

ASHFORD BAPTIST CHURCH

With a Mission at Boughton Aluph



Ashford Baptist Church

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

2018



Ashford Baptist Church

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Legal and Administrative Information (as at 31 December 2018)

Ministers	Rev Lorna Sylvester and Rev Rob Sylvester (1.6.2015)
Secretary	Margaret Woollven (re-elected from 1.1.18)
Treasurer	Sammy Deans (elected from 1.1.18)
Assistant Treasurer	Peter Mellowship (elected 1.1.18)
Administrator	Djamilaa Oinalaa (appointed 1.6.18)
Deacons	Jane Martin (elected 1.1.15) Jamie Phipps (re-elected 1.1.15) Ifedayo Ifekoya (elected 1.1.17) Olusola Ifekoya (elected 1.1.17) Alison O'Donnell (elected 1.1.17) Helen Wilson (elected 1.1.18) David Cripps (elected 1.1.18)

The Deacons and Ministers together comprise the Managing Trustees of the Church

Registered Charity Number	1130593	
Principal Address	Ashford Baptist Church Saint John's Lane Ashford, Kent TN23 1PS	
Governing Document	Church Constitution adopted on 20 th March 2008	
Independent Examiner	Mr Andrew J Childs FCA 6 Hadleigh Street Kingsnorth Ashford, Kent TN25 7EZ	
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Our verse for the year ahead is -Joshua 1;9 "Have I not commanded you be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go"

We began the year with a three-part mini-series from the old testament to prepare for our covenant promises and move into mission as a church. In Joshua 1 Gods people had a second change to move into the land God had promised a whole generation ago and yet that generation of people had stepped back, [Numbers 13], because they thought the task too large difficult terrifying. A whole 40 years were lost until Joshua 1.9 God gives the people a second chance with a new leader Joshua and called them to prepare to move out go into the land. So in our covenant service and prayer, everyone was invited to come forward to the front of the church and place a piece of glass mosaic and place it into an acrostic with two words

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from Joshua 1;9, the VERTICAL line of the cross had STRENGTH, the horizontal COURAGE, we were all called to take our place as we stood before God and the new year and the beginning of our geographical missional communities. We recognised God was with us in Jesus Christ as God had promised to be with the Israelites and has been down the generations in the church, and now we all stand on the brink of change movement out as we get ready. **-As I was with the disciples so I will be with you-Ashford Baptist Church**

As I was with the early church as they met in homes communities so I will be with you

As I was with the church in Corinth, Rome, Turkey Africa

AS I was with the Desert Fathers and Mothers

As I was with the established church

As I was with the church from the reformation

As I was with your forbearers here in ABC one of the very early Baptist churches who risked their lives to be non-conformists

As I have been with you in the various building on this site that people have lovingly built

As I have been with you in the planting of churches in Brook Boughton S Ashford, Willsborough

As I have been with you through the ministries of preachers and leaders, through good and tough times,

As I have been with you in Christendom when the church has thrived in the west

I am now with you as you in secular Britain, as you are marginalised as you are small and seemingly insignificant-but remember just like Israel in Deuteronomy 7;7 *God wasn't attracted to you and didn't choose you because you were big and important—the fact is, there was almost nothing to you. He did it out of sheer love, keeping the promise he made to your ancestors. was when I chose them-as Jesus chose us to go and bear fruit that will last*

So, I am with you as you stand at the river and look out on these new congregations these 3 missional communities in the areas you live-as I was with Moses, so I am with you.

Throughout Lent and up to an early Easter, as well as engaging in understanding what missional communities might mean for us, we looked at another mini series titled *"What does it mean To Be Human"?* The human condition of everyone born, made in the image of God with the capacity to be heroic and villains, this dilemma struggle of our nature and that God came in Jesus Christ to rescue and free us brought us close to God given us a new heart so that we can hear and receive and love God and serve God in the world. We are given a new identity which is forward looking at all Gods wants to do in and through me in Gods dream for the world. To be alive to Gods call in Jesus Christ to follow Jesus and make disciples of all nations, looking to that day when we will fully be restored renewed and with Christ for ever and until then we are drawn upwards and onwards by the Spirit as God transforms us into Gods image.

