# BRISTOL BAPTIST FUND AND ELIZABETH AGITT CHARITY ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED

**31 AUGUST 2020** 

# **GENERAL INFORMATION**

## **REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER:** 1125753

## **CHARITY SCHEME NUMBER:**

**DEED OF TRUST:** 

1717

**CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS:** 

**PRINCIPAL BANKERS:** 

7 Metford Road Redland Bristol BS6 7LA

Nationwide Building Society 10 St James Barton Broadmead Bristol BS1 3LT

C107,707 Sealed 8<sup>th</sup> July 1927

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER:**

S.G. Dubber FCCA

## TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

#### Status

The Bristol Baptist Fund was previously constituted on 8th July 1927, and the Elizabeth Agitt Charity on 20th November 1986, under schemes prepared by the Charity Commission.

Both were registered as a combined charity with the Charity Commission with effect from 8 September 2008, under registration number 1125753.

#### **Governance and Management**

The Trustees of both the Bristol Baptist Fund and the Elizabeth Agitt Charity during the year to 31 August 2020 were:

Revd M SmithChairmanMrs F BrealeySecretaryMr C BewsTreasurerRevd D J Keenan (resigned 2 November 2020)Revd N R ColesRevd Dr S FinamoreMr M A Broad MBEMrs P SloaneRevd Carl Smethurst

## **Bristol Baptist Fund - Objectives and Activities**

The object of the Fund is to make grants in aid of the stipends of Pastors, clerical or lay, of Baptist chapels within the Counties of Gloucester, Devon, Cornwall, Somerset and Wiltshire, and also to support financially needy students of the Bristol Baptist College as well as the College itself and its library.

The Fund receives no grants from outside bodies, although donations are accepted. The primary source of income is from the investment portfolio held and administered by the West of England Baptist Trust Company (West) Ltd as Custodian Trustee, and interest on Building Society and savings accounts. Income is distributed in furtherance of the Trust objectives.

#### **Financial Review**

In the year to 31 August 2020 the Fund received income of  $\pounds 50,870$  from its investment portfolio. The investment portfolio showed an unrealised loss of 6.2% in the year – this

was in a difficult economic period due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The performance of the fund has improved in the period since the year end. The Trustees agreed that it would be acceptable to draw down some capital from the fund in order to make grant payments consistent with the previous year i.e. a total of  $\pounds 50,000$  for Bristol Baptist College and its students, and a further  $\pounds 15,000$  each to both the West of England Baptist Association and the South West Baptist Association for mission based placements.

## **Statement of Policy on Reserves**

The Fund's principal assets comprise the investment portfolio and cash at bank. The combination of income produced and capital growth from the portfolio are considered to be sufficient to enable the Charity's activities to continue for the foreseeable future.

#### **Statement of Investment Policy**

The Fund follows an ethical investment policy in accordance with the principles of the Baptist Denomination. The BBF Trustees are responsible for ensuring that the ethical investment policy is adhered to by the appointed Investment Managers at all times.

This Ethical Investment Policy has been agreed by the BBF Trustees. In doing so, it has been recognised that following an ethical investment policy could lead to higher investment management costs and increased volatility of returns, compared to those for a non-ethical approach.

## **Elizabeth Agitt Charity**

The object of the Charity is to provide grants for the widows of Baptist ministers who have held pastorates within a defined area of the West Country.

In previous years the Charity derived the major part of its income from investments, held and administered by the West of England Baptist Trust Company (West) Ltd as Custodian Trustee. This portfolio was sold in the 2015-16 financial year and so the Charity's income is now limited to bank interest and donations as they are given.

During the year the charity gave grants of £25 each to 22 widows, at a cost of £550. No donations were received in the year. Following revisions to the list of eligible widows the total came to 21 and it was agreed to maintain the level of grant at £25 per person. The sum of £525 would therefore be made available as grants for distribution.

The Trustees anticipate little change in the objects, policy or financial situation of the Charity in the next year. However they recognise that this fund is a diminishing one which may limit its life to another 1 to 2 years.

## **RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES**

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the

Charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the Trustees should follow best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going-concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

#### Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the report as set out above.

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Revd M Smith Chairman

April 2021

#### INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE

#### BRISTOL BAPTIST FUND AND ELIZABETH AGITT CHARITY

I report on the Financial Statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 August 2020, which are set out on pages 5 to 8.

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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state 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. 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 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 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 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 accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting 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 accounts to be reached.

