



**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST MARCH 2016**

Stony Stratford Community Church

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

START OF FINANCIAL YEAR	1st April 2015
END OF FINANCIAL YEAR	31st March 2016
CUSTODIAN TRUSTEE	The Baptist Union Corporation Ltd
MINISTER	Reverend Jacqui Green
ASSOCIATE MINISTER	Position Vacant
ELDERS	Chris Pitts Stuart Griffith (Joined Summer 2012) Elizabeth Wilsdon (Joined November 2013) Belinda Grant (Joined 30 th Apr. 2014)
TREASURER	Colin Bowles
MANAGING TRUSTEES	Ministers Elders Treasurer
GOVERNING INSTRUMENT	The Church is governed by its own constitution and rules as approved at the Church members' meeting.
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1131785
OBJECTS	The Church exists to proclaim the Christian faith and to serve the local community through its work and witness. Its purpose is to turn people into fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.
CUSTODIAN TRUSTEE ADDRESS	PO Box 44 129, Broadway Didcot Oxfordshire OX11 8RT
REGISTERED ADDRESS	Stony Stratford Community Church Horsefair Green Stony Stratford Milton Keynes MK11 1JW
PRIMARY BANK	Barclays Bank Plc Stony Stratford The Milton Keynes Group 1 Churchill Place London E14 5HP
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Mr C.B Maizi FMAAT FCIE Independent Examiners Ltd Sovereign Centre Poplars Yapton Lane Walberton West Sussex BN18 0AS

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TRUSTEES REPORT

Church Annual Report April 2015 – March 2016

Introductory Note

Stony Stratford Community Church registered as a charity in its own right in 2009. We changed our name to help us become more accessible to the local community but remain a member of the Baptist Union and operate according to Baptist principles. The Ministers, Rev Jacqui Green (Senior) and Rev Stuart Earl (Associate) are both accredited by the Baptist Union. They work with a team of elders to enable the church to fulfil its commission - namely to make disciples of Jesus Christ. Decisions are made according to Baptist practice by the Church Membership which meets 4 times a year. The ministers, elders and Treasurer are managing Trustees of the church and accountable to the church in decisions they make.

Mission Statement:

"To know Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord and to make Him known"

Vision:

"God wants to continue to build us together into a loving family, anointed and filled with the Holy Spirit, reaching out in Jesus name to the surrounding community and to all nations"

Values

G-enerosity (Sacrificial)
R-adical Living (Prophetic)
A- cceptance (Inclusive)
C- ommunity Focus (Missionary)
E- ngaging in prayer and Worship (Worship)

From my perspective as Senior Minister of Stony Stratford Community Church 2015-2016 has been one of the most exciting, challenging and tiring years in my 32 years of ministry here! Some of the things we have been working towards for a long time are now underway and we are beginning to see the fruit of our praying and planning. I, and the church, are blessed to have a team of Elders/Trustees who are sacrificial in the way they serve and we also enjoy a high level of commitment among many of the members.

ASSOCIATE MINISTER

This post was vacant for two years and this year we met with two potential candidates both of whom had experience in evangelism and community outreach. After engaging in meetings and outreach activities as part of the discernment process the church called Revd Stuart Earl as its associate minister in March 2016 to commence ministry in June 2016. The emphasis of his role will be to engage with the local community developing existing ministries, initiating new ones and particularly exploring the opportunities presented by the expansion of housing in our area. Stuart joins us with his wife Nicky and children Zeph and Jazmin.

BUILDING PROJECT

The Building project is the biggest practical challenge for us but one where we are making progress. We are seeking to complete it in two stages. The Building Development Team is overseen by Stuart Griffith, Belinda Grant and Stephen Brazell with the support of the Trustees. Doug Gardner is a very able and gifted Treasurer for the project and his experience and skills have been greatly appreciated and particularly helpful when we applied for a grant from the Baptist Union to commence the building work in May 2016. We have sufficient regular income to cover the loan over ten years but want to achieve this more quickly so that we can begin Phase 2 of the project.