In Lent too we joined together for the last time at Brook chapel for a service of thanksgiving for the ministry in the village where on two sites for 100years there has been a Christian witness. Come to give thanks for lives changed

for love share for mission fellowship and gave thanks that as the chapel is sold that God story of love and salvation goes on that Gods living word does not return empty but will continue and grow. [Isaiah 55;8-13]

At Easter, we took our services and outreach into the town centre at the bandstand using visuals music art and participation, as well as words trusting that the holy spirit would work in people's lives. After Easter and before the summer life groups and missional communities continued-Life Groups being small gatherings where we can "do life together" "with Jesus together" -Jesus called his disciples to be with him. being together with Jesus Mark 3;14 and sent out together to those around us. The Missional Communities are the wider geographical area in which the life groups meet- with around 40 or so people connected with Jesus and each other putting down roots where we live.

On Sundays after Easter we spent considerable time exploring both biblically and through the Fresh expressions of church course the possible future shape of mission and ministry at ABC, discussing it in our missional communities after the sermon and sensing with God the way ahead for Gods church in a secular age how to live amongst connect with and build relevant worshipping communities. What could this look like as a town centre church and in our communities in Ashford, taking time to listen, to research to spies out the land gather information and pray much! We explored God doing anew thing through the early church in Acts and through the later stages of Isaiah from 40/43/55/61 as God prepares the people for a new work Gods is doing. It was with great joy and celebration that we baptised three people in July Surbadoer Kaziman, Mark Cripps and Megan Taylor.

In early summer the brigades and youth camp successfully took place in warmer conditions than 2017! Summer saw the holiday club returned and gathered many workers and children young people in fun and conversations about Jesus. This theme continued through all age services during the summer holiday and some of our young people went to summer camp Soul Survivor. Boughton chapel had a work party week to spruce up the outside in preparation for the car park surface that was laid later in the autumn. A BBQ at the manse for the whole church capped off a summer of lots of activity!

The autumn term we celebrated Gods faithfulness again to us in our harvest services at ABC Boughton, Seniors support team and new this year the missional community gathered at the farm, where some of our members live and work- celebrating with the seasonal workers and owners the gathering of the harvest, through song food and community. On Sundays a series from 2 Corinthians run throughout up until Christmas alongside on Sunday sessions exploring how to listen for mission where we live and have our roots, as part of the 3 wider missional community gatherings, in addition to preparing ourselves for training for the winter night shelter which we will be a part of again after Christmas. In December we spread out into the town centre again as well as in our missional communities, Park Farm Care Centre and Longacre's Bybrook garden centre bringing good news about Christs birth, God with us.

So, we give thanks for Gods faithfulness and mercies, Gods leading, for the gift of life and for one another. We thank God for the continued love, hard work calling and dedication of so many brothers and sisters, and for small foundational beginnings in mission and community living. We continue to face the opportunity and challenge to organise, use our resources and give our lives that a traditional baptist church like Ashford, can become a living movement of people who say yes to Jesus call to *follow him and go into all the world and make disciples of all nations, to go ...and surely I will be you to the very end of the age.* Matthew 28.

Annual Report and Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2018

The Trustees of Ashford Baptist Church have pleasure in presenting their Financial Report for the year ending 31st December 2018.

Investment Powers

The Church's Trust Deed authorises the Trustees to make and hold investments using the general funds. At the end of the year there was a current account held at Lloyds TSB with a balance of £32,707 and at HSBC a current account with a balance of £10,894 and an Instant Savings account holding £114,216.

Aims and Organisation

Ashford Baptist Church has as its primary aim "To propagate the Gospel and teaching of Jesus Christ and to express that teaching in practical action."

The Church operates in the Borough of Ashford, Kent, based at St John's Lane/Station Road, and in the mission Church of Boughton Aluph. During this accounting period we have sold the chapel in Brook which generated £293,685.

It employed in 2018 joint Ministers, Revds Lorna and Rob Sylvester and also an Administrator who works part-time in the Church office, helping to co-ordinate the life of the Church. These were supported by 6 deacons, the Church Secretary and the Church Treasurer.

Review of Financial Activities and Affairs

The Church is financially dependent on the voluntary support of its members. Gross voluntary income for all purposes, receipts (including legacies) for the year amounted to £182,752. This is a increase of £7,394 over the previous year. Regular donations were sent to Baptist World Mission and Home Mission. Altogether we gave £27,934 to these and other causes.

