

THE MINISTERS' BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

(REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 219049)

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30TH SEPTEMBER 2021

THE MINISTERS' BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

Officers 2020-2021

President

Rev Martin Whitell

Honorary Treasurer

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Secretary

Rev. Donald Phillips, 'Hucklow House' 39 St Cross Road, Winchester SO23 9PR
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Directors

Retire 2022

Mrs. Joyce Ashworth
Mr. Owen J. E. Beale
Mrs. Jane Couper

Retire 2021

Rev. Michael Dadson
Rev. Anthony Howe
Mr. Sandy Ellis

Independent Examiner

Mr Graham White, FIB

Notice is hereby given that the 169th Annual Meeting of members and subscribers will be held on-line on Tuesday 7th December 2021 at 2.00 p.m. to receive the report and accounts for the year ended 30th September 2021 and to elect Officers and Directors for the ensuing year.

Any nominations should reach the Secretary by 1st December 2021.

Professional Advisors

Stockbroker: EFG Harris Allday, 33 Great Charles Street, Birmingham, B3 3JN
Tel: 0121 233 1222

Accountant: Mr D Worwood, FCA, 8 Showell Lane, Penn, Wolverhampton, WV4 4UA
Tel: 01902 893211

Solicitors: Veale Wasbrough Vizards LLP (*Mrs J Hobday*), 3 Brindley Place Birmingham B1 2JB
Tel: 0845 404 2501

Bankers: HSBC, PO Box 68, 130 New Street, Birmingham, B2 4JU

D Phillips, Secretary,
on behalf of the Directors
November 2021

The Ministers' Benevolent Society

Registered Charity No. 219049

Report of the Directors for the year ended 30th September 2021

The Directors present their Report along with the Accounts of the Charity for the year ended 30th September 2021. The Accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 3 and comply with the Charity's Governing Document and with applicable law.

1. Constitution & Objects

The Governing Document is the Constitution approved by the Charity Commission 19th January 2016 and adopted at the Annual General Meeting on 6th December 2016. The Objects of the Society are: first the relief of hardship and distress generally and individually amongst Ministers and Lay Pastors on the Roll of the General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches who have been elected as Beneficiary Members of the Society and who from age or infirmity are unable to discharge the public duties of their offices and amongst the dependants of the above and also amongst those who were dependants when the Ministers or Lay Pastors died; second to donate the annual income surplus to the Ministers' Pension Fund Registered Charity No.235410.

2. Management & Governance

The Society is managed by a Board of Directors whose members are the Managing Trustees of the Society within the meaning of Section 97 of the Charities Act 1993, and shall consist of the President, the Secretary and the Treasurer, each of whom shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting, and six other persons being members of the Society, of which number not less than two, nor more than four, shall be or shall be eligible to be Beneficiaries. In the event of any vacancy in their number, by death or resignation, such vacancy may be filled by the Board of Directors and the person so appointed shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting. At each Annual General Meeting the three of such six Directors as shall have been the longest on the Board, shall retire but shall be eligible for re-election.

3. Organisation

The names of the Managing Trustees who have served during the year are set out on the front cover of the Report and Accounts. At our last AGM in December 2020, Mrs Joyce Ashworth, Mrs Jane Couper and Mr Owen Beale were elected to serve until 2022. Though Mrs Sandy Ellis, Rev Ant Howe and Rev Michael Dadson retire in 2021 each will be eligible for re-election for a further two years.

4. Achievement & Performance

During the year, in pursuance of the Objects of the Charity, the Directors continued to support our Ministers and their families in times of need and will always be grateful to know of anyone you feel may benefit from financial help from the Society. This was made possible due to the on-going, prudent handling of our investments and accounts by our treasurer Roland Kay linked with the sensible policies of the Directors. The Directors take into consideration the 'public benefit guidance' provided by the Charities Commission when making these decisions.