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S G Dubber FCCA June 2021

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

	Unrestricted	Restricted		
INCOMING RESOURCES	BBF General Fund	Elizabeth Agitt Charity	2020 Total	2019 Total
Investment Income - Investment Portfolio - Deposit Interest	50,870 43	- 1	50,870 44	56,024 109
Other Income Donations	-	-	-	-
Total Incoming Resources	50,913	1	50,914	56,133
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>				
Grants - Bristol Baptist Fund (Note 4) Bank Charges Grants - Elizabeth Agitt (Note 4)	80,000	- 500	80,000 - 500	80,000 - 620
Administration	25	-	25	234
	80,025	500	80,525	80,854
Net Incoming (Outgoing) resources for the year	(29,111)	(499)	(29,611)	(24,721)
Transfer between Funds Unrealised gain/(loss)on Investments (3)	- (82,396)	-	- (82,396)	- (34,233)
Net movement in Funds	(111,507)	(499)	(112,006)	(58,954)
Total Funds Brought Forward	1,318,876	1,954	1,320,830	1,379,784
<b>Total Funds Carried Forward</b>	1,207,369	1,455	1,208,824	1,320,830

The notes on pages 7 and 8 form part of these accounts

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 AUGUST 2020

	NOTES	2020	2019
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible Fixed Assets Investments	3	1,256,536	<u>1,338,932</u> <u>1,338,932</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors Cash at Bank	6 7	24,425 <u>8,388</u> <u>32,813</u>	28,540 34,008 62,549
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	(80,525)	(80,650)
Net Current Assets / (Liabilities)	11	(47,712)	(18,101)
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	8	-	-
Net Assets		1,208,824	1,320,830
FUNDS	10	1 207 240	1,318,876
Unrestricted - BBF Restricted - Elizabeth Agitt	10 9	1,207,369 1,455	1,518,876 1,954
		1,208,824	1,320,830

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 30 April 2021 and signed on its behalf by :

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M Smith Chairman

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#### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### **Basis of Accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards, The Charities Act 2011 and the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities, published 2014, applicable to charities adopting Financial Reporting Standard FRS102.

#### 2. TRUSTEES REMUNERATION

There was no remuneration paid to the Trustees during the year.

#### 3. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

The charity receives income from the portfolio held in a Custodian Trust by the West of England Baptist Trust Co (West) Ltd

The market value as at 31 August 2020 was as follows:	Brewin Dolphin Portfolio	
Equities and other Investments Cash Deposits	1,256,536 - - 1,256,536	
Market value at 1 September 2019 Additions to investments at cost Withdrawals from investments at cost Loss on revaluation Market value at 31 August 2020	1,338,932 (82,396) <b>1,256,536</b>	
4. GRANTMAKING	2020	2019
Grants made to Bristol Baptist College and its students Grants made to Baptist Associations Grants made to widows from the Elizabeth Agitt Fund	50,000 30,000 500	50,000 30,000 620
	80,500	80,620

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

## 5. EMPLOYEES

The charity had no employees during the period.

6. DEBTORS			2020	2019
Income due from Investment Portfolio Interest receivable			24,425 0	28,535 5
		Ľ	24,425	28,540
7. CASH AT BANK			2020	2019
Bristol Baptist Fund Elizabeth Agitt Charity			7,167 1,221	32,188 1,820
		Ľ	8,388	34,008
8. CREDITORS - amounts due within one y	ear		2020	2019
Grants made to Bristol Baptist College and its students Grants made to Baptist Associations Grants made to widows from the Elizabeth Agitt Fund			50,000 30,000 525	50,000 30,000 650
		Ε	80,525	80,650
CREDITORS - amounts due after more than one year				
Deferred Income		[	-	-
9. RESTRICTED FUNDS				
	Balance	Resou		Balance
	01.09.19	Incoming	Outgoing	31.08.20
Elizabeth Agitt Charity	1,954	1	(500)	1,455
The Elizabeth Agitt Charity was established in 1776 for the sole purpose of the payment of grants to certain Baptist Ministers' widows.				
10. UNRESTRICTED FUNDS			2020	2019

Bristol Baptist Fund - General

1,207,369 1,318,876

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#### 11. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Current Assets	Current Liabilities	Net Current Assets / (Liabilities)
Restricted - Elizabeth Agitt Charity	1,221	(525)	696
Unrestricted - Bristol Baptist Fund	31,592	(80,000)	(48,408)
	32,813	(80,525)	(47,712)