The conditions governing the proceeds from the sale of Brook Chapel require that these funds be held in a Baptist Together Trust fund. Ashford Baptist Church can draw upon these funds for designated 'capital projects'. This financial period we have replaced Church windows and applied for planning consent to improve the building. This has reduced the balance held in the BU Trust Account to £226,916.

The financial position of the Church at 31st December 2018 showed a surplus of £4,186. This is an decrease of £14,106 on the previous year.

All the Church's assets are employed directly in pursuing the charitable objectives of the Church.

Payment to/in respect of Trustees

No expenses were paid to Trustees during the year but they were reimbursed for materials and postage.

Conclusion

Financially 2018 was a settled year, with income steady and expenses overall in line with budget. The main reason for the surplus made was that we have capitalised the dishwasher (£2,119) and the Church Projector (£5,024).

We are, as always, thankful to God for giving us people, whose service to Him, is seen on a day-to-day basis, but we must not forget those whose work is often not seen but is equally important in the running of the Church.

Our Church faces many significant challenges, especially that of a growing town. We continue to see new people coming to our Church and finding a spiritual home amongst us. We pray that this will continue to happen. However, we cannot sit still, but must take every opportunity to go out and give everybody the opportunity to know the great joy that comes from knowing our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To that end our Ministers started to progress the vision for future activity in the neighbourhoods and communities that make up the town of Ashford as well as its surrounding villages. We also continued our witness in the town centre through Easter and Christmas open air events at the bandstand.

Once again, I would like to thank everybody for their support and encouragement given to me during this, my first year as Treasurer. The role can be both demanding and time-consuming, but it still gives me a feeling of great satisfaction and makes me feel that perhaps I am, in some small way, serving the God who has blessed me in so many ways.

Trustees Responsibilities

Under the Charities Act 1993 the Trustees are required to prepare a statement of accounts for each financial year which gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity at the end of the financial year and the incoming resources and application of resources in the year. In preparing the statement the Trustees are required to:-

1. Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
2. Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
3. State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practices have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the statement of accounts.
4. Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue its operations.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity at that time and to enable the Trustees to ensure that any statement of account prepared by them complies with the regulations under Section 42(1) of the Charities Act 1992. They are also responsible for safe-guarding the assets of the trust and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention of fraud and other irregularities.

Approval:

This report was approved by the Deacons on 6/3/19 and signed on their behalf.

R.A. Sylve

Revd Robert A. Sylvester

Minister

Date: 8/5/2019

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Samuel G Deans

Treasurer

CHURCH SECRETARY'S REPORT 2018

Text for 2018: "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1: 9.

2018 will be remembered by many of us as a sad year as we had to say "Goodbye" to several dear friends who had completed long, faith-filled lives of service. We thank God for our memories of them and their wonderful examples to us through the years. These sad times were balanced by some joyous ones as we witnessed the arrival of new babies; the dedication of young children; four baptisms and a wedding. We thank God for His presence with us in all the seasons of life.

2018 was also the year when we marked the conclusion of the work and witness of Brook Chapel. The work there had begun in 1898 when some Christians from ABC had held an open air meeting. Seven years later the congregation that had grown there began to meet in the old forge amongst the old horse shoes. There were ups and downs through the years with many lives touched. It was a training ground for apprentice preachers including some who would go on to full-time ministry. The last service of public worship was held in January 2004 and, in the following years became a place for "away days" and ministers' meetings with its final years of use by the parish council which moved out in 2016. The building was deteriorating so the decision was made to formally close and then sell the chapel. This took place in the spring. It is now a private house.

One mission closed but the church's call to mission began to be expressed in new ways throughout the areas of the town as we began missional communities and life groups. By the end of the year we were able to take the Christmas message to two more venues as well as the High Street. We are also pleased to use our building missionally by hosting Street Pastors and Kent Refugee Action Network.

Our links with BMS have been strengthened as we welcomed an Action Team in May and later in the year, decided to link with serving missionaries in Peru (continuing friendship with the Clarks who were at SABC), Kosovo (continuing support of the work where the Jakemans had served) and Nepal (building on a link made during our ministers' Sabbatical visit in 2017).

Our appreciation needs to be expressed to all those who serve among our children and young people. Sunday group leaders; GB and BB teams; holiday club week; Soul Survivor leaders have been wonderful gifts of God to His church.

Another gift of God to us has been the arrival of Natalie to the church office. Our times are certainly in His hands! God was clearly at work in the way that He brought Natalie to us at exactly the time that Djamila began her maternity leave.

