

# SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF THEOLOGY

England & Wales · Charity number 1191603

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2020-10-02

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

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE SOCIETY'S OBJECTS ARE FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT, FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION, SPECIFICALLY THE PROMOTION OF EXCELLENCE IN THE STUDY OF CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY, IN THE UK AND INTERNATIONALLY. IN THE PURSUIT OF THESE OBJECTS THE SOCIETY WILL:\* SUPPORT ALL THOSE ENGAGED IN THEOLOGY, ACROSS THE FULL RANGE OF APPROACHES AND CHURCH TRADITIONS; \* PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THEOLOGICAL THOUGHT, CONVERSATION AND COMMUNITY; \* PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES TO IDENTIFY AND DISCUSS IMPORTANT THEMES, QUESTIONS AND DIALOGUES WHICH CALL FOR THEOLOGICAL ENGAGEMENT; \* PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES EXPLORE THE NATURE OF, AND TO FOSTER, THEOLOGICAL INTEGRITY, RESPONSIBILITY AND VOCATION; \* AND PROMOTE UNDERSTANDING OF, AND ENGAGEMENT WITH, THEOLOGICAL WORK ACROSS A WIDE RANGE OF CONTEXTS INCLUDING THE ACADEMY AND THE CHURCHES.

**Activities:** The Society exists as a forum for gathering together any and all individuals interested in the study of Christian theology and its influence, conversation and dialogue with other learned disciplines, as well as dialogue with those who belong to other religious faiths altogether. Membership is open to all who have a serious postgraduate interest in the field.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Northern Ireland
- Scotland
- Throughout England And Wales

## Finances

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| Period end | Income  | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|---------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2025-06-30 | £92,565 | £84,264     | -      | -         |
| 2024-06-30 | £75,400 | £64,516     | -      | -         |
| 2023-06-30 | £62,487 | £55,044     | -      | -         |
| 2022-06-30 | £53,417 | £57,742     | -      | -         |
| 2021-06-30 | £11,892 | £14,179     | -      | -         |

## Trustees

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| Name                              | Role | Appointed  |
|-----------------------------------|------|------------|
| Chee Man Tang                     |      | 2025-04-08 |
| Dr CL Nash                        |      | 2023-06-06 |
| Dr Catherine Nancekievill         |      | 2024-04-09 |
| Dr Drew Thomas Everhart           |      | 2025-04-08 |
| Dr Karen O'Donnell                |      | 2024-04-11 |
| Dr Robert Beckford                |      | 2023-06-06 |
| Dr Selina Stone                   |      | 2023-06-06 |
| Dr Tanya Kundu                    |      | 2025-04-08 |
| Naomi Campbell                    |      | 2025-04-08 |
| Prof Susannah Marguerita Cornwall |      | 2025-04-08 |
| Sarah Molyneux-Hetherington       |      | 2024-08-01 |



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## **Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 30 June 2025**

### **Annual Report**

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##### **Summary of Objectives**

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The Executive Committee keeps the Society’s activities under review to ensure that they continue to reflect its aims. In carrying out this review, it makes reference to the Charity Commission’s general guidance on public benefit and in particular to its supplementary public guidance on the advancement of education for the public benefit. The Society ensures it meets the requirements of the Charity Commission through its Constitution.

## **Additional Activities**

### *Committee/Administrative Updates*

During this reporting year, there were a number of changes to the Committee membership, including one Committee Member and the Treasurer stepping down; the latter resulting in the appointment of an Interim Treasurer in August 2024. Internally, the Committee focused on revising technological systems, including updates to the website with the Society's IT partners, and moving its email and file storage systems to Google Workspace (free access provided for registered charities).

The Society supported the work of the Independent Scholars Network, including allocating funds for a networking event at the 2025 conference and making updates to the website to boost the Network's presence. Discussions to increase resource provision for the Society's independent scholars also took place during the reporting year.

### *Annual Conference Updates*

The annual conference in April 2025 featured new workshops that addressed different aspects of embodied theology in accordance with the conference's theme on 'Flesh and Blood Theologies', including singing, dance, and a documentary screening. Short papers, for the first time, were also encouraged to be delivered in alternative formats, diversifying the range of practices and reflections that the Society and its annual conference facilitates. Christian Aid also attended the conference as part of a new partnership developed with the Society; they delivered a workshop conveying their work with global communities, and agreed financial support and bursaries to support the Society's work.

### *Gaza Responses - Updates*

Following an open letter that was signed by members and non-members of the Society, and that prompted a set of agreed actions at the AGM in April 2024, work was focused on delivering the following: (1) the Society would establish a hardship fund for academics affected or displaced by the crisis in Gaza; and (2) the Society would conduct a review of the ethics and policies of its banking partners. (1) was achieved through an additional bursary fund ahead of the 2025 conference; (2) was conducted and no further changes were deemed necessary as a result.

Related questions were also raised by some of the Society's membership about the suitability of Warwick as a conference venue, which prompted an audit and review of possible venues by the Executive Committee in late 2024/early 2025 in consultation with SST members. The result of this exercise was a proposed venue change to The Hayes Conference Centre for SST's 2026 conference; this was presented at the AGM in April 2025.

In addition to the above activities responding to the crisis in Gaza, the Society organised an online event in September 2024 to reflect on the role and complicity of theology in the war in Gaza and Israel. The event featured discussions chaired by the Society's President and facilitated by a panel comprised of Omar Haramy, Davidi Borabeck, Marah Sarji, Munyurangabo Benda, and Maayan Raveh.

A further open letter was shared among members and non-members of the Society, calling for a boycott of the Society's activities and a cessation of membership unless and until the demands included in the letter were met. In response to this, in March 2025, the Committee published a statement on the website: <https://www.theologysociety.org.uk/about-us/initiatives/statement-on-sst-and-gaza/>

## **2. ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

### **Members and Subscriptions**

The total membership of the Society increased from 419 to 439. Student memberships make up 206 of those memberships. The student rate is the same as the old Ordinary membership rate (£10) thus it is supposed that some of that student membership is likely ordinary members who have still not changed their standing order. The drop in membership numbers last year was considered largely attributable to the increase in membership fees coupled with the many members whose automatic contribution was not updated to reflect the new fees and who opted not to respond to numerous notices to update their fees or discontinue active membership in the society. However, it appears that this was a short-lived drop and membership is increasing again. Legacy contributions from those whose fees no longer cover active membership have been added to the bursary fund.

To extend the financial support that the Society is able to make available to students and other conference participants on lower incomes, all members continue to be warmly encouraged to raise their subscription payment to £10 per £10,000 of income.

## **Postgraduate Conference**

There was no Postgraduate conference this year. The £1000 set aside to support this was ringfenced in the budget for a future year.

**Gunton/Webster Prize** (sponsored jointly by *The International Journal of Systematic Theology* and *The Society for the Study of Theology*)

The 2025 Prize was on the theme of 'Sacraments', and the winning essay was written by Noah Karger of the University of Notre Dame, with the title: 'Dionysian *Synaxis* as the Link to Love Beyond'. This essay will feature in a forthcoming issue of *IJST*. The Society's contribution to the Prize is the award of a sponsored place at its Annual Conference, which in 2026 is to be held at The Hayes Conference Centre.

The 2026 Prize will be awarded to an essay on the theme of 'Jesus Christ'.

