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57 West & Clarence Road Baptist Church
Charity number 1192598

Annual Report January - December 2022

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 Trustees

Trustees: Pamela Davies (Minister), Chris Warner (Treasurer), John Raine, Juliet Kilpin, Stuart Elliot (Secretary), Peter Neale, Ray Larkin.

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

Volunteering

Trustees: 7

Daytime drop in volunteers: 6

Evening drop in volunteers: 6

Course leaders: 2

Community volunteers: 4

Our volunteer team grew significantly over the course of the year, with new volunteers joining us and existing volunteers taking on additional responsibilities outside of their main activities or facilitating additional group sessions. Our team members attended level 2 & 3 Safeguarding Training at local Baptist Churches in Southend.

Activities

This year we have:



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- Made 5 referrals to Christians Against Poverty for support with debt
- Contacted Peabody for housing support for 1 community member
- Referred 6 people to HARP for housing support
- Housed 1 community member through Stephen's Place
- Signposted 20 further guests for mental health support and housing advice
- Referred 1 community member to CAST for guidance on being granted refugee status
- Helped 1 community member to open a bank account and explore their recourse to public funds
- Signposted 15 community members to SVP and One Love for food provision and housing support
- Given pastoral care to 17 community members
- Made 6 welfare calls
- Supplied 20 food bank vouchers
- Provided 6 food parcels
- Supplied 26 takeaway coffees and food provision for those who are rough sleeping
- Supplied 21 sleeping bags
- Supplied 2 'winter essentials' packs including hats, scarves and gloves
- Supplied 4 blankets

Partnership Working

This year we reopened our community café for four sessions per week, with additional workshops and one to one sessions taking place around this. We have listed our community spaces with Warm Welcome, Your Say Southend (a local directory managed by the Council) and the Southend Homeless Action Network so as many people as possible have access to a safe space.

The Street Pastors have signposted adults experiencing homelessness to our Friday night drop in sessions. CAP have partnered with us on a budgeting course and provided debt management advice, Stephen's Place have partnered with us on a weekly cooking course and we continue to be



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actively involved with the local Baptist Network as well as the Eastern Baptist Association.

Plans for 2023

We have exciting plans for 2023 which include exploring the provision of supported housing for our homeless community members, expanding our community groups so that skills such as cooking, budgeting and wellbeing can be explored in groups on site, considering whether we have capacity to introduce youth provision for the young adults connected to our community and the possible introduction of a weekly prayer group. We will explore these ideas as we have capacity to take on new initiatives and very much have a growth mindset for the year ahead.

Finance and Governance

In summer 2022 the communities at 57 West and Clarence Road Baptist Church agreed to merge to form one faith community. The merge process was completed in December 2022, with a weekly Sunday morning service taking place in addition to our usual activities.

Our trustee team grew to 7 members who share management responsibility for the premises. Separate accounts were held until the end of the calendar year, at which point CRBC joined the 57 West CIO as resolutions were passed by both communities.

Fundraising plan for 2023

As a newly merged charity, we recognise that financial sustainability is of primary importance. We seek to build diversified streams of income through the following:

- Appointing a fundraiser to work alongside us on a consultancy basis
- Leasing out unused car park spaces during weekdays
- Renewing our groups letting processes so that they are more accessible and enable new groups to lease space from us on a tiered charitable / commercial rate
- Hosting on site fundraising activities

A copy of our accounts for the year January-December 2022 is attached to this report. We would especially like to thank our key funders for their continued support of the work and Ministry of 57 West:



- The Souter Trust
- The Gladiator Trust
- The Baptist Union of Great Britain
- Hawkwell Baptist Church
- The Archer Trust
- The Southend Community Investment Board

Balance Sheet 2022							
Op Bal @	01.01.22		14530.27				
Income	other						
	churches	13657.47					
	EBA	12122.00					
	other	3280.00					
	Ch Trust	11350.00			Payroll		
	Individs	3440.00			Minister	24750.00	
	Prem user	22.00			Comm Wk	13602.00	
	Grants	10387.84			ER Pen	1150.44	
		54259.31	54259.31				
						39502.44	
Expenditure							
	Payroll	-39502.44			Other		
	Min Rent	-10800.00			CIO	900.00	
	Rent CRBC	-3200.00			Dons held	138.00	
	Tele	-60.00			pest control	360.00	
	Ins	-397.33			Misc	136.03	
	Admin	-77.79				1534.03	
	Other	-1534.03					
	Min Ex	-160.00					
	Cash	-1100.00					
		-56831.59	-56831.59				
			11957.99				
CRBC funds held			16479.55				
	Bal @ 31.12.22		28437.54				

Confirmed to be an accurate record of the Balance Sheet relating to 57 West
1st January 2022 - 31st January 2022

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Independent Examiner

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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 West + Clarence Road

On the accounts for the year ended 30 December 2022 Baptist Church

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 [Signature] Date 18/3/2023

Name Susan Hurley

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

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