GROWTH

One of our consistent prayers over recent years has been for new people to come and join us as we were not seeing many visitors on a Sunday. We held a Newcomers breakfast early in 2016 at which there were 16 people most of whom have continued to worship with us. We have a faithful God and are now enjoying the friendship and contributions of these new people and are expectant that more will come. We baptised 9

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people during the year (the most baptisms in one year for a long time) and have four more people asking for Baptism. Our membership is 162, a slight decrease on last year, since a few people resigned when they moved home.

Spiritually we also see growth individually and corporately. A neighbouring church has been holding a "School of Supernatural Life" which some of our members have been attending. There is a strong emphasis on learning to listen to God and to taking risks in sharing what God says with other people. We seek to communicate the heart of God to individuals through Prophetic words and practical actions which we hope will encourage them to want to get to know Him for themselves. We participate in many events during the year in our local community so there are frequent opportunities for people and engage with new people. The emphasis in all we do is increasingly mission focused.

LIFE GROUPS – We believe that it is important for Christians to meet together to pray, read God's Word but want these groups to be accessible to "not yet believers" as well. We have renamed the groups 'Life Groups' to express our desire to "do life together". Alongside the more overtly spiritual groups we have added a "Star gazers" group for those who like Astronomy and a pub quiz team for the quizzers among us who would like to engage with other local people and a foster carers support group. We are hopeful that all kinds of groups will emerge as people see the potential to use their skills and interests to draw in others. People may not want to come to church but might come to a cycling, baking, photography group etc and out of that engage in spiritual conversations. Some of our groups will face some disruption during the building work as they need to move location for a while. The groups are ably overseen this year by Chris & Jo Pitts.

MISSION

a) Local Community Involvement

Our local community is very important to us and we consistently participate in many of the annual local events including Folk on the Green, August Town Fayre, the Christmas "Lights On" event and Community Carols. At Folk on the Green Music festival we always give away free bottles of water – we moved location due to the Building work and came across someone who had been asking where are the church this year, they normally give out water. It was encouraging to know that we are known for what we do and are viewed positively by those attending.

It seems that each year I write very similar things in this report but much of our effectiveness is due to faithfully serving the community building relationships so that when they "need" help their first thought will be to come to us. Eugene Peterson wrote a book called "A long obedience in the same direction – Discipleship in an Instant Society". We may not have amazing testimonies to tell every week but if we are obedient to God and keep going, there will be results because of our faithfulness

b) Reaching the Nations

The church vision states we are "reaching out to the nations" and this is something which continues to grow. The church commits 20% of its income to mission at home and overseas. We contribute 5% to Baptist Home Mission and 5% to BMS World Mission as well as supporting 3 couples and 3 single people working in various parts of the world. We have an ongoing link with a Children's home in Paraguay which was started by one of our members and some church members have visited. We also work with Kampala Children's centre(KCC), Uganda which celebrated its 10th anniversary in 2015. Three of us were able to attend the week of celebrations held there. KCC was honoured to have the Ugandan President present at one of their main events. I also made my usual 3 trips to Uganda, teaching and pastoring pastors and encouraging those at KCC. We had a visit from our link couple with BMS World Mission who have now changed location and have also welcomed back to the UK a couple who worked in North Africa for over 20 years.

Winter Night Shelter MK

For the fourth time we joined with 6 other churches to provide a night shelter for homeless people from Nov-March, each church being responsible for one night per week. We have also found that members of the local community want to help too. It seems that there is an increasing need each year for this kind of service and it is greatly appreciated

Children's and Youth Work

Our Children's and youth work is another example of work invested in faithfully by a small team of workers where the effects may not be known for a long time. We currently have a smaller group of young people who

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are much more introverted than the previous group and so the leaders are learning to engage differently to meet their needs and draw out their gifts.