## **3. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

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## **4. REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

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## 2024-25 Executive Committee and Trustees

|                             |                     |             |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| Prof Robert Beckford        | President           | 2024 - 2026 |
| Vacant                      | Vice-President      |             |
| Dr Scott Midson             | Secretary           | 2023 - 2025 |
| Sarah Molyneux-Hetherington | Treasurer           | 2024 - 2025 |
| Mr Alexander Douglas        | Assistant Secretary | 2023 - 2025 |
| Dr Shavaun Shodeinde        | GMH Representative  | 2023 - 2025 |
| Dr CL Nash                  | GMH Representative  | 2023 - 2026 |
| Dr Selina Stone             | Elected Member      | 2023 - 2026 |
| Catherine Nancekievill      | Elected Member      | 2024 - 2027 |
| Rev'd Rachel Noel           | Elected Member      | 2023 - 2024 |
| Ms Florence O'Taylor        | Elected Member      | 2022 - 2025 |
| Dr Karen O'Donnell          | Elected Member      | 2024 - 2027 |
| Catherine Nancekievill      | Elected Member      | 2024 - 2027 |

## 5. FINANCIAL REVIEW

### Bursary Fund

£2000 was allocated from Society funds for GMH bursaries and £4000 for the wider bursary fund. This was supplemented by £210 in donations from members.

Awards were offered initially to 27 eligible bursary applicants, waiving or reducing their conference costs by £50, £100 or £200. However, a number of those

applicants chose not to take up the offer, so an additional 14 applicants were offered a bursary.

The total amount of bursaries claimed was £5190. There was an underspend of £430 in the GMH bursaries and £580 in the general bursaries in addition to £210 donation which can be added to next year's allocation. This underspend is a result of bursaries being offered but not claimed.

In addition to the main bursary, the Society worked with the Queens Foundation to establish a Queens Bursary fund which funded 16 students to attend the conference.

## 6. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### A. RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

|                                   | 30-Jun-24  |                   | 30-Jun-25  |                   |
|-----------------------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|-------------------|
|                                   | £          | £                 | £          | £                 |
| <b>Receipts</b>                   |            |                   |            |                   |
| <b><i>Membership receipts</i></b> |            |                   |            |                   |
| Subscriptions and Donations       | £10 578.00 |                   | £11 062.00 |                   |
|                                   |            | <b>£10 578.00</b> |            | <b>£11 062.00</b> |
| <b><i>Mail out receipts</i></b>   |            |                   |            |                   |
| Use of e-mail lists               | £150.00    |                   | £750.00    |                   |
|                                   |            | <b>£150.00</b>    |            | <b>£750</b>       |
| <b><i>Conference receipts</i></b> |            |                   |            |                   |
| Conference Tickets                | £72 981.00 |                   | £76 922.00 |                   |
| Bursary Donations                 |            |                   | £210.00    |                   |
| Adverts in programme              |            |                   | £250.00    |                   |
| Publisher stands                  | £0.00      |                   | £1 325.00  |                   |

|   |        |                   |                   |
|---|--------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Reception sponsorship                           | £0.00  |                   | £1 084.05         |
|   |        | <b>£72 981.00</b> | <b>£79 791.05</b> |
| <b>2024 income</b><br><b>(drinks reception)</b> |        |                   | £800              |
| <b>Bank interest</b>                            | £91.88 |                   | £161.45           |
|   |        | <b>£91.88</b>     | <b>£961.45</b>    |
| <b>Total Receipts</b>                           |        | <b>£83 800.88</b> | <b>£92 564.50</b> |

## Payments

### **Administrative payments**

|                                 |           |                 |                   |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Website, Billing and IT Support | £4 515.95 |                 | £6 140.19         |
| Committee expenses              | £326.66   |                 | £765.54           |
| Honorariums & Clerical          | £4 622.20 |                 | £4 660.00         |
| TRS Membership                  | £250.00   |                 | £250.00           |
|                                 |           | <b>£9714.81</b> | <b>£11 815.73</b> |

### **Misc payments**

|                                |         |                |                   |
|--------------------------------|---------|----------------|-------------------|
| Gaza Event                     |         |                | £100.00           |
| Independent Scholar Summer Day |         |                | £486.00           |
| Bursary Direct Payment         |         |                | £500.00           |
| 2024 Conference                |         |                | £932.52           |
| 2026 Conference Deposit        |         |                | £8 098.00         |
| Postgraduate Conference        | £687.93 |                |                   |
|                                |         | <b>£687.93</b> | <b>£10 116.52</b> |

### **Conference payments**

|                   |            |  |            |
|-------------------|------------|--|------------|
| Conference centre | £59 000.65 |  | £55 826.48 |
|-------------------|------------|--|------------|

|   |                   |                   |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| Event insurance                         | £81.00            | £159.00           |
| Plenary speaker travel                  | £988.00           | £6 346.64         |
| Conference refunds                      | £2 444.54         | -                 |
|   | <b>£62514.19</b>  | <b>£62 332.12</b> |
| <b>Total Payments</b>                   | <b>£72 916.93</b> | <b>£84 264.37</b> |
| <b>Excess of Receipts over Payments</b> | <b>£10 883.95</b> | <b>£8300.13</b>   |

The following items have money assigned to them from the general fund.

The table below is illustrative of the relative receipts and payments against these funds, but does not constitute separate accounts.

|  | <b>year to<br/>30-Jun-24</b> | <b>year to<br/>30-Jun-25</b> |
|--|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b><u>Bursary Fund</u></b>               |                              |                              |
| <b><i>Receipts</i></b>                   |                              |                              |
| Donations                                | £2 203.00                    | £120.00                      |
| Contribution from SST Account            | £6 197.00                    | £6 000.00                    |
|  | <b>£8400.00</b>              | <b>£6 120.00</b>             |
| <b><i>Payments</i></b>                   |                              |                              |
| Direct Payments                          |                              | £500.00                      |
| Vouchers to be used against ticket sales | £8 400.00                    | £5 190.00                    |
|  | <b>£8400.00</b>              | <b>£5 690.00</b>             |
| <b>Excess of Payments over Receipts</b>  | <b>£0.00</b>                 | <b>£430.00</b>               |

#### **Postgraduate Conference**

##### ***Receipts***

|   |         |                |                  |
|---|---------|----------------|------------------|
| Contribution from SST Account           | £687.93 | £1 000.00      |                  |
|   |         | <b>£687.93</b> | <b>£1 000.00</b> |
| <b>Payments</b>                         |         |                |                  |
| Postgraduate Conference                 |         | <b>£687.93</b> | -                |
| <b>Excess of Payments over Receipts</b> |         | <b>£0.00</b>   | <b>£1 000.00</b> |

### Independent Scholars

#### **Receipts**

|                               |  |           |                  |
|-------------------------------|--|-----------|------------------|
| Contribution from SST Account |  | £1 000.00 |                  |
|                               |  |           | <b>£1 000.00</b> |

#### **Payments**

|   |  |          |                |
|---|--|----------|----------------|
| Conference Reception                    |  | £ 292.96 |                |
| Summer Conference                       |  | £486.00  |                |
|   |  |          | <b>£778.96</b> |
| <b>Excess of Payments over Receipts</b> |  |          | <b>£221.04</b> |

## **B. STATEMENT OF ASSETS AT THE END OF THE PERIOD**

In this year a transfer of £10 000 was made from the general fund to the reserves account

|                     | <b>year to<br/>30-Jun-24</b> | <b>year to<br/>30-Jun-25</b> |
|---------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| General Account End | £36 322.60                   | £34 491.44                   |
| Reserve Account End | £10 310.86                   | £20 472.31                   |

Total

£46 633.46    £54 963.75

**DECLARATION**

*The Annual Report has been prepared in accordance with the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 under the Charities Act 2011. It was approved by the Executive Committee by e-mail consultation and was signed on its behalf by the President and the Treasurer.*

**Prof Robert Beckford**  
**President**

**Dr Declan Kelly**  
**Interim Treasurer**

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS**

This report is on the financial statements of the Society for the period ended 30th June 2025, which are set out on pages 6 to 9.

