

Ryde Baptist Church Annual Report for 2019

Reg No. 1133780

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Charity Trustees as on 31 December 2019:

Rev Kerry Birch (Minister)
Mrs Sally Pratt (Secretary)
Mr Henry Tucker (Treasurer)
Mr Martin Light
Mrs Betty McComb
Mrs Susan Pidgeon
Mr William Croydon

The Church operates under the Constitution agreed in 2009 which follows the options agreed by the Baptist Union of Great Britain with the Charity Commission. The Church is a charitable unincorporated association. The Deacons including the Minister act as Managing Trustees and report to the Church Members. The Trustees meet regularly, and the Church Members meet several times during the year. The Treasurer and the Secretary carry out much of the administration, but other Deacons have delegated roles. The Deacons are elected by the Church Members. To fulfil its mission, further benefit the general public and serve the community, the Church's building in George Street is home to a wide range of community activities.

Secretary's Report for 2019

At the very end of 2018 we said goodbye to Kerry for 3 months as he embarked on his sabbatical. During his three-month absence services were led very ably by members of our own congregation - Martin Light, Nigel Pidgeon, Ian Pratt, and Jim Tucker, along with Betty McComb leading the GB parade service. Rev Ivan Page and Judith Compton also came to preach, and we welcomed guest speakers Gareth Bolton of Amen Trust, Mike Wakely of Starfish Asia, and Michael Leal from Operation Mobilisation. Rev Nigel Cox preached and chaired our church meetings.

On Saturday 30 March our missionary focus climaxed in a Wight Church Network event 'Pray The World!' organised by Ian Pratt and Rev Brian Harley, supporting Island Christians serving overseas. We welcomed missionaries in person and on video to hear their stories and to pray with them. The evening was well attended and hopefully the first of several other similar events.

Kerry returned in time for Easter when we had our usual Good Friday drinks and hot cross buns with Gospel readings on the Crucifixion story, and Easter Sunday breakfast and communion followed by morning worship celebrating the Resurrection.

At the Church Annual General Meeting in May, Bill Croydon and Sue Pidgeon were elected to the diaconate, and Margaret Adams stood down. We are grateful to Margaret for her service to the church in this role, and in many others over the years.

Kerry, Bill and Jim attended a Trustee training day at Cowes Baptist Church. The Deacons subsequently completed a check list regarding fiscal and legal requirements. Some areas were identified as requiring some work and some additional policies were written.

Café church continued weekly on Sunday evenings with a varied programme, including a visit from Rev Imtiaz Ashraf from Release International, and a film show in July's CTRA gathering, complete with popcorn and Coca-Cola.

Open the Book continued at Dover Park School every Wednesday and was enthusiastically received. In June, there was a Training Day for Open the Book at the George St Centre. The Open the Book 20th anniversary celebration in November was a great success with well over 80 people attending. Julie was left with many mugs and bags to give away, so 27 had been given to the teachers at Dover Park School.

Gwen and Joyce retired from leading Friend to Friend in the summer, and when it restarted in September, a team was in place to organise the weekly speakers.

Quirky Crafters went from strength to strength on Fridays.

Thursdays continued to see weekly coffee mornings and built up a small group of regular attenders. The coffee mornings on Mondays were more variable.

GB coffee mornings continued each second Saturday of the month and were well supported. Betty went to the United Nations in New York to take part in presentations about GB work worldwide and visited the Cook Islands in July. GB organised a sponsored beach clean early in June and the GB Annual Display and Awards evening took place later in the month.

In May Ian and Sally kept up RBC's unbeaten record in the Christian Aid quiz, held annually at Ryde URC.

The church continued to support the Ryde Youth Project and Becca Overy. In July, the annual Holiday club took place at the George Street Centre.

Building work. The essential works to refurbish the exterior of the building were a major focus for prayer and giving during 2019. Generous donations were received towards this work, which finally started in April. Nick Mulhern acted as project manager for the work done by W H Brading, and it was completed in November to everyone's joy and satisfaction.

Having noticed that the staircase needed sanding and revarnishing, Nick undertook this work himself. Sadly, no-one much has seen the result so far, as it was finished during the early days of lockdown.

December was a busy month with 'Get in The Picture' at Aspire during Late Night Christmas Shopping. Passers-by were invited to dress in biblical costume and have their photo taken on their own device. A further 'Get in the Picture' was held at the December Girls' Brigade Coffee Morning.

On 19 December we held a coffee morning with carols and readings, and a lot of fun was had at a Gingerbread house social evening the following day. We held our usual Carol Service, with a few twists, and a short service on Christmas Day.

At the beginning of 2020 we were looking ahead to a visit from Chris Stratta, South Central regional manager for the Leprosy Mission, and the start of a new scrapbooking group organised by Jo Shadbolt.

We were planning to run an Alpha course, and a prayer group was due to gather with a view to starting the course in spring 2020.