The younger age continue to meet for midweek Bible study or a 635 kids club if they wish to in addition to their Sunday programme. The Sunday group is called God's Super Heroes -a name chosen by the children. There was a holiday club held in August 2015 which drew in a number of children who are not normally connected to us

Summary

On our lectern are the words "Kept and Guided – 1657-2007" – an embroidery that was done for our 350th anniversary. God is faithful – we have seen the evidence of that often in 2015-2016 with many answers to prayer; new people coming along; baptisms held, a budget met, an associate minister appointed and building work commenced! We, with God's help, are seeking to be a faithful people, taking more risks in sharing our faith, allowing God to stretch us and trusting that God will complete that which He has begun in us and through us

Approved by the Trustees on6th September 2016..... and

Signed on their behalf by Trustees.....Jacqueline Green (Revd)....., Trustee

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2016

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2015-16 Total	2014-15 Total
Incoming resources						
Donations, Legacies and similar incoming resources	3a/3c	153,397	73,435	12,039	238,871	272,089
Investment income	3b	102	0	0	102	96
Other incoming resources	3d	0	11,400	0	11,400	2,881
Total incoming resources		153,498	84,835	12,039	250,373	275,067
Resources used						
Costs of generating funds	4e	76	254	0	329	3,146
Grants payable in furtherance of charity's objects	4a	853	0	41,182	42,035	83,481
Activities in furtherance of the charity's objects	4b	73,232	9,020	0	82,252	159,517
Support costs	4c	16,357	2,565	2,316	21,238	18,587
Expenditure on managing-administering the charity	4d	5,159	0	2,250	7,410	5,833
Total resources used		95,677	11,839	45,748	153,263	270,564
Net incoming / outgoing resources before transfer		57,822	72,996	-33,709	97,109	4,502
Transfers						
	5					
Gross transfers between funds - in		150	10,659	32,594	43,403	64,469
Gross transfers between funds - out		-43,403	0	0	-43,403	-64,469
Net incoming / outgoing before other gains / losses		14,568	83,656	-1,115	97,109	4,502
Gains / losses on investment assets		0	0	0	0	18,163
Net movement in funds		14,568	83,656	-1,115	97,109	22,665
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		78,682	112,289	1,268,641	1,459,611	1,436,946
Total funds carried forward		93,250	195,945	1,267,526	1,556,721	1,459,611

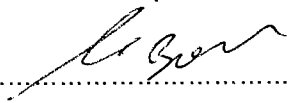

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31ST MARCH 2016

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2015-16 Total	2014-15 Total
Fixed assets	2					
Tangible assets		4,100	0	285,200	289,299	286,712
Heritage assets		0	0	1,032,979	1,032,979	1,032,979
Total Fixed assets		4,100	0	1,318,179	1,322,278	1,319,691
Current assets						
Stocks and work in progress		349	477	0	825	825
Debtors	7	219	0	352	571	6,566
Cash at bank and in hand	6	90,570	195,468	9,010	295,049	195,768
Total Current assets		91,138	195,945	9,362	296,446	203,160
Liabilities						
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	8	550	0	-85	465	1,297
Provision for liabilities and charges due within one year		1,438	0	1,029	2,466	514
Total Liabilities		1,988	0	60,015	62,003	63,239
Net current assets less current liabilities		89,151	195,945	8,419	293,514	201,348
Total assets less current liabilities		93,250	195,945	1,326,597	1,615,793	1,521,039
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	8a	0	0	59,072	59,072	61,427
Total net assets less liabilities		93,250	195,945	1,267,526	1,556,721	1,459,611
Represented by	5					
Unrestricted		93,250	0	0	93,250	78,682
Designated		0	195,945	0	195,945	112,289
Restricted		0	0	1,267,526	1,267,526	1,268,641
Funds of the church		93,250	195,945	1,267,526	1,556,721	1,459,611

Approved by the Trustees on 6th September 2016 and

Signed on their behalf by Trustees , Trustee  Treasurer

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2016

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities published in July 2014 and the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015). Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Incoming Resources

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resource and related expenditure are reported gross in the SOFA.