Two beneficiaries received Annual gifts (Type 1). From the Philip Holt Fund, we also made two grants (Type 2). The oldest of these five beneficiaries is ninety-one and the youngest is seventy-six.

The Society made sixteen Special Grants to ministers and widows; the grants ranged from help with funeral expenses to help in times of illness, injury, and bereavement. (Type 4).

The Philip Holt Education Fund has provided grants to six children of four ministers (Type5).

In accordance with the second Object the Directors donated £20,000 to the Ministers' Pension Fund from the overall surplus of the year to 30th September 2021. They agreed, however, in future years to return to the established practice of a donation of £8,000.

5. Financial Review

Following the decision made at the Directors' meeting in December 2020, the investments held in the General Fund administered by Harris Allday were sold in March 2021 for a total of £1,216,364.41. The proceeds were invested in 159,375.861 shares of BNY Mellon global income fund and 544,110.604 shares in Newton growth and income fund for charities at a total cost of £1,215,352.60. These funds are monitored by the investment panel of the General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches, thus meeting the MBS trustees' obligations for oversight of our investments.

Harris Allday continues to administer our two smaller funds which are the Accumulated Income fund (value approximately £155,000 - which is non-endowment and is therefore available to supplement income if required) and the Editha Taylor fund (value approximately £30,000).

In the six-month period from 1 April 2021 to 30 September 2021 the investments in BNY Mellon and Newtons have given a satisfactory overall return similar to that which would have been made with the Harris Allday portfolio.

6. Risk Management

The Trustees have examined the major strategic, business, and operational risks which the Charity faces and confirm that systems have been established so that the necessary steps may be taken to lessen these risks.

7. Automatic Disqualification – Guidance for Charities

To achieve compliance with Charity Commission guidance the Trustees have undertaken to each make regular declarations that they are not disqualified from being charity Trustees for any of the Legal Disqualifying Reasons.

8. Membership

There was a net decrease of one in the total number of Beneficiary Members, from 112 to 111, during the year ended 30th September 2021.

Once more the December 2021 AGM and Directors' Meetings will take place on-line. Nevertheless, we thank the members of New Meeting, Birmingham for their ongoing willingness to host our meetings.

REV. MARTIN WHITEELL, President

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

Mr. O J E Beale	Worcester
Mr. A H Ellis	Sale Green
Mr. M J Kenrick	Chaddesley Corbett
Mr. J A H Norman	Chester

*(Rule 4. Honorary Life Members are those persons making a donation of Twenty Pounds or more at any time.
No Honorary Members shall derive any benefit from the funds of the Society.)*

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE

MINISTERS' BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

CHARITY NUMBER 219049

I report on the Accounts of The Ministers' Benevolent Society for the year ended 30 September 2021 which are set out on pages 2 to 7 appended to this Report.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the 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 applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act), and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

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

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

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER :

Mr. G. White, FIB

The Rise
7 Metchley Park Road
Birmingham
B15 2PJ

23 November 2021

THE MINISTERS' BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

	<u>2021</u>			<u>2020</u>		
	<u>MBS</u>	<u>Editha</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>MBS</u>	<u>Editha</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Taylor</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Taylor</u>	<u>Funds</u>
		<u>Fund</u>			<u>Fund</u>	
The Funds Managed by the Society Trustees						
Value of Funds at start of year	1,232,792	54,985	1,287,777	1,390,208	67,440	1,457,648
Net Movement of Funds in the year	203,811	10,974	214,785	-157,416	-12,455	-169,871
Value of Funds at end of year	<u>1,436,603</u>	<u>65,959</u>	<u>1,502,562</u>	<u>1,232,792</u>	<u>54,985</u>	<u>1,287,777</u>
Have Been Invested In						
Investments at Market Value	1,445,909	30,850	1,476,759	1,227,739	19,383	1,247,122
Cash in Deposit Accounts	373	104	477	522	104	626
Cash in Current Account	-6,679	35,005	28,326	7,694	35,498	43,192
	<u>1,439,603</u>	<u>65,959</u>	<u>1,505,562</u>	<u>1,235,955</u>	<u>54,985</u>	<u>1,290,940</u>
Less Sundry Payables	3,000		3,000	3,163		3,163
	<u>1,436,603</u>	<u>65,959</u>	<u>1,502,562</u>	<u>1,232,792</u>	<u>54,985</u>	<u>1,287,777</u>

