

St. Leonards Baptist Church Annual report 2019

2019 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 life and writings of Solomon, the sayings of Jesus on the cross, and a look at the book of 1 Thessalonians. We were also pleased to welcome various other speakers, both from amongst our own congregation and other local churches. 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 throughout the year and weekly Friday prayer meetings. 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 weekly on 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 also co-hosted an Alpha course with Kings Church on our premises and followed that by the commencement of a small Bible study group meeting on Wednesday mornings. 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 Joanna and their volunteers and tutors.

In addition to our regular activities other events have included

- Maundy Thursday communion and good Friday Walk of Witness at Easter
- 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 Schoolwork in September.
- CAP Sunday, focussed on Christians Against Poverty in October.
- BMS Sunday looking at the work of BMS
- A church anniversary sewing bee and meal in November.
- Carol Service on the Sunday evening before Christmas.

Rev Janet Mardell, April 2020.

ST LEONARDS BAPTIST CHURCH

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mrs J Mardell Mr G Hodge Mrs N Cudmore Mr A Skelton Mr M Rose Mrs F Nosrati Mr M Fletcher (appointed 1st January 2019)
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 2019

	2019	<i>2018</i>
<u>ASSETS</u>	£	£
Lloyds Bank – Business Extra Account	1,500	<i>1,501</i>
Lloyds Bank – 30 Day Notice Account	24,974	<i>21,330</i>
	<u>£26,474</u>	<i><u>£22,831</u></i>
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 <u>GENERAL FUND (unrestricted)</u>		
As at 1 January 2019	22,831	<i>28,112</i>
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	3,643	<i>(5,281)</i>
	<u>£26,474</u>	<i><u>£22,831</u></i>
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Janet Mardell

Graham Hodge

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GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

	2019	2018
<u>RECEIPTS</u>	£	£
Tithes and offerings	25,928	24,816
Tax refunds recovered	2,078	6,449
Donations received	950	3,080
Bank interest received	13	13
Net rents from Manse	11,976	8,194
Redevelopment – grants	1,695	50,948
Sundry	72	-
Church venue hire	260	-
	42,972	93,500
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 <u>LESS: PAYMENTS</u>		
Stipend and pension contributions	20,590	20,401
Minister's expenses	1,854	1,189
Ministry	355	215
Utilities and manse expenses	4,854	6,261
Insurances	1,703	1,638
Repairs and maintenance	1,152	4,754
Youth	-	830
Music Group	51	83
Mission (note 3)	5,642	6,114
Bank service charges	95	124
Donations	100	75
Admin and telephone	778	1,863
Waste disposal	873	1,030
Miscellaneous	1,282	378
Chapel Park Community Centre – insurance	-	408
Redevelopment – new boiler etc	-	53,418
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 <u>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR</u>	£3,643	£(5,281)
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

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 £3,024,649 (2018 £2,926,288) 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 £62,362 (2018 £61,320).

3. Payments - Mission

	2019	<i>2018</i>
	£	<i>£</i>
S.E.B.A.	2,712	<i>2,487</i>
Baptist Mission	1,680	<i>2,003</i>
Christian Schools Workers Hastings	750	<i>750</i>
Baptist Union	-	<i>144</i>
Christians Against Poverty Hastings	500	<i>500</i>
Evangelical Alliance	-	<i>80</i>
Snowflake	-	<i>100</i>
Battle Baptist Church	-	<i>50</i>
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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. This amounted to 12% of minimum pensionable income and the same percentage is required to be made in the year to 31st December 2020.
5. A gift aid claim relating to the year ending 31st December 2019 is currently being made and the relevant refund will be included in next year's accounts.

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 2019 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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14th April 2020

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