Recognition of Incoming Resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability

Incoming Resources with Related Expenditure

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SOFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Grants and Donations

Grants and Donations are only included in the SOFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Tax Reclaims on Donations and Gifts

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SOFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Contractual Income and Performance Related Grants

This is only included in the SOFA once the related goods or services has been delivered.

Gifts in Kind

Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised. Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity. Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SOFA as incoming resources when receivable.

Donated Services and Facilities

These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.

Volunteer Help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

Investment Income

This is included in the accounts when receivable.

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Investment Gains and Losses

This included any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

Expenditure and Liabilities

Liability Recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Governance Costs

Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of the trustees' meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

Grants with Performance Conditions

Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SOFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

Grants Payable without Performance Conditions

These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to a grant which remain in control of the charity.

Support Costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of the resources, eg allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capital, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Assets

Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity, these are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500. They are valued at cost or, if gifted, at the value to the charity on receipt.

Investments

Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included at trustees' best estimate of market value.

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and methods of accounting) since last year.

Depreciation is calculated at a rate to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets on a straight line basis over their estimated useful lives. The rates applied per annum are as follows:

Equipment, Fixtures and Fittings 25%

PA Equipment 25%

Motor Vehicles 25%

No depreciation is charged to freehold property as the properties are maintained to such a standard that the estimated residual value is not less than cost.

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2. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

		Restricted Freehold Property £	Fittings & Equipment £	Unrestricted PA Equipment £	Motor Vehicles £	Total £
Cost	01-Apr-15	1,317,979	42,696	25,072	3,400	1,389,147
Additions		0	0	4,178	0	4,178
Revaluation		0	0	0	0	0
Cost at	31-Mar-16	1,317,979	42,696	29,250	3,400	1,393,325
Depreciation	01-Apr-15	0	42,696	23,393	3,400	69,489
Charge		0	0	1,790	0	1,790
Depreciation at	31-Mar-16	0	42,696	25,183	3,400	71,279
Net Book Value	31-Mar-16	1,317,979	0	4,067	0	1,322,046
Net Book Value	31-Mar-15	1,317,979	0	1,679	0	1,319,658

The annual commitments under non-cancelling operating leases and capital commitments are as follows:

31st March 2016 : None

31st March 2015 : None

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3. Incoming Resources

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2015-16 Total	2014-15 Total
3a) Donations, Legacies and similar incoming resources						
Gift Aid	5	82,513	15,996	3,415	101,924	105,601
Tax recovery on Gift aid		22,785	305	1,406	24,495	38,752
Offerings at services	5	13,005	0	0	13,005	12,338
Other regular giving	5	23,410	8,596	509	32,515	27,034
Miscellaneous donations	5	5,162	0	1,300	6,462	4,966
Legacies	5	0	0	0	0	30,971
Contributions from MSC's	5	2,077	0	0	2,077	(
Communion offering	5	0	0	1,842	1,842	1,681
On trust giving	5	428	0	3,567	3,995	5,593
Building Development	5	0	48,142	0	48,142	43,864
Sub Total		149,380	73,038	12,039	234,457	270,806
3b) Investment income						
Interest on bank accounts	5	102	0	0	102	96
Property Lettings	5	0	11,400	0	11,400	2,881
Sub Total		102	11,400	0	11,502	2,977
3c) Other incoming resources						
Bouncy castle		0	0	0	0	40
Hire of premises		4,017	0	0	4,017	1,243
Weddings & Funerals		0	397	0	397	(
Sub Total		4,017	397	0	4,414	1,283
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Incoming resources - Grand Total		153,498	84,835	12,039	250,373	275,067

