

DUNSTABLE BAPTIST CHURCH

2019 Trustees' Annual Report

(Accompanying Receipts and Payments Accounts)

Section A Reference and Administrative Details

Dunstable Baptist Church, situated at St Marys Gate, Dunstable, Beds LU6 3SW

Charity Commission registered number: 1164112

Financial year: 1st January 2019 to 31st December 2019

Charity's principal address: Dunstable Baptist Church, St Mary's Gate, Dunstable, Bedfordshire, LU6 3SW

Names of the Trustees/Church Leaders – as at 31st Dec 2019 and changes at the date of approval (responsible for Church funds and running of the Church)

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Office</u> | <u>Acted</u> |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| R B King | Pastor & Elder | Whole year |
| S M Burton | Ministerial Student & Elder | Whole year |
| J S Hewitt | Elder | Whole year |
| J Keble | Elder | Whole year |
| S J Mitchell | Church Secretary & Deacon | Whole year |
| R M Davies | Deacon | From May 2019 |
| N Browne | Deacon | From May 2019 |

Professional Advisers: Grace Baptist Trust Corporation, 19 Croydon Road, Caterham, Surrey CR3 6PA

Section B Structure, Governance and Management

Governing document: Dunstable Baptist Church Constitution, Version 1 dated 28th January 2015.

Appointments of Trustees/Church Leaders

The Trustees/Church Leaders were appointed by resolutions of the Church and every new appointment will be made in the same way and entered in the minute book of Dunstable Baptist Church.

Associated Charities:

Dunstable Baptist Chapel (Charity Commission registered no: 233323) – responsible for the Dunstable Baptist Chapel buildings, but it is otherwise run independently.

Christian Books, Dunstable (Charity Commission registered no: 801449) – uses part of the Dunstable Baptist Chapel buildings and its work is supported by Church members, but it is otherwise run independently. Donations have been made to Christian Books from Dunstable Baptist Church to support their work.

Section C Objectives and Activities

Objects of the Charity: “The principal object of the charity is the advancement of the Christian faith according to Baptist principles and in accordance with the Basis of Faith as stated in Schedule 1

of the Constitution. The charity may also carry out other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and/or other parts of the world.”

Main Activities in Relation to Public Benefit – The Trustees/Church Leaders are aware of, and have taken regard to, the Charity Commission’s guidance on public benefit in “The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit” and believe that the Main Activities detailed in Section D below, that are an outworking of the Objects above, provide a benefit to the public by:

- providing resources and facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual and moral development, both for our members and for members of the public who want to benefit;
- promoting Christian values (based on the Bible), and service by members of the Church to the local community, to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

Grant-making Policy – grants (donations) from the Church for Mission/Relief and pastoral gifts for individuals are decided by the Trustees/Church Leaders at the time that they are required and endorsed as necessary at the next Church business meeting.

Investments Selection Policy – current and future policies are decided by the Trustees/Church Leaders, with professional advice being sought when necessary.

Section D Achievements and Performance

The Church employs Barry King as Pastor (and Elder). In this role he is responsible for the pastoral care of all the members of the Church and any others that come to the Church for spiritual help. In addition, Barry King and the other Church Elders (appointed in April 2018) are responsible for overseeing the teaching given at all the Church’s meetings. The Church has also employed Steve Burton outside the time he is studying at London Seminary as a Ministerial Student. Since November 2018 John Keble has been employed one day a week as a Pastoral Worker.

Apart from the Pastor, Ministerial Student and Pastoral Worker, all involved in the work of the Church have been volunteers. Discretionary payments have been made to those inside and outside the church undertaking individual preaching engagements that have been required. The church has a Safeguarding Policy (Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults) and volunteers working with children and vulnerable adults have been DBS checked and trained.

Regular services and meetings have continued through the year including: Sunday worship; Bible studies; prayer meetings; Early Learning Time; Toddlers; ladies’ meetings; Friends and Neighbours; a men’s prayer meeting; children’s and young people’s clubs. At Christmas, leaflets were distributed to advertise our Christmas services.

