

ST LEONARDS BAPTIST CHURCH

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

ST LEONARDS BAPTIST CHURCH
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2016

	2016	<i>2015</i>
<u>ASSETS</u>	£	£
Lloyds Bank – Business Extra Account	1,500	<i>1,500</i>
Lloyds Bank – 30 Day Notice Account	29,676	<i>24,356</i>
	<u>£31,176</u> =====	<u><i>£25,856</i></u> =====
 <u>GENERAL FUND (unrestricted)</u>		
As at 1 January 2016	25,856	<i>25,513</i>
Surplus for the year	5,320	<i>421</i>
Transfer to the redevelopment fund	-	<i>(78)</i>
	<u>31,176</u>	<u><i>25,856</i></u>
 <u>REDEVELOPMENT FUND – KITCHEN AND TOILETS (restricted)</u>		
As at 1 January 2016	-	<i>(78)</i>
Transfer from the general fund	-	<i>78</i>
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	£31,176	<i>£25,856</i>
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The above accounts and the notes and other information shown on pages 2 to 3 for the year ended 31 December 2016 are as approved by the Diaconate. Signed by two deacons on behalf of the Diaconate on 26 February 2017.

G A Hodge

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ST LEONARDS BAPTIST CHURCH
GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

	2016	<i>2015</i>
<u>RECEIPTS</u>	£	<i>£</i>
Gift aided offerings	19,412	<i>19,318</i>
General fund offerings	7,771	<i>10,344</i>
Tax refunds recovered	5,683	<i>6,176</i>
Donations received	2,841	<i>3,095</i>
Bank interest received	14	<i>13</i>
General refunds	468	<i>421</i>
Net rents from Manse	10,937	<i>10,732</i>
Loans repaid by Chapel Park Community Centre	6,000	<i>-</i>
	<u>53,126</u>	<i><u>50,099</u></i>
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 <u>LESS: PAYMENTS</u>		
Stipend and pension contributions	17,943	<i>14,078</i>
Minister's expenses	4,680	<i>4,393</i>
Ministry	245	<i>545</i>
Manse expenses	330	<i>4,418</i>
Utilities	4,741	<i>5,288</i>
Insurances	1,636	<i>1,775</i>
Repairs and maintenance	3,769	<i>4,272</i>
Youth	849	<i>936</i>
Music Group	136	<i>30</i>
Welfare Fund	75	<i>90</i>
Mission (note 3)	5,639	<i>6,618</i>
Bank service charges	142	<i>132</i>
Donations	-	<i>520</i>
Admin and telephone	2,035	<i>1,749</i>
Waste disposal	641	<i>674</i>
Miscellaneous (including P A System)	1,945	<i>850</i>
Chapel Park Community Centre – loan	3,000	<i>3,000</i>
Chapel Park Community Centre – insurance	-	<i>310</i>
	<u>47,806</u>	<i><u>49,678</u></i>
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 <u>SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR</u>	£5,320	£ 421
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

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 £1,341,350 (2015 £1,341,350) 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 £60,354 (2015 £60,534).

3. Payments - Mission

	2016	<i>2015</i>
	£	<i>£</i>
S.E.B.A.	2,505	<i>3,419</i>
Baptist Mission	2,016	<i>2,062</i>
Christian Schools Workers Hastings	750	<i>750</i>
Baptist Union	168	<i>187</i>
C.A.P.	100	<i>100</i>
Sunrise	100	<i>100</i>
	<u>5,639</u>	<u><i>6,618</i></u>
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4. During the year ended 31 December 2016 no full time Baptist Minister was employed by the church. Nevertheless, because the church is a member of the Baptist Union of Great Britain, it has obligations to contribute to the Baptist Pension Scheme. The Scheme is in deficit and during 2016, the church paid £3,384 (12 x £282) in contributions which equates to 12% of minimum pensionable income. The contribution will remain the same in the year to 31 December 2017.

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER
TO THE DEACONS OF ST LEONARDS BAPTIST CHURCH

This report on the financial statements of the church for the year ended 31 December 2016 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 DEACONS AND THE EXAMINER

As deacons 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 deacons 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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26 February 2017

St. Leonards Baptist Church Annual report 2016

2016 has been another year of highs and lows in the life of St Leonards Baptist. We have continued to worship and serve together in the church and community but we were sad to lose one of our oldest members, Alan Tarling, this year; and many of our members have struggled with health problems. We have been blessed by the preaching and leading gifts of some of our own members and have enjoyed welcoming in others to speak to us on the occasional Sunday morning. Numbers of children have been small but we are grateful to the team who are prepared each week to welcome and to teach those who attend. Our Sunday evening format, Sunday Space, continues to offer a welcome to a more informal time where we can discuss Jesus and build friendships together. Café Church on the second Sunday of each month has continued where we have a slightly more structured time of worship and learning together. We have also enjoyed using Sunday evenings to learn some new songs some of which have been introduced to the congregation on a Sunday morning.

We have continued to hold our quarterly church meetings on a Sunday after the morning service and have been encouraged by the attendance at these.

Home groups have continued, as has our ladies group – Cameo which has met regularly, alternating with a Craft afternoon. The ladies kindly organised a church Christmas lunch at the Robin Hood which was enjoyed by a good number of the fellowship.

The Community Centre continues to be well attended, bringing hope, education and friendship to local people under Ann Wallace's leadership. The CAP (Christians Against Poverty) Centre continues to be very much needed and is always fully booked several months in advance.

We have also continued to host the Nightshelter on a Thursday during the winter months and are very grateful to the team from our fellowship and further afield who take charge of this each week.

As well as our regular events we enjoyed various special occasions during the year including:

- We had two visits from BMS workers this year – in January Ian and Helen visited and we enjoyed a time on Sunday afternoon where they were able to share their work with both our congregation and others from local churches. In August Mark and Andrea came and told us more about their work in Chad. We continue to pray regularly for both couples.
- In March we celebrated the Iranian New Year with the Iranian members of our congregation and many of their Iranian friends. The meal was delicious and it was a lovely time together.
- June included the ordination of Janet Mardell and her induction to the pastorate of St Leonards Baptist. We welcomed many friends and family members for this and enjoyed an excellent tea provided by the church family afterwards.
- In August an enthusiastic group of youngsters and adults travelled to Shepton Mallet for Soul Survivor under the leadership of Lucy and Adrian. Much hard work had been done in fund raising for this and everyone had a very good time meeting with God and building friendships.
- In September we hosted the annual visit from year 4 of Christ Church School as they learned about some of the differences between church buildings and discovered something about Baptist practices and traditions.
- In October we were pleased to welcome Nick Warren and one of the CAP clients from the local CAP Centre to lead part of our morning service and tell us more about the work of CAP and to share personal testimony.
- We celebrated our church anniversary in November with a very enjoyable Water Colour Challenge on Saturday organised by Martin and a visit from Dennis Nolan to preach on the Sunday.

I know that as well as the items listed here, many small acts of service and kindness have been appreciated as we worship and work together in the name of Jesus.

Rev Janet Mardell, April 2017.