

57 West Annual Report

January-December 2021

Purpose & Vision

Our purpose is to nurture an emerging missional church among adults who are experiencing homelessness or are vulnerably housed in Southend. In partnership with God, each other and the wider family of God, we seek to express church through sharing the unchanging Gospel of Jesus in new ways through:

- Being a welcoming, loving and inclusive community
- Being whole-life oriented, where God's invitation is received to live 'life in fullness'
- Being a community intent on realising God's purposes and God's plans for Southend-on-Sea

Church Planting Team

Trustees: Pamela Davies (Minister), Chris Warner (Bookkeeper), John Raine (Shift Leader & Administrator). Sandra Stockwell joined from Colchester Baptist church temporarily to support the trustees with a focus on fundraising and grant applications.

Volunteer & Premises Co-ordinator: Julie McEvoy's role continued to include a shared responsibility for Community Development this year.

Volunteering

Over the course of the year, we had four trustees and six shift leaders. Due to covid restrictions, there were no community volunteers during this period, though there are plans to reintroduce this role in 2022. We are currently recruiting additional Shift Leaders through the Hub.

Five completed Mental Health First Aid training and this led to our first Mental Health policy which was approved by the trustees, focusing on how we can encourage the wellbeing of our staff, volunteer team and wider community.

Julie attended Homelesslink training with a view to training our wider team on the use of Outcome Stars in the future, to help our casework recording processes align with those of other local services.

Statistics

This year we have been able to provide:

1. Pastoral support offered to 12 people through the supported housing scheme
2. Pastoral support to 10 through a weekly prayer group
3. Continued an online drop-in supporting 17 community members
4. Supported 1 person with an emergency mental health assessment at a local hospital and supported the subsequent mental health plan alongside other services
5. Completed 11 referrals for additional food provision and support
6. Completed 6 housing referrals
7. Supplied 78 food packages
8. Supplied 50 food bank vouchers
9. Provided 140 hours of outreach in and around the town, following which we have:
 - Housed and supplied 1 of our community volunteers with basic living equipment.
 - Signposted 12 people that were on the streets to external housing support services, they have subsequently been housed
 - Made 3 referrals for individuals with complex needs
 - Made continuing welfare phone calls to members of our community to offer follow up support

We introduced an appointments system which supported 2 people managing debt and essential costs, offered 1 person ongoing signposting for mental health support, and offered a befriending service to 1 community member.

Midweek Services

Due to the increase in food provision by kindness kitchens over the weekend, 57 West introduced a midweek service in place of Saturday church in Autumn 2021. Themes during this reporting period included, Jesus in the Old Testament, Jesus in the New Testament, What is Advent and concluded with a Carol Service and Christingle.



Prayer group met in the local park for most of the year, returning on site in Autumn 2021. Community members have reflected that this space has often been their only opportunity to see other people in person throughout the year, and it has created opportunities to pray and offer pastoral support to each other.

Partnership Working

57 West continues to be a part of the Southend Area Baptist Network, exploring the possibility of taking on management responsibility for the premises at Clarence Road and growing the existing missional community in this space.

57 continues to be represented at the Southend Homeless Action Network, the Faith and Belief Network hosted by Southend Borough Council, the Eastern Baptist Association Justice Hub and Baptist Council.

In December 2021 we hosted a Christmas Carol service in partnership with Wild & Holy which was accessible on Zoom. We also shared in services with four local churches and participated in the HeartEdge gathering organised by two local churches.

Throughout the year we have helped to facilitate a weekly prayer group at a local charity offering supported housing, for residents and volunteers, with housing interviews and referrals taking place on site at 57 West. We co-facilitated a house blessing at the new property, along with other local Ministers, which was attended by volunteers and residents.

Plans for 2022

Plans for 2022 will vary depending on whether further coronavirus restrictions are implemented:

- Taking on management responsibility for the premises at Clarence Road
- A church series on Acts, followed by Spiritual Gifts
- The development of a church service leadership team, exploring different creative ways to engage with scripture
- A return to some of our midweek groups, including the community café and rough sleeper drop in during the evenings
- The introduction of cooking classes, budgeting and wellbeing sessions

Finance and Governance

On the 1st December 2020 57 West Baptist Church was granted CIO status by the Charity Commission (charity number 1192598).

Community Reflections

As a result of our ministry this year, community members have fed back that:

Prayer group has helped me a lot. I think it's something that I want to continue with because I get to have the time to be with the Lord or be open and ask for help.

The group has been really helpful for me. The main reason I enjoy going is that it gives me a chance to see other people. With covid, I haven't been able to see anybody else, and prayer group is the only space where I get to be around other people.

I enjoyed attending our prayer group as it gave me something to focus on while I was suffering very badly with my mental health. I know I can talk to people who know us the most. It was good to be together, we've all said that.

Thank you!

Balance sheet 2021							
Op Bal				50479.68			
Income	Other Churches			1705.00			
	BUGB			12240.00			
	Other income			1341.93			
	Individuals			2490.00			
	User of Premises			100.00			
	Grants			10050.00			
Expenditure							
	Salaries				-37964.64		
	Minister's rent				-10800.00		
	ER Pension				-1138.92		
	Rent etc CRBC				-5196.64		
	Admin				-342.60		
	Fund raising				-454.05		
	Petty cash				-300.00		
	Other	Training	1025.00		-7679.49		
		Pest contr	360.00				
		Romm div	4345.48				
		Tablets	1199.70				
		Solicitor lo	198.00				
		Web	124.56				
		HMR&C	100.00				
		Craft	326.75				
			7679.49				
				50479.68	27926.93	-63876.34	14530.27

Confirmed to be an accurate record of the Balance sheet relating to 57 West
1st January 2021 - 31st December 2021



Independent Examiner
17th May 2022

Template for Independent Examiners report (where independent examiner does not wish to highlight any issues)

Report of the Independent Examiner(s) to the Trustees of St Andrew

On the accounts for the year ended 2021

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- 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.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

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

Independent examiner's statement

Since the Church's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of [insert named of applicable listed body], which is one of the listed bodies. (Delete if income is less than £250,000)

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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

**Delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply*

Signed by or on behalf of the Examiner

Date 13/3/2022

Name Susan Murray

Relevant Professional Qualification(s) or body (if any) —

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