There is also another ending and beginning as I now step down from this role of church secretary. In January I felt strongly that this was to be my final one. It has been a real privilege to have been a deacon and then secretary of ABC and I am ever grateful for all the support that you have been to me.

Margaret Woolven

BOUGHTON REPORT FOR 2018

The chapel has continued to hold services each Sunday and have Coffee Break and Lunch Club monthly. At the services we miss Brenda Barrett who has moved to Scotland to be nearer to one of her sons and, although leaving her home in Kennington was a wrench, she now has more immediate family support if it should be needed. Apart from Brenda those attending remain the same as last year. This can also be said for Coffee Break but Lunch Club has seen a few additions, filling spaces lost last year. One member who is no longer able to come because of back problems used to have a meal as Alan took one to his home in the village. However, he has now moved to Brambles care home in Wye. Thanks to Heidi and Alan, with assistance from Carol, Rose, Joyce and Joan, we could provide a few more meals and so we shall see how things develop. This is our primary outreach in the village and so it needs to be as effective as we can make it.

The other item for report is that the car park is now usable. This could mean other openings for use of the premises because the chapel could be made available to others. So far the deacons have had days apart there and there has also been a meeting of the trustees of "Uprising". The car park has made the chapel more visible to passing traffic and it will be enhanced when the revised front access has been completed. It would be good if there could be greater use made of the premises and it may be that having Coffee Break outside during warmer months will be a form of advertisement.

As always we are grateful to all who lead our services and it is good to have one of our ministers leading the monthly communion. There are no preaching team meetings now but the same members continue to lead our services together with Rev Ambrose Oliver and we have had additional input from Stewart French, known to those who attend coffee morning and Lite Bite at Station Road. We are grateful to all who are willing to use their Sunday afternoons to help us.

Looking ahead some houses are being built on the Wye Road and we shall want to contact those who occupy them when they are completed. The close proximity of the chapel might be convenient for any who are looking for a place of worship or who might be interested in a coffee morning midweek. Otherwise we trust that God's will may be done and that we may be responsive to any change that he brings. Any who want to join us at worship will be very welcome.

Ray Davis

SAFEGUARDING REPORT 2018

I am delighted to report that almost all of our workers with children, youth and seniors have undertaken training in the past year: 7 in April at Canterbury BC and 37 on 6 October here at ABC. It was helpful to have input on the many aspects of Safeguarding that impact our senior members as well as up-dated information relating to children including the dangers of grooming these days.

As is often the case with good training a requirement for more action is identified. The two main challenges for us this time are the needs to ensure the presence of a trained First Aider at all our activities and to ensure that written Risk Assessments are undertaken by all our organisations. First Aid training is now being planned to take place in 2019. Those leaders familiar with Risk Assessments are sharing their experience and the resulting written RAs are now being stored centrally in the church office.

There has been no need to report any concerns to outside agencies in 2018. However two reports were made, which involved children with Additional Needs, from which we have learned. These reports were investigated and internal action taken. A course organised by Urban Saints on Inclusion proved to be relevant and helpful and has given us yet another opportunity. Should we appoint a "Champion" for those with Additional Needs: someone who would make more of us aware of the challenges that some of our children and their parents face?

At the May CMM we agreed to adopt the up-dated Baptist Union Safe to Grow policy and guidelines. This policy statement is now displayed on the rota notice board next to the crèche. Full guidelines and downloadable resources are available on the Baptists Together website: www.baptist.org.uk

Routine safeguarding action is required by us all every week especially as parents collect their children from their groups. Exits should be secure and children should not return to empty unsupervised rooms.

ABC is blessed to have such conscientious workers with our children, young people and senior members. I would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude for all that they do.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31 December 2018, which are set out on pages 2 to 8.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act")

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act, and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

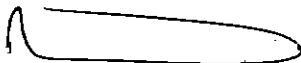
Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- * the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
- * the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- * the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirement concerning the form and content of accounts as set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Mr Andrew J Childs FCA
6 Hadleigh Street
Kingsnorth
Ashford
Kent
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Date : 3 May 2019