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this period under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

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

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

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that: proper accounting records are kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act; or to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



**Mr Giles Dobson, MRICS**

9th May 2024

Almancil House, Church Road, Carlton, Newmarket, CB8 9JZ

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## **Additional Activities**

The Society consolidated its work around Theology, Race, and inclusion. The 2024 conference featured plenary contributions from Lauren Winner and Carlton Turner, among others, in response to members' feedback about the importance of better representation of GMH scholars.

Some of the Society's membership addressed an open letter concerning the war in Gaza to the Committee, which was signed by a large number of theologians (some members of the Society and some not). The Committee presented a response to this letter at the AGM, where, following a spirited discussion, it was agreed that (1) the Society would establish a hardship fund for academics affected or displaced by the crisis in Gaza; and (2) the Society would conduct a review of the ethics and policies of its banking partners. In addition to this work, the Committee has begun planning an online event to facilitate a dialogue and reflection about the complicity of theology in the conflict. The event is designed in accordance with the Society's stated and charitable aims, and is due to take place in September 2024.

Discussions have also been initiated with Christian Aid, in order to explore ways of making the Society's annual conference more accessible and more representative of a range of voices and issues that are pertinent in theology. Additional bursary support from The Queen's Foundation has also been secured, to support more GMH delegates being able to attend the annual conference.

## **2. ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

### **Members and Subscriptions**

The total membership of the Society dropped from 527 to 419. Student membership rose from around 141 to 208 and there were around 35 international members. The drop in membership is largely attributable to the increase in membership fees coupled with the many members whose automatic contribution was not updated to reflect the new fees and who opted not to respond to numerous notices to update their fees or discontinue active membership in the society. Legacy contributions from those whose fees no longer cover active membership have been added to the bursary fund.

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An additional £1900 was received this way, which was transferred directly to the Bursary Fund.

### **Postgraduate Conference**

SST financially supported a postgraduate conference, which took place 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> September at New College, The University of Edinburgh. The conference theme was Hope. Invited speakers include James Eglinton, Katherine Hockey and Selina Stone. Prof Rachel Muers, Chair of Divinity at the University of Edinburgh, gave a formal welcome. The conference was well-attended, and Dr Calida Chu represented the SST Committee. Ruby R. Alemu and Eilo Ezung co-organised the conference.

**Gunton/Webster Prize** (sponsored jointly by *The International Journal of Systematic Theology* and *The Society for the Study of Theology*)

The 2024 Prize was on the theme of 'Theologies of Peace', and the winning essay was written by John Olson, Lecturer in Historical and Systematic Theology at Oriel College, The University of Oxford, with the title: 'Loving and Letting: A Constructive Reading of Genesis 1'. This essay features in Volume 27, Issue 2 of *IJST*. The Society's contribution to the Prize is the award of a sponsored place at its Annual Conference at Warwick University.

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##### **2023-24 Executive Committee and Trustees**

|                        |                      |           |
|------------------------|----------------------|-----------|
| Prof David Clough      | President            | 2022- 24  |
| Prof Robert Beckford   | Vice-President       | 2023 -    |
| Dr Scott Midson        | Secretary            | 2023 -    |
| Rev'd Dr Andrew Shamel | Treasurer            | 2022 -    |
| Mr Alexander Douglas   | Assistant Secretary  | 2023 -    |
| Dr CL Nash             | GMH Representative   | 2023 -    |
| Dr Shavaun Shodeinde   | GMH Representative   | 2023 -    |
| Dr Nina Kurlberg       | Safeguarding Officer | 2021 - 24 |
| Dr Selina Stone        | Elected Member       | 2023 -    |
| Dr Calida Chu          | Elected Member       | 2021 - 24 |
| Rev'd Rachel Noel      | Elected Member       | 2023 -    |
| Ms Florence O'Taylor   | Elected Member       | 2022 - 25 |

#### **5. FINANCIAL REVIEW**

##### **Bursary Fund**

Awards were made to 56 eligible bursary applicants, waiving or reducing their conference costs by £50, £100 or £200. The total amount of bursaries awarded was £7900. Bursaries were funded by increased subscriptions and donations from Members and from Society reserves.

Bursaries were also awarded through the SSST-BIAPT BAME bursary fund, established to increase access to the conference for BAME scholars. Funded jointly by £500 from The Susanna Wesley Foundation and SST, this scheme awards a number of bursaries, based on need of between £50, £100 and £200. Bursary recipients who were members of the scheme's named partner institutions had the option of applying for an additional grant from those institutions.

## 6. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### A. RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

|   | 30-Jun-24 |                 | 30-Jun-23 |                 |
|---|-----------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|
|   | £         | £               | £         | £               |
| <b>General Fund – Unrestricted fund</b> |           |                 |           |                 |
| <b>Receipts</b>                         |           |                 |           |                 |
| <b><i>Membership receipts</i></b>       |           |                 |           |                 |
| Subscriptions and Donations             | £10578.00 |                 | £7323.00  |                 |
| Transfer to Bursary Fund                | -£8400.00 |                 | -£5500.00 |                 |
| Use of e-mail lists                     | £150.00   | <b>£2328.00</b> | £506.57   | <b>£3385.93</b> |
| <b><i>Conference receipts</i></b>       |           |                 |           |                 |
| Conference fees                         | £39993.00 |                 | £26833.40 |                 |

|                                      |           |                  |           |                  |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|------------------|-----------|------------------|
| Accommodation and meals              | £32988.00 |                  | £31116.60 |                  |
| Publisher stands and attendance fees | £0.00     |                  | £650.00   |                  |
| Reception sponsorship                | £0.00     | <b>£72981.00</b> | £0.00     |                  |
| <b>Bank interest</b>                 |           | <b>91.88</b>     |           | <b>57.00</b>     |
| <b>Total Receipts</b>                |           | <b>75400.88</b>  |           | <b>£62486.57</b> |

## **Payments**

### **Administrative payments**

|                                |          |                 |          |                 |
|--------------------------------|----------|-----------------|----------|-----------------|
| Website                        | £1321.30 |                 | £2594.13 |                 |
| Billing                        | —        |                 | £3.29    |                 |
| Committee expenses             | 211.51   |                 | £1816.17 |                 |
| Secretary honorarium           | £1250.00 |                 | £1250.00 |                 |
| Treasurer honorarium           | £1250.00 |                 | £1250.00 |                 |
| Assistant Secretary honorarium | 0.00     | <b>£4032.81</b> | £0.00    | <b>£6913.59</b> |

