

Weymouth Baptist Church

Trustees Annual Report 2019

This has been a year when we have taken a look at ourselves in the light of our vision which is “To build relationships with Jesus and people”. The leadership took the early opportunity of an away day to look at our strategy, values and a way forward for 2019 and, as a result, an audit of all our activities was carried out. This was an opportunity for each part of the church to look at its aims, its ministry, its connections and its potential to grow and reach more people. It was also valuable to do a SWOT analysis with a view to looking at areas for training and future growth.

Whilst our senior pastor is our main preacher, the preaching team has been expanded during the year to include more church members. There have been three main series of sermons during the year starting with 12 sermons looking at the book of 1 Peter on the theme of bringing encouragement to Christians in difficult times and suffering. (How appropriate for us today – “living as strangers in an alien world”.) During the summer holiday period we looked at the prison experiences of Joseph, Jeremiah, John the Baptist and Paul and this was followed in the autumn by a series looking at the life of Elijah and the lessons we can learn for living in 2019. Throughout the year we have also been well served in the pulpit by visiting speakers and our own members. One of our visitors was from the organisation, ‘Safe Families for Children’ and as a result some people volunteered for this valuable work of helping children to avoid going into care. It was also good to welcome the Douglas family to share a weekend with us. They are our BMS partners working in Nepal and they picked a lovely few days to have a break in Weymouth and were able to share in our church family picnic and games afternoon.

Our Youth Pastor, who was appointed in September 2018, has settled into his new role and is steadily building good relationships with the young people. He has also worked hard with the youth band which is flourishing and playing more in our worship services. Outside the church he has established a very effective advice service one day a week at one of the local secondary schools and also trained as a CAP money management course deliverer using this training to good effect in the community. One of our members is training at Moorlands College with a view to training for the Baptist ministry in 2020. She runs the Treasures mother and toddler group which is thriving with the help of a good number of volunteers. It is good to see some of these families attending church on Sundays. She also runs an outreach group for the 5-11 age range which provides a meal for families on Fridays and is proving very popular. Another of our members has stepped up to lead the Sunday children’s work and at the start of the year our Girls’ Brigade company celebrated its 40th anniversary with a celebration weekend. We have continued our collaboration with PAIS and benefited from the services of a young Brazilian lady who helped with the youth work and mentored some of our teenage girls. The fact that we now have 12 of our young people attending universities in different parts of the country is a testimony to the work of all those who have been involved with the teenagers during the past few years. Also, one of our young people spent a year working with a BMS Action Team in Thailand and it was a privilege to have the team with us for a week on their return sharing their experiences of life and witness.

Within the area of Weymouth and Portland our members continue to play a leading role in many local initiatives. Two of our members are CAP Debt Coaches and we also have people serving CAP clients as befrienders. Our members are very active with Healing on the Streets and also taking services in different care homes in Weymouth. The Foodbank operates from the church and this is (sadly!) a growing need in the area. The support it gets from the community is amazing and the volunteers who run it are very committed to ensuring that they give an efficient service as well as a friendly welcome to all who ring the door bell.

On the fabric front we have upgraded the lighting in the sanctuary – a job which has been needed to be done for some time. There has also been remedial work done on some of the old electrical wiring and the constant problem of trying to make the roofs waterproof happens every year. (Even sunny Weymouth has not escaped the effects of climate change!)

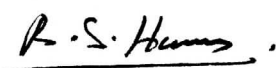
So as we move forward into 2020 our pastor has set prayer as the number one priority. Based on Jabez’s prayer in 1 Chronicles 4:10 we are to pray for God’s power, God’s presence and God’s protection. He asks, “Are we too comfortable? Are we seeing God doing amazing things?” We need a greater effort and a greater expectation of what God can do as we move into a new year.

BALANCE SHEET**As at 31 December 2019****31-12-18****31-12-19**

Assets		£		£
Cash & at Bank				
	Current account & cash	5316.09		4774.85
	Savings account	48881.71		86005.74
	Total	54197.80		90780.59
	Foodbank	256.92		233.69
	Other GB Funds	93.98		94.28
	Weyfinders	35.73		43.73
	Grand Total	54584.43		91152.29
Allocation of funds				
General Fund	Opening balance	39443.58	39443.58	
	Income in year		180998.03	
	Expenditure in year		144705.13	
	Closing balance		75736.48	75736.48
GB General	Opening balance	191.33	191.33	
	Income in year		2532.82	
	Expenditure in year		2608.75	
	Closing balance		115.40	115.40
GB Camp	Opening balance	801.17	801.17	
	Income in year		455.00	
	Expenditure in year		762.07	
	Closing balance		494.10	494.10
Corina's Fund	Opening balance	-30.00	-30.00	
	Income in year		1150.00	
	Expenditure in year		1218.00	
	Closing balance		-98.00	-98.00
Sponsor's Fund	Opening balance	162.74	162.74	
	Income in year		337.50	
	Expenditure in year		0.00	
	Closing balance		500.24	500.24
Food Bank	Opening balance	13345.77	13345.77	
	Income in year		6443.21	
	Expenditure in year		6734.82	
	Closing balance		13054.16	13054.16
Breakfast Fund	Opening balance	105.22	105.22	
	Income in year		0.00	
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	Closing balance		105.22	105.22
HOTS	Opening balance	186.85	186.85	
	Income in year		120.00	
	Expenditure in year		60.39	
	Closing balance		246.46	246.46
Sunday School	Opening balance	311.47	311.47	
	Income in year		0.00	
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Weyfinders	Opening balance	66.30	66.30	
	Income in year		33.00	
	Expenditure in year		45.00	
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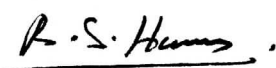
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