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	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2015-16 Total	2014-15 Total
4. Resources Expended						
4a) Grants payable in furtherance of charity's objects						
Family fund		0	0	5,527	5,527	6,625
MSG		0	0	31,351	31,351	37,550
On trust payments		853	0	4,303	5,156	39,306
Sub Total		853	0	41,182	42,035	83,481
4b) Activities in furtherance of the charity's objects						
Books		221	0	0	221	247
Conferences		363	0	0	363	190
MSC's - Evangelism		3,200	66	0	3,266	2,017
General pastoral		237	221	0	458	1,146
Leadership training		774	272	0	1,046	793
Manse Costs		2,460	0	0	2,460	5,094
Office		748	0	0	748	546
Telephone		848	0	0	848	739
Photocopying		959	0	0	959	1,043
Public address system		692	0	0	692	122
Salary Pensions NI Leaseback		58,647	0	0	58,647	68,014
Sanctuary site development		0	8,198	0	8,198	74,576
Special events		1,790	263	0	2,053	1,913
Transport		595	0	0	595	1,085
Youth		1,697	0	0	1,697	1,993
Sub Total		73,232	9,020	0	82,252	159,517
4c) Support costs						
Building & maintenance		3,258	0	0	3,258	3,691
Cleaning services		2,054	0	0	2,054	1,788
CH Kitchen supplies		1,224	0	0	1,224	1,335
Insurance		2,575	0	0	2,575	2,258
Miscellaneous payments		1,051	321	2,316	3,688	553
Utilities		6,194	0	0	6,194	5,327
Property letting		0	2,244	0	2,244	3,636
Sub Total		16,357	2,565	2,316	21,238	18,587
4e) Expenditure on managing-administering the charity						
Advertising - Comms General		494	0	0	494	368
Bank charges		0	0	2,250	2,250	1,569
Professional fees		2,875	0	0	2,875	2,675
Depreciation (Designated)		1,790	0	0	1,790	1,222
Sub Total		5,159	0	2,250	7,410	5,833
4f) Costs of generating funds						
Fund raising expenses		76	254	0	329	3,146
Sub Total		76	254	0	329	3,146
Resources used - Grand Total		95,677	11,839	45,748	153,263	270,564

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5. RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Balance at 31-Apr-15 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer Between Funds £	Gains & Losses £	Balance at 31-Apr-16 £
On trust - MSG	4,923	50	31,951	32,594	0	5,616
On trust Funds	8,856	0	0	0	0	8,856
On trust - Family fund	2,723	7,542	5,527	0	0	4,737
	16,502	7,542	5,527	0	0	13,593
Sanctuary buildings	1,032,979	0	0	0	0	1,032,979
Manse purchase fund	219,160	0	4,566	0	0	214,594
	1,252,139	0	4,566	0	0	1,247,573
Total	1,268,641	7,542	10,094	0	0	1,261,166

Manse - In buying the new manse it was deemed necessary to raise additional finances since the existing fund would be insufficient. This was achieved by a special appeal to the congregation. When this was agreed at the church meeting it was also agreed that any funds remaining after the completion of the purchase would be used for the future development of the Church premises on the Horsefair Green site. The balance and any other further funds donated or transferred for that purpose would continue to be held in the 'Coventry Building Society – Manse account' but would be held in a new fund to be known as 'Property Development'. It is not considered necessary to change the name of the Coventry account.

Alpha - The Church runs Alpha Courses three times each year. Some donations are received to support this activity, hence the restricted fund.

On Trust - there are some donations made for specific causes (notably but not exclusively, personal support of some of our missionaries). Income for these purposes are held in & disbursed from this general on trust fund.

Family - this fund operates in a similar fashion to the Mission Support Group. In this case, however, there is no formula for the income to the fund. Funds are provided via a communion offering plus personal specific donations. The fund is used to assist those in the congregation experiencing unexpected financial difficulties.

Mission Support Group - is categorised as a restricted fund in these accounts. It is the practice of the church to use 20% of the giving to the general fund in support of mission activities. Each month the sum is transferred into the fund, & administered by a team appointed by the church.