### **Conference payments**

|                        |           |  |           |  |
|------------------------|-----------|--|-----------|--|
| Committee travel       | £115.15   |  | £105.30   |  |
| Conference centre      | £59000.65 |  | £47667.04 |  |
| Event insurance        | £81.00    |  | £81.00    |  |
| Plenary speaker travel | £988.00   |  | £313.07   |  |

|   |           |                  |           |                  |
|---|-----------|------------------|-----------|------------------|
| Clerical support                              | £2122.20  |                  | £1440.00  |                  |
| Office costs                                  | £0.00     |                  | £251.14   |                  |
| Conference refunds                            | £2444.54  |                  | £512.00   |                  |
| Transfer from bursary fund                    | -£8400.00 | <b>£56351.54</b> | -£5500.00 | <b>£44985.86</b> |
| <b><i>Postgraduate conference</i></b>         |           | <b>£687.93</b>   |           | <b>£0.00</b>     |
| <b><i>TRS-UK donation/association fee</i></b> |           | <b>£250.00</b>   |           | <b>£250.00</b>   |
| <b><i>Banking and payment facilities</i></b>  |           | <b>£3194.65</b>  |           | <b>£2894.68</b>  |
| <b>Total Payments</b>                         |           | <b>£64516.93</b> |           | <b>£55044.13</b> |
| <b>Excess of Receipts over Payments</b>       |           | <b>£10883.95</b> |           | <b>£7442.44</b>  |
| Bank accounts at start of period              |           | £25438.65        |           | £23151.45        |
| Bank accounts at end of period                |           | £36322.60        |           | £30593.89        |

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30-Jun-24

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30-Jun-23

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**Bursary Fund —  
Restricted fund**

*Receipts*

|   |          |                 |          |                 |
|---|----------|-----------------|----------|-----------------|
| Donations                               | £2203.00 |                 | £2626.00 |                 |
| Transfer from Subscriptions & Reserves  | £6197.00 | <b>£8400.00</b> | £2874.00 | <b>£5500.00</b> |
| <i>Payments</i>                         |          |                 |          |                 |
| Transfer from bursary fund              |          | £8400.00        |          | £5500.00        |
| <b>Excess of Payments over Receipts</b> |          | <b>£0.00</b>    |          | <b>£0.00</b>    |
| Bank accounts at start of period        |          | £5000.00        |          | £5000.00        |
| Bank accounts at end of period          |          | £5000.00        |          | £5000.00        |

**B. STATEMENT OF ASSETS AT THE END OF THE PERIOD**

|                               | £                 | £                |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Community Directplus Account  | £36,322.60        | £25438.65        |
| Select Instant Access Account | £10310.86         | £10155.24        |
| <b>Total bank accounts</b>    | <b>£46,633.46</b> | <b>£35593.89</b> |

**DECLARATION**

*The Annual Report has been prepared in accordance with the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 under the Charities Act 2011. It was approved by the Executive Committee by e-mail consultation and was signed on its behalf by the President and the Treasurer.*

**Prof David Clough**  
**President**

**Dr Andrew Shamel**  
**Treasurer**

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS**

This report is on the financial statements of the Society for the period ended 30th June 2023, which are set out on pages 6 to 9.

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this period under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

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

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

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that: proper accounting records are kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act; or to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



**Mr Giles Dobson, MRICS**

9th May 2024

Almancil House, Church Road, Carlton, Newmarket, CB8 9JZ

**SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF THEOLOGY**

England & Wales - Charity number 1191603

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# Accounts

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# Society for the Study of Theology

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## **Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 30 June 2023**

### **Annual Report**

#### **1. OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

##### **Summary of Objectives**

‘The Society is established for the advancement of education, specifically to promote excellence in the study of Christian theology, in the UK and internationally. The Society aims to support all those engaged in theology, across the full range of approaches and church traditions; to facilitate and shape theological thought, conversation and community; to identify and discuss important themes, questions and dialogues which call for theological engagement; to explore the nature of, and to foster, theological integrity, responsibility and vocation; and to promote understanding of, and engagement with, theological work across a wide range of contexts including the academy and the churches.’

[www.theologysociety.org.uk/about-us/constitution/](http://www.theologysociety.org.uk/about-us/constitution/)

##### **Summary of Public Benefit**

The Executive Committee keeps the Society’s activities under review to ensure that they continue to reflect its aims. In carrying out this review, it makes reference to the Charity Commission’s general guidance on public benefit and in particular to its supplementary public guidance on the advancement of education for the public benefit. The Society is in the process of making technical amendments to the Constitution in order to ensure it meets the requirements of the Charity Commission as it moves to charity status.



## **Additional Activities**

The Society has continued to work and reflect on its efforts and practices towards Theology, Race, and inclusion. This has involved taking on board feedback from the 2023 conference, where the GMH reception was not scheduled as a result of an administrative oversight. The Committee has also responded to comments expressing calls for better representation of GMH scholars among plenary speakers; the 2024 conference will feature contributions from Lauren Winner and Carlton Turner, among others. Dialogues continue to take place with the Theology and Race Subcommittee.

Other significant work this past year has included an extraordinary general meeting, conducted via Zoom, to agree a Society policy on the making of statements on matters of social and ecclesial importance which might be regarded either to impact on its work or about which it could be considered to have particular perspectives worth articulating.

The Society has also sought to improve upon its own safeguarding policies, and to formulate and agree a new Professional Conduct Policy for all members. It continues to be a condition of attending the Conference that all members agree to this policy.

## **2. ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

### **Members and Subscriptions**

The total membership of the Society increased from 505 to 527. Student membership was around 141 and there were around 50 international members.

To extend the financial support that the Society is able to make available to students and other conference participants on lower incomes, all members continue to be warmly encouraged to raise their subscription payment to £10 per £10,000 of income.

An additional £2626 was received this way, which was transferred directly to the Bursary Fund.

### **Postgraduate Conference**

As a postgraduate conference did not take place in 2022, a conference is now planned for 2023 (September 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>) at New College, The University of Edinburgh,

on the theme of Hope. Invited speakers include James Eglinton, Katherine Hockey and Selina Stone. Postgraduate students attending will be invited to give paper presentations in any discipline related to theology. Prof Rachel Muers, Chair of Divinity at the University of Edinburgh, will give a formal welcome.

**Gunton/Webster Prize** (sponsored jointly by *The International Journal of Systematic Theology* and *The Society for the Study of Theology*)

The 2022 Prize was on the theme of 'The Communion of Saints', and the winning essay was written by Abraham Wu, a doctoral candidate at Cambridge University, with the title: 'Augustinian Memory and the Communion of Saints'. This essay will feature in a forthcoming issue of *IJST*. The Society's contribution to the Prize is the award of a sponsored place at its Annual Conference at Warwick University.

The 2023 Prize will be awarded to an essay on the theme of 'Theologies of Peace'.

### **3. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

The Society for the Study of Theology is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). It is constituted by the Constitution adopted by the Annual General Meeting of the Society on the 9<sup>th</sup> April 2019. The Constitution can be found on the SST website.

As a CIO, the Society for the Study of Theology is eligible for VAT exemption on some goods and services it provides (e.g. conferences and advertising). Accounts are prepared in accordance with English and Welsh charity law.

Executive Committee members, who act as the Society's trustees, are elected by the AGM in accordance with section 7.6 of the Society's Constitution, available at <https://www.theologysociety.org.uk/about-us/constitution/>

The Committee meets at least twice annually, immediately before and immediately after the annual conference. In recent years, a third meeting in the summer has been added to the meeting schedule for the Committee. By tradition, the AGM is consulted on the conference theme two years in advance.

