church on Sundays and new members of mid-week Life Groups.

We also held a Leader's Away Day at which God revealed a clear picture of the shape of our church in the days to come:

As we attempt to make disciples who make disciples through our discipleship Journey Strategy, our church is to become a **Healthy Hub with Spiritual outposts**¹. Discerning some of the detail of this vision is a task for the coming season.



Looking forward to 2022

The Elders believe that our focus for 2022 is from Ephesians 6:10 and the key word is **'BE'**:

'BE strong in the Lord and in His mighty power'

In 2021 we received pictures of the future shape of our church and we have a clear strategy to fulfil our vision of 'Make disciples who make disciples', but many of the steps on the journey are unclear and we face several challenges. We will need more than clever ideas and courage!

This year, as we remember to find our strength in God, I believe that His power will be unleashed to guide us in His way.

Strategic Priorities for 2022

These are not exclusive, but they seem to follow on from our discussions and the path God has laid before us:

1. Discern with the wider church the next step in being a healthy hub with spiritual outposts.
2. Develop Alpha team, run the Alpha course and implement follow-up strategy.
3. Explore, discern and implement a youth ministry strategy.
4. Run 'Know yourself to lead yourself' course(s) to help everyone understand who God has made them to BE and where He might be calling them to serve.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Bentley Baptist Church.

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on pages 3 to 4.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) or under Regulation 10(1)(d) of The Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (the 2006 Accounts Regulations) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 (the 2005 Act)
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission and is in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- ✓ to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act and section 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations and
- ✓ to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act and section 44(1)(b) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 9 of the 2006 Regulations
- ✓ have not been met or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

Signed:



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Qualifications: BA (Hons), ACMA

Address: 6 Akeferry Road, Westwoodside, DONCASTER, DN9 2DX

Date: 30th January 2022

Bentley Baptist Church Accounts - Year Ending 31st Dec 2021

Summary

| | |
|-------------|--------------|
| Income | £91,030.39 |
| Expenditure | (£78,513.26) |

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| Surplus for the year | £12,517.13 |
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Bank Account

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| Brought Forward | £28,787.59 |
| No unbanked receipts from 2019 | £0.00 |
| Transfer to Saving Account | £0.00 |
| No unbanked receipts | £0.00 |
| Movement in Year (Net Income & Expenditure) | £12,517.13 |

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| Sub Total as per Dec 21 Statement | £41,304.72 |
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Business Reserve Account

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| Opening Balance | £49,867.80 |
| Transfer from current account | £0.00 |
| Bank Interest | £4.96 |

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| Sub Total | £49,872.76 |
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| Net Funds | £91,177.48 |
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Summary of Income & Expenditure

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| Income: Offering / Donations | £49,573.56 |
| Income: Grants/Loans | £4,700.00 |
| Income: Gift Aid refund | £20,946.54 |
| Income: Other | £15,810.29 |
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| | £91,030.39 |
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| Expense: Staff Costs | (£37,710.66) |
| Expense: Building | (£28,970.62) |
| Expense: Gifts | (£3,467.25) |
| Expense: Loan Repayment / Loan Given | £0.00 |
| Expense: Other | (£8,364.73) |
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| | (£78,513.26) |
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| Net Inflow | <hr/> |
| | £12,517.13 |

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Period Trial Balance

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To Period: Month 12, December 2021

| <u>N/C</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Debit</u> | <u>Credit</u> |
|------------|---|--------------|---------------|
| 1200 | Barclays Current Account | 27,528.82 | |
| 1201 | BBC Foodbank | 13,442.89 | |
| 1210 | Bank Deposit Account | 49,872.76 | |
| 1230 | Petty Cash & Uncleared Cheques | 333.01 | |
| 3200 | Funds | | 81,387.49 |
| 4000 | Donations Received | | 42,706.45 |
| 4001 | Donations Received -Non Gift Aid | | 5,122.31 |
| 4100 | Grants | | 4,700.00 |
| 4300 | Gifts | 3,467.25 | |
| 4800 | Room Hire | | 748.00 |
| 4901 | Rent Income (Manse) | | 5,134.84 |
| 5001 | Gift Aid Claim from HMRC | | 20,946.54 |
| 5009 | Gift Day Donations | | 1,744.80 |
| 5201 | Outreach Work and Materials | 384.04 | |
| 5204 | Youth | 20.00 | |
| 5205 | Worship Team | 165.98 | |
| 5206 | BMS World | 1,440.00 | |
| 5207 | South Yorkshire Fellowship | 2,640.00 | |
| 5209 | Fresh Streams | 400.00 | |
| 5210 | Foodbank | | 10,147.45 |
| 5211 | Evangelical Alliance | 80.00 | |
| 5212 | Fresh Streams Residential | 225.00 | |
| 5214 | Baptist Union | 280.25 | |
| 5215 | OMF J&P Dallman | 1,000.00 | |
| 5216 | Conferences and Residentials | 390.00 | |
| 5217 | Renew Centre | 4,073.13 | |
| 5219 | CBBC | 362.14 | |
| 6101 | Advertising | 22.00 | |
| 6202 | Sundries | 235.63 | |
| 7002 | Manse Water (J Ward) | 302.34 | |
| 7004 | Church Copyright License | 1,028.01 | |
| 7005 | CCPAS Church Child Protection and | 205.75 | |
| 7105 | Electricity | 1,879.07 | |
| 7106 | Gas | 576.67 | |
| 7111 | Manse Lease (J Ward) | 3,662.75 | |
| 7301 | Postage and Carriage | 13.24 | |
| 7302 | Office Stationery & Supplies | 19.99 | |
| 7304 | Display Material, Noticeboards & Signs | 128.56 | |
| 7350 | Telephone and Broadband | 745.20 | |
| 7352 | Computer, Software, Website, Technology | 296.98 | |
| 7353 | Licenses (TV and Microphone) | 292.50 | |
| 7401 | Office Machine Maintenance | 369.11 | |
| 7499 | Building Repairs and Renewals (Manse) | 100.00 | |
| 7500 | Building Repairs and Renewals | 7,954.40 | |
| 7501 | Cleaning & Materials | 110.50 | |
| 7502 | Hygiene Services | 156.76 | |
| 7509 | Minister's Expenses inc Milage | 4,190.87 | |
| 7510 | Capital Improvement | 96.00 | |
| 7601 | Fire Protection | 173.79 | |
| 7604 | Buildings Insurance (Church & Manse) | 2,110.80 | |
| 7605 | Refreshments | 768.72 | |
| 7700 | Bank Interest Paid | | 4.96 |

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To Period: Month 12, December 2021

| <u>N/C</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Debit</u> | <u>Credit</u> |
|------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 7704 | Pastoral Loan | 220.00 | |
| 7705 | Pastoral Fund | 20.00 | |
| 7802 | Minister's Council Tax | 803.77 | |
| 7803 | Minister's Salary | 17,891.54 | |
| 7804 | Salary - Hannah Cassell | 1,707.27 | |
| 7805 | Cleaner's Wages | 810.06 | |
| 7806 | Minister Tax & NI | 3,858.42 | |
| 7807 | Baptist Pensions | 9,232.50 | |
| 7808 | Garden Maintenance | 145.47 | |
| 7900 | Legal Fees | 3,416.40 | |
| 7902 | Accountancy Fees | 260.40 | |
| 8004 | Office Equipment Depreciation | 2,732.10 | |
| Totals: | | <u>172,642.84</u> | <u>172,642.84</u> |