Analysis of Individual Funds: Note 1

Responsibilities of the Trustees

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, for safeguarding the assets of the Trust, for taking reasonable steps to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities, and for preparing Annual Financial Statements which both accord with the accounting records, and which comply with both the Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting by Charities and with the relevant governing documents and which give a true and fair view of the affairs of the Trust.

To the best of our knowledge and belief, these obligations have been met and accordingly these Accounts were approved at a Meeting of the Trustees held on 7 December 2021.

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Rev M Whitell (President)

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Mr J R Kay (Treasurer)

THE MINISTERS' BENEVOLENT SOCIETY**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021**

	2021			2020		
	MBS Fund	Editha Taylor Fund	Total Funds	MBS Fund	Editha Taylor Fund	Total Funds
Incoming Resources Arising in the Year						
Dividends Received	35,307	1,307	36,614	53,240	1,178	54,418
Bank Interest Received			0			0
Members Subscriptions	23		23	3		3
Donations Received	190	300	490		300	300
Total Resources	35,520	1,607	37,127	53,243	1,478	54,721
Expenditure Incurred						
Charitable Grants	18,765		18,765	24,181		24,181
made on behalf of MPF	10,128		10,128	8,328		8,328
Donation			0	3,700		3,700
<i>Administration Expenses</i>						
Secretary's Honorarium	3,850		3,850			0
Accountancy and Legal Fees		2,100	2,100		2,100	2,100
Sundry Expenses	777		777	1,048		1,048
Investment Administration Fees	180		180	180		180
Total Expenditure	33,700	2,100	35,800	37,437	2,100	39,537
Net Incoming (outgoing) Resources before Investment Asset Additions, Disposal and Revaluation	1,820	-493	1,327	15,806	-622	15,184
Donation to the Ministers' Pension Fund: note 6	20,000		20,000	20,000		20,000
	-18,180	-493	-18,673	-4,194	-622	-4,816
Investment Asset Gains (Losses) on Disposals and Revaluation at year end						
Net Gain (Loss) on sales of investments	119,900		119,900	-3,211		-3,211
Revaluation Gain (Loss)	102,091	11,467	113,558	-150,011	-11,833	-161,844
Increase (Decrease) in Funds	203,811	10,974	214,785	-157,416	-12,455	-169,871