#### 4. REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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##### 2023 Executive Committee and Trustees

|                        |                      |           |
|------------------------|----------------------|-----------|
| Prof David Clough      | President            | 2022 - 24 |
| Prof Robert Beckford   | Vice-President       | 2023 - 24 |
| Dr Scott Midson        | Secretary            | 2023 - 26 |
| Rev'd Dr Andrew Shamel | Treasurer            | 2022 - 25 |
| Mr Alexander Douglas   | Assistant Secretary  | 2023 - 26 |
| Dr CL Nash             | GMH Representative   | 2023 - 26 |
| Revd Shavaun Shodeinde | GMH Representative   | 2023 - 26 |
| Dr Nina Kurlberg       | Safeguarding Officer | 2021 - 24 |
| Dr Selina Stone        | Elected Member       | 2023 - 26 |
| Dr Calida Chu          | Elected Member       | 2021 - 24 |
| Rev'd Rachel Noel      | Elected Member       | 2023 - 26 |
| Ms Nicola Whyte        | Elected Member       | 2022 - 25 |
| Ms Florence O'Taylor   | Elected Member       | 2022 - 25 |

## 5. FINANCIAL REVIEW

### Bursary Fund

Awards were made to 48 eligible bursary applicants, waiving or reducing their conference costs by either £100 or £200. The total amount of bursaries awarded was £5300, of which £5200 were redeemed. Bursaries were funded by increased subscriptions and donations from Members and from Society reserves.

Bursaries were also awarded through the SST-BIAPT BAME bursary fund, established to increase access to the conference for BAME scholars. Funded jointly by £500 from The Susanna Wesley Foundation and SST, this scheme awards a number of bursaries, based on need of between £100 and £200. Bursary recipients who were members of the scheme's named partner institutions had the option of applying for an additional grant from those institutions.

## 6. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### A. RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

|   | 30-Jun-23 |                 | 30-Jun-22 |                 |
|---|-----------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|
|   | £         | £               | £         | £               |
| <b>General Fund<br/>- Unrestricted<br/>fund</b> |           |                 |           |                 |
| <b>Receipts</b>                                 |           |                 |           |                 |
| <b><i>Membership<br/>receipts</i></b>           |           |                 |           |                 |
| Subscriptions<br>and Donations                  | £7323.00  |                 | £8634.00  |                 |
| Transfer to<br>Bursary Fund                     | -£5500.00 |                 | -£6296.00 |                 |
| Use of e-mail<br>lists                          | £506.57   | <b>£2329.57</b> | £1047.93  | <b>£3385.93</b> |
| <b><i>Conference<br/>receipts</i></b>           |           |                 |           |                 |

|                                      |           |                  |           |                  |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|------------------|-----------|------------------|
| Conference fees                      | £26833.40 |                  | £18170.00 |                  |
| Accommodation and meals              | £31116.60 |                  | £30688.00 |                  |
| Publisher stands and attendance fees | £650.00   |                  | £670.00   |                  |
| Reception sponsorship                | £0.00     |                  | £500.00   |                  |
| Accidental Payment                   | £1500.00  | <b>£60100.00</b> | --        | <b>£50028.00</b> |
| <b>Bank interest</b>                 |           | <b>£57.00</b>    |           | <b>£3.32</b>     |
| <b>Total Receipts</b>                |           | <b>£62486.57</b> |           | <b>£53417.25</b> |
| <b>Payments</b>                      |           |                  |           |                  |
| <b>Administrative payments</b>       |           |                  |           |                  |
| Website                              | £2594.13  |                  | £354.01   |                  |
| Billing                              | £3.29     |                  | —         |                  |
| Committee expenses                   | £1816.17  |                  | £218.20   |                  |
| Secretary honorarium                 | £1250.00  |                  | £1250.00  |                  |
| Treasurer honorarium                 | £1250.00  |                  | £2500.00  |                  |
| Assistant Secretary honorarium       | £0.00     | <b>£6913.59</b>  | £1250.00  | 5572.21          |
| <b>Conference payments</b>           |           |                  |           |                  |
| Committee travel                     | £105.30   |                  | £1167.95  |                  |
| Conference centre                    | £47667.04 |                  | £50819.99 |                  |
| Event insurance                      | £81.00    |                  | £81.00    |                  |

|   |           |                  |           |                  |
|---|-----------|------------------|-----------|------------------|
| Plenary speaker travel                        | £313.07   |                  | £442.62   |                  |
| Clerical support                              | £1440.00  |                  | £2988.00  |                  |
| Office costs                                  | £251.14   |                  | £394.38   |                  |
| Conference refunds                            | £512.00   |                  | £1968.00  |                  |
| Transfer from bursary fund                    | -£5500.00 |                  | -£6296.00 |                  |
| Zoom licenses for online conference           | 116.31    | <b>£44985.86</b> | --        | <b>£51565.94</b> |
| <b><i>Postgraduate conference</i></b>         |           | <b>£0.00</b>     |           | <b>£0.00</b>     |
| <b><i>TRS-UK donation/association fee</i></b> |           | <b>£250.00</b>   |           | <b>0</b>         |
| <b><i>Banking and payment facilities</i></b>  |           | <b>£2894.68</b>  |           | <b>603.80</b>    |
| <b>Total Payments</b>                         |           | <b>£55044.13</b> |           | <b>£57741.95</b> |
| <b>Excess of Receipts over Payments</b>       |           | <b>£7442.44</b>  |           | <b>-£4324.70</b> |
| Bank accounts at start of period              |           | £23151.45        |           | £27476.15        |
| Bank accounts at end of period                |           | £30593.89        |           | £23151.45        |

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30-Jun-23**

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30-Jun-22**

£

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**Prof David Clough  
President**

**Dr Andrew Shamel  
Treasurer**

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS**

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**Mr Giles Dobson, MRICS**

15 April 2023

Almancil House, Church Road, Carlton, Newmarket, CB8 9JZ

**SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF THEOLOGY**

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### **Annual Report**

#### **I. OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

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##### **Additional Activities**

The Society has continued its significant work around Theology and Race over the course of the past year, and continues to hold an annual consultation, via a joint meeting of the Society's Committee with the four members of the Theology and Race Sub-Committee. The latter

continue to provide invaluable advice on how this important aspect of the Society's ongoing commitments in this area might be enhanced.

Other significant work this past year has included an extraordinary general meeting, conducted via Zoom, to agree a Society policy on the making of statements on matters of social and ecclesial importance which might be regarded either to impact on its work or about which it could be considered to have particular perspectives worth articulating.

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## **2. ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

### **Members and Subscriptions**

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An additional £4395.00 was received this way, which was transferred directly to the Bursary Fund.

### **Postgraduate Conference**

As a postgraduate conference did not take place in 2022, a conference is now planned for 2023 (September 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>) at New College, The University of Edinburgh, on the theme of Hope. Invited speakers include James Eglinton, Katherine Hockey and Selina Stone. Postgraduate students attending will be invited to give paper presentations in any discipline related to theology. Prof Rachel Muers, Chair of Divinity at the University of Edinburgh, will give a formal welcome.

**Colin Gunton Memorial Prize** (sponsored jointly by *The International Journal of Systematic Theology* and *The Society for the Study of Theology*)

The 2021 Prize was on the theme of Eschatology, and the winning essay was written by Hannah Malcolm, a doctoral candidate and ordinand at The University of Durham, with the title: 'Body Without End: Biological Mutualism and the Body of Christ'. This essay will feature in a forthcoming issue of *IJST*. The Society's contribution to the Prize is the award of a sponsored place at its Annual Conference at Warwick University.

This was the final year for which the Prize would be named for Colin Gunton alone, a decision being made at the Conference that forthwith it would be known as the Gunton/Webster Prize, (after John Webster) to honour the memory and significance of both theologians to the study of systematic theology.

The 2022 Prize will be awarded to an essay on the theme of 'The Communion of Saints'.