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2018

	Note	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total £	2017 £
<u>INCOMING RESOURCES</u>					
Offerings					
General fund collections		2,462	15,060	17,522	16,558
Special Offerings		0	3,223	3,223	4,643
Covenants and Gift Aid		1,229	140,130	141,359	137,597
		<u>3,691</u>	<u>158,413</u>	<u>162,104</u>	<u>158,798</u>
Subscriptions and activity income		9,117	388	9,505	8,644
Investment income		0	163	163	44
Legacies, donations and fund raising		763	9,285	10,048	6,913
Other income		0	932	932	959
		<u>13,571</u>	<u>169,181</u>	<u>182,752</u>	<u>175,358</u>
<u>RESOURCES EXPENDED</u>					
<u>Costs of generating funds</u>					
Direct charitable expenditure	2	12,096	160,843	172,939	149,084
Management and Administration	3	0	5,627	5,627	7,982
		<u>12,096</u>	<u>166,470</u>	<u>178,566</u>	<u>157,066</u>
Total resources expended					
		<u>1,475</u>	<u>2,711</u>	<u>4,186</u>	<u>18,292</u>
Net (Outgoing)/Incoming Resources					
Fund Balances brought forward at 1 January 2017		5,125	178,390	183,515	165,223
Prior year adjustment		3,934	(3,934)	0	0
		<u>9,059</u>	<u>174,456</u>	<u>183,515</u>	<u>165,223</u>
Fund Balances brought forward at 1 January 2017 restated					
		<u>4,385</u>	<u>(4,385)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Transfers between funds					
		<u>£14,919</u>	<u>£172,782</u>	<u>£187,701</u>	<u>£183,515</u>
Fund balances carried forward at 31 December 2018					

The notes on pages 4 to 8 form part of these Financial Statements

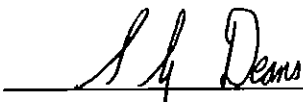
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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2018

	Note	£	<u>2018</u> £	£	<u>2017</u> £
<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>					
Tangible Assets	4		14,638		11,965
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>					
Debtors	5	2,734		3,475	
Income tax recoverable	5	6,873		22,572	
Cash at bank and in hand		163,886		146,613	
			173,493		172,660
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>					
	6		430		1,110
			<u>£187,701</u>		<u>£183,515</u>
<u>REPRESENTED BY :</u>					
Restricted Funds			14,919		5,125
Unrestricted Funds			172,782		178,390
	9		<u>£187,701</u>		<u>£183,515</u>
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Approved by the deacons and signed on their behalf by

Treasurer  Date 5/5/19

Deacon  Date 5/5/19

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2018

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared to give a true and fair view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair' view. This departure has involved following the Charities SORP (FRS102) published on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and Charities Act 2011.

Ashford Baptist Church constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102.

Fund Accounting

General Funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Income

Non-covenanted donations and other income are brought into income in the year during which they are received, with the exception of donations given for a specific purpose which are carried forward as deferred income and matched with the relevant expenditure.

Legacies are credited to the income and expenditure account in the year in which they are received.

Expenditure

Specific items of expenditure that relate to either direct charitable expenditure or other expenditure are attributed to the appropriate category. Items of expenditure which involve more than one category are apportioned on the following basis :

Manse Expenses - 25 % direct charitable, 75 % management and administration

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

Depreciation

Depreciation is provided to write off the cost of the asset over its estimated useful economic life.

Assets are depreciated at the following rates :

Computer Equipment	at	33.3 % on Cost
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	at	15 % on Written Down Value
Motor Vehicles	at	20 % on Cost

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset over its useful life. Items of equipment are capitalised where the purchase price exceeds £250.

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DETAILED NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2018

2) DIRECT CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total £	2017 £
Remuneration and Pension costs	0	57,116	57,116	57,236
Pulpit supplies and visiting speakers	105	175	280	205
Training	0	3,235	3,235	1,124
Motor and travel expenses	0	2,050	2,050	2,728
Church rates	133	664	797	1,256
Manse rates	0	802	802	754
Insurances	0	4,451	4,451	4,976
Heat and Light	1,014	5,007	6,021	4,449
Repairs, renewals and equipment	567	16,718	17,285	5,720
Music and PA	45	2,364	2,409	339
Postage and Telephone	0	1,667	1,667	915
Printing, stationery and advertising	0	3,436	3,436	2,695
Photocopier rental and expenses	0	1,788	1,788	1,809
Caretaking and cleaning materials	720	7,964	8,684	9,784
BMS and HMF contributions	0	15,692	15,692	14,350
Subscriptions and other gifts	3,371	27,290	30,661	22,625
Professional Fees	0	1,874	1,874	3,274
General expenses	6	342	348	484
Catering expenses	0	1,028	1,028	1,727
Activities	6,135	2,682	8,817	8,529
Bank Charges	0	28	28	39
Depreciation	0	4,470	4,470	4,066
	<u>12,096</u>	<u>160,843</u>	<u>172,939</u>	<u>149,084</u>
As at 31st December 2017	<u>13,454</u>	<u>135,630</u>	<u>149,084</u>	

3) MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE CHARITY

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total £	Total £
Manse rates	0	2,405	2,405	2,216
Manse insurance	0	300	300	245
Repairs and renewals	0	2,923	2,923	5,521
	<u>0</u>	<u>5,627</u>	<u>5,627</u>	<u>7,982</u>
As at 31st December 2017	<u>0</u>	<u>7,982</u>	<u>7,982</u>	

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2018

4)	<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>	<u>Motor Vehicles</u>	<u>Fixtures, Fittings and Equipmer</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>COST :</u>			
	At 1st January 2018	18,991	41,039	60,030
	Additions	0	7,143	7,143
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	At 31st December 2018	18,991	48,182	67,173
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	<u>DEPRECIATION :</u>			
	At 1st January 2018	8,546	39,519	48,065
	Charge for the Period	3,798	672	4,470
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	At 31st December 2018	12,344	40,191	52,535
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	<u>NET BOOK VALUE :</u>			
	At 31st December 2018	£6,647	£7,991	£14,638
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	As at 31st December 2017	£10,445	£1,520	£11,965
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The Trustees own the following freehold properties. Premises at Station Road/St John's Lane, the Manse at 23 Magazine Road, and leasehold land and buildings at Boughton Aluph Chapel. The original value of the buildings and the costs of improvements to them until 2017 have not been included in the Balance Sheet because, in the opinion of the Deacons, the cost of professionally valuing these assets to include a value in the accounts outweigh the benefits to the users of the accounts. They are insured for £3,972,054 (2017 : £3,08,687) which is an estimate of their replacement cost.

5)	<u>DEBTORS</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
	Prepayments	976	944
	Other debtors	1,758	2,531
	Income Tax recoverable	6,873	22,572
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		9,607	26,047
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6)	<u>CREDITORS</u>		
	Accruals	430	1,110
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		430	1,110
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7) MOVEMENTS ON GENERAL FUNDS

	Balances at 31/12/017	Income	Expenditure	Transfers between funds	Balances at 31/12/18
General Funds	174,456	169,181	166,470	(4,385)	172,782

	Balances at 31/12/016	Income	Expenditure	Transfers between funds	Balances at 31/12/17
General Funds	159,659	162,343	143,612	(3,934)	174,456

The general fund represents the free funds of the charity which are not designated for particular purposes.

8) MOVEMENTS ON RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Balances at 31/12/017	Income	Expenditure	Transfers between funds	Balances at 31/12/18
Boughton Chapel - General	1,183	5,357	4,739	0	1,801
Boys Brigade - General	1,882	2,464	2,951	0	1,395
Brook Chapel	(4,385)	0	0	4,385	0
Coffee Morning	2,448	423	0	0	2,871
Craft Club	27	0	0	0	27
Girls Brigade	1,870	2,821	2,621	0	2,070
Lite Bite	862	972	858	0	976
Luncheon Club	3,210	1,534	927	0	3,817
Toddlers	471	0	0	0	471
Youth Camp	1,141	0	0	0	1,141
Youth Club	350	0	0	0	350
			0		
	9,059	13,571	12,096	4,385	14,919

	Balances at 31/12/016	Income	Expenditure	Transfers between funds	Balances at 31/12/17
Boughton Chapel - General	1,118	5,031	4,966	0	1,183
Boys Brigade - General	1,533	2,804	2,455	0	1,882
Brook Chapel	(3,350)	0	1,035	0	(4,385)
Coffee Morning	2,035	413	0	0	2,448
Craft Club	27	0	0	0	27
Girls Brigade	2,754	2,202	3,086	0	1,870
Lite Bite	715	1,117	970	0	862
Luncheon Club	2,704	1,448	942	0	3,210
Toddlers	471	0	0	0	471
Youth Camp	1,141	0	0	0	1,141
Youth Club	350	0	0	0	350
	9,498	13,015	13,454	0	9,059

Restricted funds are amounts collected and expended in respect of the activities associated with that fund.