Analysis of Individual Funds: Note 2

THE MINISTERS' BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

FUND ACCOUNTS - ANALYSIS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

		2021		2020	
		Capital	Income	Capital	Income
Note 1: Balance Sheet					
a	<i>MBS Fund</i>				
	Value of Funds 1.10.2020	1,094,807	137,985	1,239,948	150,260
	Net Movement of Funds in the Year	202,443	1,368	-145,141	-12,275
		<u>1,297,250</u>	<u>139,353</u>	<u>1,094,807</u>	<u>137,985</u>
	Investments at Market Value	1,292,175	153,734	1,093,553	134,186
	Cash at Bank	5,075	-11,381	1,254	6,962
		<u>1,297,250</u>	<u>142,353</u>	<u>1,094,807</u>	<u>141,148</u>
	Less Sundry Payables		3,000		3,163
		<u>1,297,250</u>	<u>139,353</u>	<u>1,094,807</u>	<u>137,985</u>
b	<i>Editha Taylor Fund</i>				
	Value of Funds 1.10.2020	19,507	35,478	31,340	36,100
	Net Movement of Funds in the Year	11,467	-493	-11,833	-622
		<u>30,974</u>	<u>34,985</u>	<u>19,507</u>	<u>35,478</u>
	Investments at Market Value	30,850	0	19,383	0
	Cash at Bank	124	34,985	124	35,478
		<u>30,974</u>	<u>34,985</u>	<u>19,507</u>	<u>35,478</u>
	Less Sundry Payables	0	0	0	0
		<u>30,974</u>	<u>34,985</u>	<u>19,507</u>	<u>35,478</u>
Note 2: Statement of Financial Activities					
a	<i>MBS Fund</i>				
	Total Resources		35,520		53,243
	Less Total Expenditure		53,700		57,437
			<u>-18,180</u>		<u>-4,194</u>
	Net Gain (Loss) on sales of Investments	119,900		-3,211	
	Revaluation Gain (Loss)	82,543	19,548	-141,930	-8,081
		<u>202,443</u>	<u>1,368</u>	<u>-145,141</u>	<u>-12,275</u>
b	<i>Editha Taylor Fund</i>				
	Total Resources		1,607		1,478
	Less Total Expenditure		2,100		2,100
			<u>-493</u>		<u>-622</u>
	Revaluation Gain (Loss)	11,467		-11,833	
		<u>11,467</u>	<u>-493</u>	<u>-11,833</u>	<u>-622</u>

THE MINISTERS' BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

INVESTMENTS OF THE FUNDS

AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

	cost	Revaluation br/forward	gain/(loss) this year	2021 Market Value	2020 Market Value
GENERAL FUND - Capital Account					
Investments (bought 29 March 2021)					
BNY Mellon Charities Fund - Newton Growth and Income Fund for Charities 544,110.604 Units	807,110		63,739	870,849	
BNY Mellon Investment Funds - Global Income Fund Newton 159,375.861 Units	402,522		18,804	421,326	
	<u>1,209,632</u>		<u>82,543</u>	<u>1,292,175</u>	
Disposals (22 March 2021)					
			Net Gain this year	Sale Proceeds	
Total Funds as at 1 October 2020	<u>674,016</u>	<u>419,537</u>	<u>119,900</u>	<u>1,213,453</u>	<u>1,093,553</u>

THE MINISTERS' BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

INVESTMENTS OF THE FUNDS (CONTINUATION)

AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

	cost	Revaluation br/forward	gain/(loss) this year	2021 Market Value	2020 Market Value
ACCUMULATED INCOME FUND					
Unit Trusts					
<i>M&G Securities Limited</i>					
1036.379 Dividend Income Fund Units	5,421	3,704	2,545	11,670	9,125
Ordinary Shares					
<i>The Bankers Investment Trust plc</i>					
64600 Ordinary Shares of 2.5p	15,529	49,975	5,814	71,318	65,504
<i>Legal & General Group plc</i>					
14,400 Ordinary Shares of 2.5p	13,847	13,275	13,356	40,478	27,122
<i>Scottish & Southern Energy plc</i>					
550 Ordinary Shares of 50p	6,579	65	1,997	8,641	6,644
<i>Unilever plc</i>					
540 New Ordinary Shares of 3 1/9p	7,075	18,716	-4,164	21,627	25,791
	<u>43,030</u>	<u>82,031</u>	<u>17,003</u>	<u>142,064</u>	<u>125,061</u>
	<u>48,451</u>	<u>85,735</u>	<u>19,548</u>	<u>153,734</u>	<u>134,186</u>

EDITHA TAYLOR FUND

Ordinary Shares

<i>Aviva plc</i>					
875 Ordinary Shares of 25p	3,770	-1,270	964	3,464	2,500
<i>Lloyds Banking Group plc</i>					
3116 Ordinary Shares of 10p	4,781	-3,960	630	1,451	821
<i>Marks & Spencer plc</i>					
1000 Ordinary Shares of 1p	3,746	-2,771	860	1,835	975
<i>Merchants Trust plc</i>					
2150 Ordinary Shares of 25p	10,029	-2,740	4,364	11,653	7,289
<i>J Sainsbury plc</i>					
950 Ordinary Shares of 28 4/7p	3,745	-1,931	897	2,711	1,814
<i>Temple Bar Investment Trust plc</i>					
915 Ordinary Shares of 25p	7,611	-1,627	3,752	9,736	5,984
	<u>33,682</u>	<u>-14,299</u>	<u>11,467</u>	<u>30,850</u>	<u>19,383</u>