During the year, a children’s holiday club, involving craft as well as Bible teaching, was held. During the year the Church has supported meetings for open-air witness in Dunstable town centre. A group from the Church went to Sizewell Hall in Suffolk for five days in October, providing a time of friendship, fellowship and Bible teaching. Members of the Church have been involved in the running of the Dunstable Christian bookshop. Joint meetings three times a year have continued with two other local evangelical churches that form the Dunstable Fellowship of Evangelical Churches.

During the year: donations were made to the four main missions that the church supports, namely: Grace Baptist Mission in support of Andrzej Kempczynski in Legionowo, Poland; Roundwood Trust; the Open-Air Mission; European Mission Fellowship in support of Rogerio Ramos in Sines, Portugal along with various others supported missions amounting to the sum of £18,300.

We were thankful to be able to welcome four new members to the church, two of whom were baptised on profession of faith. Sadly, we removed two members from the church due to prolonged absences. Two members also transferred membership to another church. One member of the church sadly died.

We were pleased to add two men to the diaconate of the church at a member's meeting on the 7th May 2019. In the summer the church also agreed to recognise Steve Burton as pastor of Dunstable Baptist Church, alongside Barry King, to commence in September 2020.

Section E Financial Review

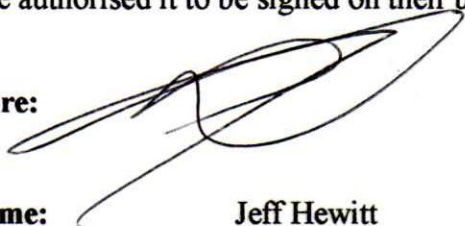
Reserve Funds – At the end of the year the money held in the Barclays Business Premium Account for the Church was £37,574.

Source of Funds – The principal source of funds is the voluntary giving by the members of the church and congregation, making use of the Gift Aid Scheme and the Small Donations Scheme where appropriate.

Section F Declaration

The Trustees/Church Elders & Deacons declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above and have authorised it to be signed on their behalf.

Signature:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Jeff Hewitt', written over a horizontal line.

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|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Full Name: | Jeff Hewitt |
| Position: | Elder & Church Trustee |
| Date of Approval: | 20.10.2020 |

Dunstable Baptist Church

Accounting Statement for 2019

| | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Total Funds | 2018 |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| Receipts | | | | |
| Voluntary Income | 64,662 | - | 64,662 | 64,248 |
| Gift Aid Tax Refunds | 9,117 | - | 9,117 | 11,992 |
| Extraordinary Gifts | - | - | - | 6,000 |
| Other Income Received | - | 3,967 | 3,967 | 8,660 |
| Investment Income | 45 | - | 45 | 184 |
| Total Receipts | 73,824 | 3,967 | 77,791 | 91,084 |
| Payments | | | | |
| Pastoral Support | 43,378 | 2,544 | 45,922 | 37,437 |
| Mission Support | 18,296 | 4 | 18,300 | 16,856 |
| Ministry Expenses | 11,241 | 1,419 | 12,660 | 6,031 |
| Other Ministry Expenses | - | - | - | 13,403 |
| Building Refurbishment | 6,545 | - | 6,545 | 505 |
| Building Maintenance | 5,932 | - | 5,932 | 4,748 |
| Administration Expenses | 1,486 | - | 1,486 | 176 |
| Governance Costs | 325 | - | 325 | 300 |
| Total Payments | 87,203 | 3,967 | 91,170 | 79,456 |
| Excess of Payments over Receipts | -13,379 | - | -13,379 | 11,628 |
| Cash Funds as at 1st January 2019 | 50,953 | - | 50,953 | 39,325 |
| Cash Funds as at 31st December 2019 | 37,574 | - | 37,574 | 50,953 |



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

**Independent examiner's
report on the accounts**

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name

DUNSTABLE BAPTIST CHURCH

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st December 2019

**Charity no
(if any)**

1164112

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2019.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below *~~) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and 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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Richard C. Lambert

Date:

24-8-20

Name:

RICHARD C. LAMBERT

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

N/A

Address:

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.