### **3. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

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### **4. REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

#### **Correspondence**

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#### **2022 Executive Committee and Trustees**

|                        |           |          |
|------------------------|-----------|----------|
| Prof David Clough      | President | 2022- 24 |
| Rev'd Andrew Taylor    | Secretary | 2021 -   |
| Rev'd Dr Andrew Shamel | Treasurer | 2022 -   |

|                      |                     |           |
|----------------------|---------------------|-----------|
| Ms Anupama Ranawana  | Assistant Secretary | 2021 - 24 |
| Dr Dulcie McKenzie   | BAME Representative | 2020 - 23 |
| Prof Anthony Reddie  | BAME Representative | 2020 - 23 |
| Dr Joanna Leidenhag  | Elected Member      | 2020 - 23 |
| Dr Calida Chu        | Elected Member      | 2021 - 24 |
| Dr Gifford Rhamie    | Elected Member      | 2021 -24  |
| Dr Nicola Whyte      | Elected Member      | 2022 -25  |
| Ms Florence O'Taylor | Elected Member      | 2022 -25  |

## 5. FINANCIAL REVIEW

### Bursary Fund

Awards were made to 48 eligible bursary applicants, waiving or reducing their conference costs by either £100 or £200. The total amount of bursaries awarded was £6500, of which £5096 were redeemed. Bursaries were funded by increased subscriptions and donations from Members and from Society reserves.

Bursaries were also awarded through the SSST-BIAPT BAME bursary fund, established to increase access to the conference for BAME scholars. Under this scheme, five bursaries of £200 were awarded, funded jointly by £495 from The Susanna Wesley Foundation and SST. Bursary recipients who were members of the scheme's named partner institutions had the option of applying for an additional grant from those institutions.

Reserves in the bursary fund allowed bursaries to be offered to other eligible applicants to the BAME bursary scheme. In all, bursaries were offered to all 17 BAME bursary applicants. The total amount of bursaries awarded through this scheme was £2200, of which £1200 were redeemed.

## 6. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

|   | <b>A. RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS</b> |                 |                  |                 |
|---|---------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
|   | <b>30-Jun-22</b>                |                 | <b>30-Jun-21</b> |                 |
|   | <b>£</b>                        | <b>£</b>        | <b>£</b>         | <b>£</b>        |
| <b>General Fund – Unrestricted fund</b> |                                 |                 |                  |                 |
| <b>Receipts</b>                         |                                 |                 |                  |                 |
| <b>Membership receipts</b>              |                                 |                 |                  |                 |
| Subscriptions and Donations             | 8634                            |                 | 7832             |                 |
| Transfer to Bursary Fund                | -6296                           |                 | -3537            |                 |
| Use of e-mail lists                     | 1047.93                         | <b>3385.93</b>  | 748              | <b>5043</b>     |
| <b>Conference receipts</b>              |                                 |                 |                  |                 |
| Conference fees                         | 18170                           |                 | 6515             |                 |
| Accommodation and meals                 | 30688                           |                 | --               |                 |
| Publisher stands and attendance fees    | 670                             |                 | 300              |                 |
| Reception sponsorship                   | 500                             |                 | --               |                 |
| Conference centre deposit refunds       | --                              | <b>50028</b>    | --               | <b>6815</b>     |
| <b>Bank interest</b>                    |                                 | <b>3.32</b>     |                  | <b>34.62</b>    |
| <b>Total Receipts</b>                   |                                 | <b>53417.25</b> |                  | <b>11892.62</b> |
| <b>Payments</b>                         |                                 |                 |                  |                 |
| <b>Administrative payments</b>          |                                 |                 |                  |                 |
| Website                                 | 354.01                          |                 | 1499.19          |                 |
| Committee expenses                      | 218.20                          |                 | 0                |                 |
| Secretary honorarium                    | 1250                            |                 | 1250             |                 |
| Treasurer honorarium                    | 2500                            |                 | 0.00             |                 |
| Assistant Secretary honorarium          | 1250                            | <b>5572.21</b>  | 0.00             | <b>2749.19</b>  |
| <b>Conference payments</b>              |                                 |                 |                  |                 |
| Committee travel                        | 1167.95                         |                 | 0                |                 |

|  |          |                 |                  |                 |
|--|----------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Conference centre                            | 50819.99 |                 | 0                |                 |
| Conference centre cancellation fee           | --       |                 | 9798.75          |                 |
| Event insurance                              | 81       |                 | 0                |                 |
| Plenary speaker travel                       | 442.62   |                 | 0.00             |                 |
| Clerical support                             | 2988     |                 | 1235.88          |                 |
| Office costs                                 | 394.38   |                 | --               |                 |
| Conference refunds                           | 1968     |                 | 433              |                 |
| Transfer from bursary fund                   | -6296    |                 | -3537            |                 |
| Transcription services for online conference | --       |                 | 2352             |                 |
| Zoom licenses for online conference          | --       | <b>51565.94</b> | 191.88           | <b>10474.51</b> |
| <b>Postgraduate conference</b>               |          | <b>0</b>        |                  | <b>0</b>        |
| <b>TRS-UK donation/association fee</b>       |          | <b>0</b>        |                  | <b>0</b>        |
| <b>Banking and payment facilities</b>        |          | <b>603.80</b>   |                  | <b>955.91</b>   |
|  |          |                 |                  |                 |
| <b>Total Payments</b>                        |          | <b>57741.95</b> |                  | <b>14179.61</b> |
|  |          |                 |                  |                 |
| <b>Excess of Receipts over Payments</b>      |          | <b>-4324.70</b> |                  | <b>-2286.99</b> |
| Bank accounts at start of period             |          | 27476.15        |                  | 29763.14        |
| Bank accounts at end of period               |          | 23151.45        |                  | 27476.15        |
|  |          |                 |                  |                 |
|  |          |                 |                  |                 |
|  |          |                 | <b>year to</b>   |                 |
|  |          |                 | <b>30-Jun-21</b> |                 |
|  |          |                 | <b>£</b>         | <b>£</b>        |
|  |          |                 |                  |                 |
| <b>Bursary Fund — Restricted fund</b>        |          |                 |                  |                 |
|  |          |                 |                  |                 |
| <i>Receipts</i>                              |          |                 |                  |                 |
| Donations                                    | 460      |                 | 1263             |                 |
| Transfer from Subscriptions                  | 5836     | <b>6296</b>     | 2274             | <b>3537</b>     |

|  |  |                 |  |                 |
|--|--|-----------------|--|-----------------|
| Payments   |  |                 |  |                 |
| Transfer from bursary fund                             |  | <b>6296</b>     |  | <b>3537</b>     |
|  |  |                 |  |                 |
| <b>Excess of Payments over Receipts</b>                |  | <b>0</b>        |  | <b>0</b>        |
| Bank accounts at start of period                       |  | 5000            |  | 5000            |
| Bank accounts at end of period                         |  | 5000            |  | 5000            |
| <b>B. STATEMENT OF ASSETS AT THE END OF THE PERIOD</b> |  |                 |  |                 |
|  |  | £               |  | £               |
| Community Directplus Account                           |  | 18053.21        |  | 22381.23        |
| Select Instant Access Account                          |  | 10098.24        |  | 10094.92        |
| <b>Total bank accounts</b>                             |  | <b>28151.45</b> |  | <b>32476.15</b> |

## Notes

- I. Honoraria for Treasurer and Assistant Secretary carried over to 2021 – 2022 financial year due to a delay in processing payments. Treasurer's clerical support costs also carried over to 2021 – 2022 financial year for same reason.
- II. Most of shortfall was due to trialling a hybrid conference format. The executive committee took the decision to pay for the University of Warwick's technical services to host the hybrid conference. However, sales of online conference tickets were too low to cover these costs. The University of Warwick's technical services are therefore not being used for the 2023 conference.