On Saturday 8 February Ian invited everyone to the first World Church prayer breakfast of the year, but an ominous prayer appeared in 7/52 on 16 February - 'Pray for those who are suffering in the coronavirus outbreak, and for the medical staff trying to deal with it.'

The World Church Prayer breakfast on 14 March followed by the usual GB coffee morning were almost the last events to take place at the GSC before everything ground to a halt and full lockdown was imposed on 23 March.

On 1 March, Kerry had started a Lent series entitled 'Frontline Sundays' by talking about the church both gathered and scattered. Little did we know how scattered we would be from March onwards.

22 March was the first Sunday we closed, and a National Day of Prayer for the global pandemic of coronavirus. We were invited to light a candle in our windows as a visible symbol of the light of life, Jesus Christ, our source and hope in prayer. Since then we have worked hard to ensure that everyone is gathered in as much as possible, with sermon notes, 7/52, phone calls and weekly Zoom meetings to keep us in touch. Hopefully we will be able to meet again face to face in the not-too-distant future.

During the year the building continued to be used by a wide range of community activities and groups, including Art Classes, Bridge Club, a Carnival Group, Watercolour Classes, a Pilates group, Hopscotch toddler group, Poetry Group, Frontline debt counselling, as well as occasional bookings to groups such as the Ryde Social Heritage Group and Ryde Town Council. The Isle of Wight Street Pastors use the premises as their Ryde base.

At the end of the year 2019 Ryde Baptist Church had 43 Church Members.

Independent examiner's report to the governing body of Ryde Baptist Church, Ryde, Isle of Wight

We report on the accounts of Ryde Baptist Church for the year ended 31st December 2019, which are set out on the attached pages.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Charities Act
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

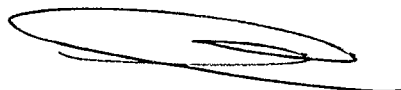
Our examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

Signature



Date 19 February 2021

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Balance Sheet
 Ryde Baptist Church
 Accounts for the Year Ending December 2019

	As at 31/12/2019	As at 31/12/2018
Fixed Assets		
Church Building (Insurance Value)	£1,480,000.00	£1,480,000.00
Church Manse (Purchase Value)	£161,000.00	£161,000.00
Church Contents and Fixtures	£85,000.00	£85,000.00
Total Fixed Assets	£1,726,000.00	£1,726,000.00
Current Assets		
Barclays Bank Current Account	-£267.73	£869.37
Barclays Bank Restricted Account	£6,397.27	£6,384.52
Barclays Bank Tracker Account	£52,748.29	£104,792.28
Barclays Bank GSC Current Account	£1,421.39	£3,262.71
Petty Cash		£50.00
Accounts Receivable		£4,345.75
Total Current Assets	£60,299.22	£119,704.63
Liabilities		
BUC Ltd (Manse)	£64,926.14	£70,691.06
Baptist Strategy (Manse)	£42,000.00	£48,000.00
Members Loans (Manse)	£35,833.47	£36,833.43
HMRC	£1,238.98	£723.52
Agency Collections	£648.78	£7,750.53
Nest Pension		£12.06
Baptist Union Pension		-£431.03
Accounts Payable		£327.73
Total Liabilities	£144,647.37	£163,907.30
Net Asset surplus (deficit)	£1,641,651.85	£1,681,797.33

Financial Activity

Ryde Baptist Church
Accounts for the Year Ending 31/12/2019

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prev. Year Total funds
<i>Incoming Resources</i>					
Donations, Legacies and similar income	£44,260.08			£44,260.08	£49,572.93
Activities in furtherance of the charities objects	£19,928.64			£19,928.64	£29,816.59
Investment Income	£224.05			£224.05	£282.55
Other income resources	£1,525.17			£1,525.17	£2,057.96
Total Incoming resources	£65,937.94	£0.00	£0.00	£65,937.94	£81,730.03
<i>Resources Used</i>					
Costs of generating funds	£13,557.74			£13,557.74	£2,793.51
Grants in furtherance of charities objects	£5,727.49			£5,727.49	£5,254.00
Activities in furtherance of the charities objects	£34,241.29			£34,241.29	£41,108.68
Expenditure on managing/administering	£55,594.14			£55,594.14	£36,940.21
Total resources used	£109,120.66	£0.00	£0.00	£109,120.66	£86,096.40
Net Income over expenditure	-£43,182.72	£0.00	£0.00	-£43,182.72	-£4,366.37
<i>Transfers</i>					
Gross transfers between funds – in	£26,668.75			£26,668.75	£1,660.00
Gross transfers between funds – out		-£26,668.75		-£26,668.75	-£1,660.00
Net Income over expenditure	-£16,513.97	-£26,668.75	£0.00	-£43,182.72	-£4,366.37
<i>Other recognised gains/losses</i>					
Gains/Losses on investment assets					
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets					
Net movement in funds	-£16,513.97	-£26,668.75	£0.00	-£43,182.72	-£4,366.37
<i>Reconciliation of funds</i>					
Total Funds Brought Forward				£1,681,797.33	£1,686,163.70
Total Funds Carried Forward	-£16,513.97	-£26,668.75	£0.00	£1,638,614.61	£1,681,797.33