Restricted funds in deficit are considered to be on going activities and are replenished during the coming financial period.

The restricted funds held are represented by the Charity's cash reserves and fixed assets investments and are to be expended as specified above.

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6. CASH AT BANK & IN HAND

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2015-16	Total 2014-15
BB_CURR : Barclays - Current account	18,135	5,926	7,834	31,895	38,298
BB_FF : Barclays - No 2 account	0	0	4,330	4,330	2,245
BB_MSG : Barclays - No 3 account	464	155	6,253	6,871	3,697
CAFCURR : CafCash Current	60,957	179,277	-9,367	230,867	130,862
CAFPLAT : Caf Platinum	10,444	10,000	0	20,444	20,343
PC-ALPHA : Petty cash - Alpha catering	83	0	0	83	83
PCBUILD : Petty cash - Building	0	110	0	110	110
PCDROPIN : Petty Cash - Drop In	418	0	0	418	45
PCTREASURY : Petty cash - Treasury	28	0	-28	0	0
PC_OFFICE : Office Petty Cash	42	0	-12	30	85
	90,570	195,468	9,010	295,049	195,768

7. DEBTORS & PREPAYMENTS

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2015-16	Total 2014-15
MZIONLOAN : Mount Zion Loan	0	0	0	0	6,000
Z05 : Accounts Receivable	219	0	352	571	566
	219	0	352	571	6,566
	219	0	352	571	6,566

8. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2015-16	Total 2014-15
6699 : Agency collections	0	0	-85	-85	697
L001 : Uncleared cheques at year end	1,438	0	1,029	2,466	514
Z04 : Accounts Payable	550	0	0	550	600
	1,988	0	944	2,931	1,812

9. STAFF COSTS AND NUMBERS

	Total 2015-16	Total 2014-15
Gross Wages & Salaries	43,018	48,551
Employer's National Insurance	1,697	2,047
Employer's Pension	8,832	10,931
	61,529	78,629

Employees who were engaged in each of the following activities

	Total 2015-16	Total 2014-15
Activities in Furtherance of Charity's Objectives	2	3
	2	3

The charity operates a PAYE scheme to pay all employed members of staff and no employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000 (2014-15; None)

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10. TRUSTEES AND OTHER RELATED PARTIES

Custodian Trustees

The church made donations to the Baptist Union Home Mission Scheme which totalled £18,499 during the financial year. (2014/15: £11,400)

No other payments were made to the custodian trustees or any persons/organisations connected with them during this financial period. No other material transaction took place between the charity and the custodian trustee or any person/organisation connected with them.

Ministers:

Payments made to Ministers as Salaries and Pensions are shown in Note 9, and in Note 4a under Staff Costs, Transport Costs and Manse Costs. Any other expenses paid to them or any person connected to them were reimbursements of expenses incurred whilst carrying out their activities for the Church.

11. RELATED PARTIES

The custodian trustee of the church is the Baptist Union Corporation Limited which is a registered charity (number: 249635), and which is controlled by the Baptist Union Council. The church is also a member of the Baptist Union of Great Britain.

12. RISK ASSESSMENT

The Trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining the free reserves stated combined with the annual review of the controls over key financial systems carried out on an annual basis will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The Trustees have also examined other operational and business risks which they face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

13. RESERVES POLICY

The Trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the charity's needs. This is based on the charity's size and the level of commitments held. The Trustees aim to ensure the charity will be able to continue to fulfil their charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income. The Trustees will endeavour to not to set aside funds unnecessarily.

14. PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Trustees acknowledge their requirement to demonstrate clearly that the Church must have charitable purposes or 'aims' that are for the public benefit. Details of how the Church has achieved this are provided in the Trustees report. The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

Report to the trustees/ members of Stony Stratford Community Church on the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2016 set out on pages 7 to 16.

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My 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 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 Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities 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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