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9) ANALYSIS OF CHURCH'S NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Restricted Funds 2018 £	Unrestricted Funds 2018 £	Totals 2018 £
Fixed assets	0	14,638	14,638
Debtors	0	2,734	2,734
Income tax recoverable	0	6,873	6,873
Cash at bank and in hand	14,919	148,967	163,886
Creditors	0	(430)	(430)
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	14,919	172,782	187,701

ANALYSIS OF CHURCH'S NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	Restricted Funds 2017 £	Unrestricted Funds 2017 £	Totals 2017 £
Fixed assets	0	11,965	11,965
Debtors	0	3,475	3,475
Income tax recoverable	0	22,572	22,572
Cash at bank and in hand	9,059	137,554	146,613
Creditors	0	(1,110)	(1,110)
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	9,059	174,456	183,515

10) REMUNERATION

The average number of employees during the year was 4.

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Salaries	57,116	57,236
Social Security Costs	0	0
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	£57,116	£57,236

Members of the diaconate are not employees and received no remuneration during the year. Some members received payment for repair work carried out at the church and the manse, for lay preaching and the reimbursement of expenditure incurred in relation to the activities of the church.

The church is heavily reliant upon volunteers who give their time, which cannot be valued.

11) FUTURE COMMITMENTS

There were no contractual commitments at 31 December 2018 (2017 : Nil)
During the year Brook Chapel was sold for £300,000. The proceeds do not belong to Ashford Baptist Church but are held by the Baptist Union and are available for certain building projects which include the extending and refurbishing of the church. The replacement windows have been funded from the proceeds.

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1)	<u>INCOME TAX RECOVERABLE</u>	£
	Tax Recovered for 2017/2018	45,963
	Add : Proportion accrued from 6 April 2018 to 31 December 2018	6,873
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		52,836
	Less : Proportion accrued 31 December 2017	(22,572)
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		30,264
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2)	<u>REPAIRS, RENEWALS AND EQUIPMENT</u>	
	The following are transactions greater than £250	£
	S Howard (Boughton Car Park)	12,000
	AGM Fencing (Manse Fence)	2,210
	Replacement Dishwasher	2,119
	C Higginson (Manse Trees)	1,140
	Cube Gas Service	600
	C Harrington Burglar Alarm	490
	J Cripps electrical (Boughton)	397
	Replacement Oven (Boughton)	352
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		19,308
	Sundry repairs, renewals and equipment	900
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		20,208
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3)	<u>SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS</u>	
	Donations and Subscriptions > £100	£
	UFM (L Wilson)	9,156
	Frizelles	6,697
	Hawkinge Baptist Church	5,000
	Pastoral Support	2,150
	MAF	1,900
	Girls Brigade Fees	1,174
	A Mumford	1,000
	South Ashford Baptist Church	800
	Spurgeons Training	790
	BUGB fees	607
	Boys Brigade Fees	485
	Orphans In Africa	320
	SEBA	121
	Donations and Subscriptions < £100	461
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		30,661
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4) MOTOR EXPENSES

Fuel	268
Repairs	253
Insurance	1,364
Road fund licence	165

Cost of welfare bus	2,050
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5) CONTRIBUTIONS TO BMS AND HOME MISSION

BMS	7,846
Home Mission	7,846

15,692

6) FIXED ASSETS

The following assets were purchased in the year

Projector	5,024
Dishasher	2,119

7,143

7) DEBTORS

CCLI - Copyright Licence	976
PAYE refund	1,758

£2,734

8) CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

Lloyds Bank PLC	Current Account	32,707
HSBC	Current Account	10,895
	Instant Savings Account	114,216
Boughton Account		1,505
Girls' Brigade Account		2,027
Boys Brigade Account		1,395
Youth Camp Account		1,141

£163,886

9) CREDITORS

Total Cleaning	430
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£430



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STATISTICS

Total number of church members as at 31 December 2018: 142

Total number of baptisms in 2018: 4

Serbahadur Limbu

Kajiman Rai

Meg Taylor

Mark Cripps

Number of children/young people with whom the church has regular contact through organised church activities:

Up to 11 years: 44

12-18 years: 45

Dedications: 5

Flynn Butler

Hannah Green

Abigail Green

Chloe Chan Ong

Isaac Chan Ong