## DECLARATION

*The Annual Report has been prepared in accordance with the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 under the Charities Act 2011. It was approved by the Executive Committee by e-mail consultation and was signed on its behalf by the President and the Treasurer.*

**Prof David Clough**  
President

**Dr Andrew Shamel**  
Treasurer



## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS**

This report is on the financial statements of the Society for the period ended 30th June 2022, which are set out on pages 5 to 7.

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this period under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

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

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

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that: proper accounting records are kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act; or to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



**Mr Giles Dobson, MRICS**

15 April 2023

Almancil House, Church Road, Carlton, Newmarket, CB8 9JZ

**SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF THEOLOGY**

England & Wales - Charity number 1191603

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# Accounts

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# Society for the Study of Theology

Promoting excellence in the study of Christian Theology by facilitating and shaping theological thought, conversation and community.

[www.theologysociety.org.uk](http://www.theologysociety.org.uk)

## **Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 30 June 2021**

### **Annual Report**

#### **I. OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

##### **Summary of Objectives**

'The Society is established for the advancement of education, specifically to promote excellence in the study of Christian theology, in the UK and internationally. The Society aims to support all those engaged in theology, across the full range of approaches and church traditions; to facilitate and shape theological thought, conversation and community; to identify and discuss important themes, questions and dialogues which call for theological engagement; to explore the nature of, and to foster, theological integrity, responsibility and vocation; and to promote understanding of, and engagement with, theological work across a wide range of contexts including the academy and the churches.'

[www.theologysociety.org.uk/about-us/constitution/](http://www.theologysociety.org.uk/about-us/constitution/)

##### **Summary of Public Benefit**

The Executive Committee keeps the Society's activities under review to ensure that they continue to reflect its aims. In carrying out this review, it makes reference to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular to its supplementary public guidance on the advancement of education for the public benefit. The Society is in the process of making technical amendments to the Constitution in order to ensure it meets the requirements of the Charity Commission as it moves to charity status.

##### **Additional Activities**

The Society has been engaged in development work around theology and race for the last six years. Ben Fulford, who was Assistant Secretary until last year's AGM, led this work alongside the members of the Theology and Race Subcommittee. It has included internal development

work to increase participation of BAME and Majority World scholars in the life and structure of the Society as well as external work to develop connections and relationships with networks and institutions that represent BAME and Majority World scholars.

In the last twelve months, this work has included establishing permanent BAME representative positions on the Executive Committee and recruiting additional members of the Advisory Group to guide and support the work of the Executive Committee. The Society has also developed new seminar streams and workshop activities, both to promote conversations around theology and race as well as to provide space for a diverse range of theologians at the annual conference. The continued sourcing of funding for a bursary scheme to support BAME and Majority World scholars attendance at the annual conference works in partnership with BIAPT and The Susanna Wesley Foundation.

This work is ongoing, and over the period covered by this annual report has included formal statements on the murder of George Floyd in May 2020 and, in February 2021, in support of The Rev'd Jarel Robinson-Brown after the racist and homophobic attacks he faced, as well as a concerted attempt to remove him from a previously offered curacy.

During the period of this report, The Society has also elected its first disability representative to the Committee. After seeking nominations through a bye election last Summer, Nina Kurlberg was elected to this post, initially for the remainder of the year but with the hope that this year's AGM will confirm that election for a further three years.

## **2. ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

### **Members and Subscriptions**

The total membership of the Society increased from 447 to 505. Student membership was around 170 and there were around 92 international members.

To extend the financial support that the Society is able to make available to students and other conference participants on lower incomes, all members continue to be warmly encouraged to raise their subscription payment to £10 per £10,000 of income.

An additional £2274.00 was received this way, which was transferred directly to the Bursary Fund. The adjacent table indicates the distribution of subscriptions.

### **Postgraduate Conference**

The 2021 Postgraduate conference took place in September 2021 at the University of Cambridge on the theme of 'Reconciliation'. Due to Covid-19, this had been postponed from July 2020. The conference organisers received in 2020 a donation of **£1000.00** to support the conference, and held on to this money for the 2021 conference.

## **Colin Gunton Memorial Prize**

(jointly sponsored by the *International Journal of Systematic Theology* and *The Society for the Study of Theology*)

The 2020 Colin Gunton Memorial Essay Prize was on the theme of ‘Vocation.’ The winning essay was written by Fr James Dominic Rooney entitled “Vocation of Love: Supererogation in Aquinas”. The essay will be published in a forthcoming issue of *IJST*. The Society sponsors free attendance to its annual conference. Due to the cancellation of the 2020 conference and the online format of the 2021 conference, the winners of both the 2019 and 2020 essay prizes were invited to take up their award for free attendance at the 2022 conference.

The 2021 Colin Gunton Memorial Essay Prize is on the theme of ‘Eschatology.’

### **3. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

The Society for the Study of Theology is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). It is constituted by the Constitution adopted by the Annual General Meeting of the Society on the 9<sup>th</sup> April 2019. The Constitution can be found on the SST website.

As a CIO, the Society for the Study of Theology is eligible for VAT exemption on some goods and services it provides (e.g. conferences and advertising). Accounts are prepared in accordance with English and Welsh charity law.

Executive Committee members, who act as the Society’s trustees, are elected by the AGM in accordance with section 7.6 of the Society’s Constitution, available at <https://www.theologysociety.org.uk/about-us/constitution/>

The Committee meets at least twice annually, immediately before and immediately after the annual conference. In recent years, a third meeting in the summer has been added to the meeting schedule for the Committee. By tradition, the AGM is consulted on the conference theme two years in advance.

### **4. REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

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## 2021 Executive Committee and Trustees

|                     |                     |          |
|---------------------|---------------------|----------|
| Prof Mike Higton    | President           | 2021-22  |
| Revd Andrew Taylor  | Secretary           | 2021-    |
| Dr Jenny Leith      | Treasurer           | 2020– 22 |
| Dr Katie Cross      | Elected member      | 2019–22  |
| Dr Emily Kempson    | Elected member      | 2019–22  |
| Dr Dulcie McKenzie  | BAME Representative | 2020–23  |
| Prof Anthony Reddie | BAME Representative | 2020–23  |
| Dr Joanna Leidenhag | Elected member      | 2020–23  |
| Dr Calida Chu       | Elected member      | 2021-24  |
| Dr Gifford Rhamie   | Elected member      | 2021-24  |

## 5. FINANCIAL REVIEW

### Bursary Fund

Awards were made to 28 eligible bursary applicants, waiving or reducing their conference costs by either £30 or £15. The total amount of bursaries awarded was £585, of which £360 were redeemed. Bursaries were funded by increased subscriptions and donations from Members and from Society reserves, including the rolled over bursary fund from the cancelled conference in 2020.

2020 was to have been the inaugural year of the BAME bursary fund, established to increase access to the conference for BAME scholars. As the 2020 conference was cancelled, the bursaries awarded in this scheme were not redeemed. A new call for BAME bursaries took place in advance of the 2021 conference and new awards were made. We made a decision, based on the low costs of the online conference in 2021 not to apply to involve top-up applications to partner institutions. We claimed back £495 from The Susanna Wesley Foundation through the SSST-BIAPT BAME bursary scheme, which allowed us to offer full bursaries of £30 to all 33 BAME bursary applicants. The total amount of bursaries awarded through this scheme was £990, of which £450 were redeemed.