Income & Expenditure

Ryde Baptist Church
Analysis of Income and Expenditure
01 January 2019 to 31 December 2019

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total 2019	Total 2018
Incoming Resources						
<i>Donations, Legacies & similar incoming resources</i>						
Offerings – Cash & Envelopes	£10,243.37				£10,243.37	£10,478.71
Offerings – Standing Orders	£22,350.00				£22,350.00	£20,687.50
Donations & Gifts	£1,750.00				£1,750.00	£1,222.22
Special Offerings	£6,572.00				£6,572.00	£10,505.00
Legacies					£0.00	£0.00
Recovered Tax	£3,344.71				£3,344.71	£6,679.50
Totals	£44,260.08				£44,260.08	£49,572.93
<i>Activities in furtherance of the charity's objects</i>						
Use of Premises	£17,138.00				£17,138.00	£22,258.00
Cafe Income/Hospitality	£2,356.09				£2,356.09	£7,114.09
Misc. Income	£434.55				£434.55	£444.50
Totals	£19,928.64				£19,928.64	£29,816.59
<i>Investment Income</i>						
Interest Received	£224.05				£224.05	£282.55
Totals	£224.05				£224.05	£282.55
<i>Other Incoming Resources</i>						
Electricity Feed in Tariff	£1,405.17				£1,405.17	£2,057.96
Totals	£1,405.17				£1,405.17	£2,057.96
Incoming Resources Totals	£65,817.94				£65,817.94	£81,730.03

Income & Expenditure

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total 2019	Total 2018
Resources Used						
<i>Costs of Generating Funds</i>						
GSC Specific costs						£80.75
Cafe Specific costs						£2,712.76
Totals						£2,793.51
<i>Grants payable in furtherance of the charity's objects</i>						
Youth & Children's work	£1,000.00				£1,000.00	£1,050.00
Mission	£923.49				£923.49	£400.00
BMS & HM giving	£3,804.00				£3,804.00	£3,804.00
Totals	£5,727.49				£5,727.49	£5,254.00
<i>Activities in furtherance of the charity's objects</i>						
Minister's Stipend	£23,450.04				£23,450.04	£22,279.73
Pension shortfall payment	£3,552.96				£3,552.96	£3,451.68
Pension – Church	£5,326.92				£5,326.92	£2,635.38
Travel Expenses	£1,306.12				£1,306.12	£1,019.54
Book Allowance					£0.00	£25.00
Manse Council Tax	£1,446.49				£1,446.49	£1,374.62
Manse Water	£480.00				£480.00	£491.76
Manse Expenses	£1,514.74				£1,514.74	£1,524.48
Manse Phone					£0.00	£365.23
Pulpit Supply	£605.25				£605.25	£325.94
Special Events					£0.00	£1,205.96
Worship Resources	£1,026.33				£1,026.33	£559.80
Kitchen Equip. & Maint.					£0.00	£5,379.76
Cafe wages					£0.00	£469.80
Totals	£38,708.85				£38,708.85	£41,108.68

Income & Expenditure

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total 2019	Total 2018
<i>Expenditure on managing/administering the charity</i>						
Publicity & Posters						
Insurance - Church	£2,371.52				£2,371.52	£2,167.66
Insurance – Manse	£156.05				£156.05	£145.97
Electricity – Church	£1,128.82				£1,128.82	£1,774.09
Gas – Church	£1,939.15				£1,939.15	£1,363.21
Water – Church	£640.28				£640.28	£528.00
Cleaners	£5,848.80				£5,848.80	£7,398.00
Cleaning Materials					£0.00	£2.29
Biffa (Waste & Recycling)	£1,838.62				£1,838.62	£1,844.01
Maintenance – RBC	£45,063.95				£45,063.95	£2,107.38
Maintenance – Lift	£2,362.29				£2,362.29	£484.13
Maintenance – Alarms	£883.78				£883.78	£1,167.00
Maintenance – Gas Appliances	£278.40				£278.40	£752.29
Printing, Postage & Stationery	£350.71				£350.71	£68.49
Copier & Computer costs	£413.47				£413.47	£1,115.62
Telephone & Internet – Church	£756.56				£756.56	£1,199.33
Sundry Expenses					£0.00	£551.18
Sound System Expenses					£0.00	£222.63
Subscriptions	£1,026.33				£1,026.33	£368.80
Courses & Meeting Expenses	£230.00				£230.00	£240.00
Administrator					£0.00	£6,194.84
Members Loan repayments	£999.96				£999.96	£999.96
Interest on Loans					£0.00	
Manse Purchase Loan	£6,000.00				£6,000.00	£6,245.33
Manse Purchase Loan Interest					£0.00	
Totals	£72,288.69				£72,288.69	£36,940.21
Resources Used Totals	£116,725.03	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£116,725.03	£86,096.40