THE MINISTERS' BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

Note 3 Valuations of Investments provided by:

a) General Fund

BNY Mellon Fund Managers Limited

Client Service Centre

P.O. Box 366

Darlington DL1 9RF

b) Accumulated Income Fund and Editha Taylor Fund

EFG Harris Allday

(a trading division of EFG Private Bank Limited)

33 Great Charles Street

Birmingham B3 3JN

c) based on London Stock Exchange Market Prices as at 30 September 2021

d) Legal Entity Identifier (LEI) number 213800CJSJ7Q10MUEE14.

In accordance with the MiFID 11 regulations and under maintenance by the London Stock Exchange.

Note 4 The General Fund Capital Account incorporates the Philip Holt Educational Fund

Note 5 The General Fund Capital Account now incorporates monies for the Widows' Fund from the Miss Yates Fund Charity and the Timothy Dean Charity.

Note 6 The donation to the Ministers' Pension Fund has been paid from income arising in this year and the accumulated surplus from past years.

Benefits of Membership and list of grants:

Fund 1 - Beneficiary Member Twice Yearly Gift

Supports Ministers, Widows or Widowers who are beneficiary members of the MBS and over the age of 65 (*an applicant aged less than 65 must have injury, sickness or other problems to qualify*). A maximum of two children who shall be 18 or less shall qualify as beneficiaries.

The aim is to make up a Beneficiary's income *at the discretion the Directors*, to a minimum target support level which is adjusted each year in line with any increase in the Retail Price Index.

The grant is paid in two equal parts in December and June each year and shall continue for as long as a declaration of income is made and there is a demonstrated need.

Fund 2 - Philip Holt General & Discretionary Fund

When the Ministers' Pension Fund started a Final Salary Pension Scheme in 1971, a number of Ministers were too old to either join the new scheme or to receive full benefits and by agreement the MBS agreed to help out those ministers and widows wherever possible by making half yearly benevolent grants to their beneficiary members. The Philip Holt General Fund makes grants to persons who were not beneficiary members of the MBS. Today only a few ministers/widows are in need of such supplemental help and most of the grants are made to elderly Widows whose husbands died before they could receive full benefits from the current pension scheme.

Fund 3 - The Editha Taylor Fund

Under her Trust, Editha Taylor left money "*to assist at Christmas time the widows, sisters and daughters of Unitarian Christian Ministers in Great Britain*".

Beneficiaries are female dependants or relatives of Ministers who need not be beneficiaries of the MBS and there is no age limit. The grant shall normally be a relatively small amount and is intended to provide comfort and support rather than a minimum level of income. The grant is paid in December each year and shall continue for as long as there is a perceived need.

Determination of what is an appropriate grant relies upon the knowledge, flexibility and discretion of the Directors.

Fund 4 - Ministers' Benevolent Society Fund Special Grants

Grants are made to *members* and/or their *dependants* as a need comes to the attention of the Directors. Beneficiaries are members of the MBS and no age limit applies. The grant is normally a relatively small amount and is intended to provide comfort and support. Grants may be made at any time of the year whenever there is a perceived need.

Fund 5 - Philip Holt Educational

To assist with the educational costs of Ministers' children – available to any Minister or Lay Pastor on the GA Roll in congregational charge or other approved post. In applying the income, grants are restricted to children 11 years and over, up to and including college students for degree courses or equivalent. Grants are made annually, where appropriate, in response to application.

Please do not hesitate to speak to the Secretary and request a form at any time that you have an appropriate need. We would also be grateful to hear of any circumstances of other MBS members who find themselves in difficult circumstances or ill health.