### Statement on Reserves

In recent years, the Society has aimed to maintain unrestricted cash reserves of around £20000–£25000 in order to support its activities. This enables it to pay deposits to conference centres, cover the difference between conference income and cancellation charges at any point in the bookings cycle, subsidise the costs of the conference during periods of economic downturn, meet the cost of committee meetings that take place outside the annual conference, maintain its software and website operations, and mitigate the effects of exchange rate fluctuations for conferences overseas.

Following the cancellation of the 2020 conference, the Society's Independent Examiner advised increasing our reserves to the level necessary to be able to cover the full cost of a conference. It was therefore proposed and passed at the 2021 AGM that the Society should increase the target for reserves to between £35,000 - £40,000.

### Statement on cancellation policy

Following the cancellation of the 2020 conference, it was deemed prudent to formalise the Society's cancellation policy for conference delegates, and for this to be linked to that of the conference venue. The following was proposed and passed at the 2021 AGM:

Should you request a cancellation of your booking, we will endeavour to return to you as much of your payment as possible. Our ability to do so will depend upon the cancellation policy of the conference venue. This will normally allow us to offer a full refund for requests received before the conference numbers are finalised with the venue.

## 6. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### A. RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

|   | 30-Jun-21 |              | 30-Jun-20 |                 |
|---|-----------|--------------|-----------|-----------------|
|   | £         | £            | £         | £               |
| <b>General Fund –<br/>Unrestricted fund</b> |           |              |           |                 |
| <b>Receipts</b>                             |           |              |           |                 |
| <b><i>Membership receipts</i></b>           |           |              |           |                 |
| Subscriptions and<br>Donations              | 7832      |              | 6699.93   |                 |
| Transfer to Bursary<br>Fund                 | -3537     |              | -2860     |                 |
| Use of e-mail lists                         | 748       | <b>5043</b>  | 500       | <b>4339.93</b>  |
| <b><i>Conference receipts</i></b>           |           |              |           |                 |
| Conference fees                             | 6515      |              | 12315     |                 |
| Accommodation and<br>meals                  | --        |              | 25612.5   |                 |
| Publisher stands                            | 300       |              | 910       |                 |
| Reception sponsorship                       | --        |              | 1000      |                 |
| Conference centre<br>deposit refunds        | --        | <b>6815</b>  | 24831.23  | <b>64668.73</b> |
| <b><i>Bank interest</i></b>                 |           | <b>34.62</b> |           | <b>25.02</b>    |

|   |         |                 |          |                 |
|---|---------|-----------------|----------|-----------------|
| <b>Theologizing Brexit sales</b>                              | --      |                 |          | <b>4215</b>     |
| <b>Total Receipts</b>   |         | <b>11892.62</b> |          | <b>73248.68</b> |
| <b>Payments</b>   |         |                 |          |                 |
| <b>Administrative payments</b>                                |         |                 |          |                 |
| Website   | 1499.19 |                 | 1548.65  |                 |
| Committee expenses  | 0       |                 | 1281.44  |                 |
| Theology and Race expenses                                    | 0       |                 | 245.1    |                 |
| Secretary honorarium  | 1250    |                 | 1250     |                 |
| Treasurer honorarium  | 0.00    |                 | 1250     |                 |
| Assistant Secretary honorarium                                | 0.00    | <b>2749.19</b>  | 625      | <b>6200.19</b>  |
| <b>Conference payments</b>                                    |         |                 |          |                 |
| Carbon offset   | 0       |                 | 0        |                 |
| Committee travel  | 0       |                 | 14.7     |                 |
| Conference centre   | 0       |                 | 24831.23 |                 |
| Conference centre cancellation fee                            | 9798.75 |                 | --       |                 |
| Event insurance   | 0       |                 | 580      |                 |
| Plenary speaker travel  | 0.00    |                 | 0        |                 |
| Clerical support  | 1235.88 |                 | 2160     |                 |
| Office costs  | --      |                 | 215.03   |                 |
| Conference refunds  | 433     |                 | 25922.94 |                 |
| Transfer from bursary fund                                    | -3537   |                 | -2860    |                 |
| Transcription services for online conference                  | 2352    |                 | --       |                 |
| Zoom licenses for online conference                           | 191.88  | <b>10474.51</b> | --       | <b>50863.9</b>  |
| <b>Theologizing Brexit costs (200 copies + P&amp;P costs)</b> | --      | --              |          | <b>4253.98</b>  |
| <b>Postgraduate conference</b>                                |         | 0               |          | <b>1000</b>     |
| <b>TRS-UK donation</b>  |         | 0               |          | <b>1500</b>     |
| <b>Banking and payment facilities</b>                         |         | <b>955.91</b>   |          | <b>1747.45</b>  |
| <b>Total Payments</b>   |         | <b>14179.61</b> |          | <b>65565.52</b> |

|   |                 |                |
|---|-----------------|----------------|
| <b>Excess of Receipts over Payments</b> | <b>-2286.99</b> | <b>7683.16</b> |
| Bank accounts at start of period        | 29763.14        | 22079.98       |
| Bank accounts at end of period          | 27476.15        | 29763.14       |

|   | <b>year to<br/>30-Jun-21</b> |             | <b>year to<br/>30-Jun-20</b> |             |
|---|------------------------------|-------------|------------------------------|-------------|
|   | <b>£</b>                     | <b>£</b>    | <b>£</b>                     | <b>£</b>    |
| <b>Bursary Fund —<br/>Restricted fund</b> |                              |             |                              |             |
| <i>Receipts</i>                           |                              |             |                              |             |
| Donations                                 | 1263                         |             | 400                          |             |
| Transfer from Subscriptions               | 2274                         | <b>3537</b> | 2460                         | <b>2860</b> |
| <i>Payments</i>                           |                              |             |                              |             |
| Transfer from bursary fund                |                              | <b>3537</b> |                              | <b>2860</b> |
| <b>Excess of Payments over Receipts</b>   |                              | <b>0</b>    |                              | <b>0</b>    |
| Bank accounts at start of period          |                              | 5000        |                              | 5000        |
| Bank accounts at end of period            |                              | 5000        |                              | 5000        |

## **B. STATEMENT OF ASSETS AT THE END OF THE PERIOD**

|                               | <b>£</b>        | <b>£</b>        |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Community Directplus Account  | 22381.23        | 24702.84        |
| Select Instant Access Account | 10094.92        | 10060.3         |
| <b>Total bank accounts</b>    | <b>32476.15</b> | <b>34763.14</b> |

## Notes

- I. Honoraria for Treasurer and Assistant Secretary carried over to 2021 – '22 financial year due to a delay in processing payments. Treasurer's clerical support costs also carried over to 2021 – '22 financial year for same reason.
- II. Conference refunds were remaining refunds from cancelled 2020 conference.
- III. Postgraduate conference funds carried over from cancelled 2020 conference to 2021.

## DECLARATION

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**Prof Mike Higon**  
**President**  
6 April 2022

**Dr Jenny Leith**  
**Treasurer**  
DATE

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS**

This report is on the financial statements of the Society for the period ended 30th June 2021, which are set out on pages 5 to 8.

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this period under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

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

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In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that: proper accounting records are kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act; or to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



**Mr Giles Dobson, MRICS**

16 March 2022

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