

## **Weymouth Baptist Church**

### **Trustees Annual Report 2018**

This past year has seen some changes and developments in the life of the church. For a few years the issue of women elders has been under discussion and after much prayer the church decided to change the constitution to allow women to become elders if the necessary criteria were met. The church also appointed a new Youth pastor after a year's interregnum. Timothy Ogutu (and his family) moved from Worthing and Timo started in post on 1<sup>st</sup> September. Our PAIS worker, Larissa, who had been with us for two years, returned to Germany to start her university course and we welcomed Marina to Weymouth both as part of the new team and to work specifically in our fellowship; to complement the youth team one of our own members gained her diploma in youth work. Our 'minister in training' graduated with a degree in Theology from Moorlands College and is now seeking the Lord's will for his future. During the year one of our own young people decided that she would take a year out and go with a BMS Action Team to Thailand which will no doubt be a challenging and rewarding experience.

The church continues to serve the community of Weymouth and Portland. Being a town centre church brings its own challenges and rewards. We are pleased to welcome visitors and holiday makers to our services and the preaching of the gospel is a priority as people come for both physical and spiritual renewal during their breaks from home routines. Our senior pastor has preached on a number of themes during the year - Portraits of Jesus in John's gospel, Samson, Summer Psalms and The Lord's Prayer and as always these are focussed on applications for our everyday lives. A feature of our morning services is our "Fellowship Break". If you happen to be reading this report and want a good idea for your own church we used to serve coffee at the end of the service but found that visitors slipped away. We now have coffee (and teas of all descriptions) in the middle of the service - at a convenient time - taking 10-15 minutes to chat to visitors and this is greatly appreciated by both our own congregation and visitors.

It is amazing how the church membership is active both in the community and in activities within the church. Although many of these have been mentioned in previous reports it is good to remind ourselves of some of the things which reach out to the local population. Two of our members are qualified debt coaches for the local CAP centre which impacts many people's lives. Members of the church form the nucleus of the Weymouth Foodbank team which has seen increased demand for its services during the year. One of our elders is the new coordinator of Street Pastors and another heads up the Healing on the Streets team which operates in the town on most Saturday mornings through the year. We also have members who are active on Sunday evenings supplying food for the homeless on the 'soup run' and a dedicated group of people who operate a regular ministry at local Care Homes.

Within the church the weekly 'Treasures' toddler group continues to flourish and the Friday 'Kids Club' has started a new initiative by providing meals for children and their parents prior to the club activities. This has been well received. Girls' Brigade continues to serve those who attend but, like many organised groups for children, it seems to be more difficult these days to rely on the commitment of both the youngsters and their parents to attend regularly.

The fabric and finance aspects of church life tick over virtually unnoticed and we are grateful to God for His provision for all our needs.

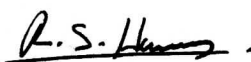
As we look forward to 2019 there is a leaders 'away day' planned to look at the vision, strategy and way forward for the fellowship. We trust God to lead us in His way for all that lies ahead.

**BALANCE SHEET****As at 31 December 2018**

		31-12-17	31-12-18
<b>Assets</b>		£	£
<b>Cash &amp; at Bank</b>			
Current account & cash		8304.27	5316.09
Savings account		36789.36	48881.71
<b>Total</b>		<b>45093.63</b>	<b>54197.80</b>
Foodbank		147.04	256.92
Other GB Funds		203.80	93.98
Weyfinders		52.73	35.73
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>45497.20</b>	<b>54584.43</b>
<b>Allocation of funds</b>			
<b>General Fund</b>	Opening balance	30304.06	30304.06
	Income in year		128535.22
	Expenditure in year		119395.70
	Closing balance		<b>39443.58</b>
<b>GB General</b>	Opening balance	270.40	270.40
	Income in year		2481.07
	Expenditure in year		2560.14
	Closing balance		<b>191.33</b>
<b>GB Camp</b>	Opening balance	514.47	514.47
	Income in year		2033.33
	Expenditure in year		1746.63
	Closing balance		<b>801.17</b>
<b>Corina's Fund</b>	Opening balance	18.00	18.00
	Income in year		1270.00
	Expenditure in year		1318.00
	Closing balance		<b>-30.00</b>
<b>Sponsor's Fund</b>	Opening balance	637.74	637.74
	Income in year		375.00
	Expenditure in year		850.00
	Closing balance		<b>162.74</b>
<b>Food Bank</b>	Opening balance	13015.69	13015.69
	Income in year		8073.07
	Expenditure in year		7742.99
	Closing balance		<b>13345.77</b>
<b>Breakfast Fund</b>	Opening balance	105.22	105.22
	Income in year		0.00
	Expenditure in year		0.00
	Closing balance		<b>105.22</b>
<b>HOTS</b>	Opening balance	186.85	186.85
	Income in year		0.00
	Expenditure in year		0.00
	Closing balance		<b>186.85</b>
<b>Sunday School</b>	Opening balance	311.47	311.47
	Income in year		0.00
	Expenditure in year		0.00
	Closing balance		<b>311.47</b>
<b>Weyfinders</b>	Opening balance	133.30	133.30
	Income in year		0.00
	Expenditure in year		67.00
	Closing balance		<b>66.30</b>
<b>Soul Survivor</b>	Opening balance	0.00	0.00
	Income in year		2523.50
	Expenditure in year		2523.50
	Closing balance		<b>0.00</b>
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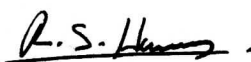
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