

## St. Leonards Baptist Church Annual report 2018

2018 has been another year in which we have enjoyed, worshipping and working together in St Leonards. Sunday morning services have seen us consider a range of different topics, including the Apostles creed, encounters with Jesus, the life of David and a look at some parables. We were also pleased to welcome various other speakers, both from amongst our own congregation and other local churches. During the year we welcomed two new members into the church. We continued to meet informally on Sunday evenings, with a growing group and each week we looked at the Bible passage from the morning's teaching but in a more interactive way. We held monthly Tuesday coffee mornings from March and weekly Friday prayer meetings throughout the year. In addition our email prayer messages have enabled us to pray for each other throughout the week. The local Chinese Church congregation have used our premises each month, increasing their meetings to two Mondays, and the Link Youth Group organised by the Christian Schoolworkers has met on Monday evenings. House group and the CAMEO ladies group have continued to meet regularly. We have continued to host the winter nightshelter on Thursdays during the colder months thanks to the dedication of some of our own people together with outside volunteers.

The Community Centre has continued to use the premises on weekdays throughout the year, making a difference to the lives of many people in the surrounding area with the varied classes on offer, the free internet access, café and advice that is offered by Ann and her volunteers and tutors.

After struggling for many years with an outdated and unsatisfactory heating system in the church, this year we had the entire system replaced. This caused some inevitable disruption to the church and to CPCC and meant that we moved services downstairs for some weeks but the result has been very worthwhile. The church and the community centre are benefitting with a far more flexible system where the temperature can even be controlled accurately from a phone app.

In addition to our regular activities other events have included

- Maundy Thursday communion and good Friday Walk of Witness at Easter
- Participation in the Turning Mission in June – a countywide event involving daily street evangelism and nightly worship evenings at different churches throughout the town.
- A music concert in aid of SARAH – the stroke association
- A successful trip to Soul Survivor, the Christian Youth Camp held this year in Peterborough at the end of August.
- Education Sunday, looking at the work of Hastings Christian Schoolswork in September.
- CAP Sunday including contributions from Ann and Roy Wallace, focussed on Christians Against Poverty in October.
- BMS Sunday looking at the work of BMS in Afghanistan amongst mothers and babies
- A joint prayer meeting for St Leonards with Kings Church on our premises in October.
- A church anniversary cooking competition and meal (although with only one entrant the winner was easy to determine) in November.
- Carol Service on the Sunday evening before Christmas.

**ST LEONARDS BAPTIST CHURCH**

**UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018**

**ST LEONARDS BAPTIST CHURCH**

**LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

Trustees	Mr D Johnson Mrs J Mardell Mr G Hodge Mrs N Cudmore Mr A Skelton Mr M Rose Mrs F Nosrati
Charity number	1150270
Address	Chapel Park Road St Leonards on sea East Sussex TN37 6HR
Independent Examiner	Holland Harper LLP 26 High Street Battle East Sussex TN33 0EA

ST LEONARDS BAPTIST CHURCH  
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2018

	2018	2017
<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Lloyds Bank – Business Extra Account	1,501	1,501
Lloyds Bank – 30 Day Notice Account	21,330	26,611
	<u>£22,831</u>	<u>£28,112</u>
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 <u>GENERAL FUND (unrestricted)</u>		
As at 1 January 2018	28,112	31,176
(Deficit) for the year	(5,281)	(3,064)
	<u>£22,831</u>	<u>£28,112</u>
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The above accounts and the notes and other information shown on pages 2 to 3 for the year ended 31 December 2018 are as approved by the Trustees. Signed by two trustees on behalf of the board on 17th February 2019.

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Mr Graham Hodge

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Reverend Janet Mardell

ST LEONARDS BAPTIST CHURCH  
GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

	2018	2017
	£	£
<u>RECEIPTS</u>		
Gift aided offerings	16,800	20,247
General fund offerings	8,016	6,047
Tax refunds recovered	6,449	6,187
Donations received	3,080	699
Bank interest received	13	15
Net rents from Manse	8,194	10,279
Redevelopment – grants	50,948	12,005
Sundry	-	30
	<u>93,500</u>	<u>55,509</u>
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<u>LESS: PAYMENTS</u>		
Stipend and pension contributions	20,401	20,093
Minister's expenses	1,189	1,149
Ministry	215	210
Manse expenses	1,744	241
Utilities	4,517	4,914
Insurances	1,638	1,583
Repairs and maintenance	4,754	1,937
Youth	830	621
Music Group	83	142
Welfare Fund	-	334
Mission (note 3)	6,114	5,253
Bank service charges	124	149
Donations	75	1,640
Admin and telephone	1,863	2,041
Waste disposal	1,030	804
Miscellaneous (including P A System)	378	1,046
Chapel Park Community Centre – insurance	408	406
Redevelopment – new boiler etc	53,418	16,010
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	98,781	58,573
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<u>(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR</u>	<u>£(5,281)</u>	<u>£(3,064)</u>
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ST LEONARDS BAPTIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

1. These accounts have been prepared on a "receipts and payments" basis, in accordance with Section 133 of the Charities Act 2011.
2. The church is the beneficial owner at a combined insurance value of £2,926,288 (2017 £1,364,978) of premises at Chapel Park Road, St Leonards-on-Sea and at 27 Clinton Crescent, St Leonards-on-Sea, the legal title to which is held by the Baptist Union Corporation Limited as custodian trustee. The church also owns fixtures, furniture and equipment with an insured value of £61,320 (2017 £61,442).

3. Payments - Mission

	2018	2017
	£	£
S.E.B.A.	2,487	2,495
Baptist Mission	2,003	1,680
Christian Schools Workers Hastings	750	750
Baptist Union	144	178
C.A.P.	500	50
Evangelical Alliance	80	-
Snowflake	100	100
Battle Baptist Church	50	-
	<u>6,114</u>	<u>5,253</u>

4. The church pays pension contributions to the Baptist Ministers' Pension Fund on behalf of the minister. The fund is currently in deficit and the church is required to make increased contributions which in the year to 31st December 2018 amounted to £3,451.68 (12 x £287.64). This amounted to 12% of minimum pensionable income and the same percentage is required to be made in the year to 31st December 2019.

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER  
TO THE TRUSTEES OF ST LEONARDS BAPTIST CHURCH

This report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2018 which are set out on pages 1 to 3, is in respect of an examination carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES AND THE EXAMINER

As trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirement of section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of the procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioner under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the church and a comparison of the financial statements with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the requirements of the 2011 Act, have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

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17th February 2019