

Ebenezer Baptist Church Scarborough. Registered Charity No. 1148674

Annual Report 2020

A network of Christian Communities seeking God's Kingdom here on earth



Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisers

Name of the charity: Ebenezer Baptist Church, Scarborough

Charitable Status: Registered with the Charity Commission under Charity Number 1148674

Membership

The adult membership of Ebenezer Baptist Church at the end of 2020 was 110. We mourn the death of Edwin “Eddy” Dawes who was called home during the year.

Structure, Governance & Management

Governing Foundation: Trust Deed

Organisation: The Trustees comprise: The Ministers (ex officio), Elders and Deacons, plus a Secretary and a Treasurer, who are ex officio Deacons.

Trustees at the date of the approval of this report:

Ministers: Revd. Neil Douglas (Senior Minister) and Pastor Rebecca Coates

Elders: Mrs. Sheena Beadle, Mr. Paul Smith

Secretary: (position vacant)

Treasurer: Mr. Phillip Gott

Deacons: Miss Claire Edwards, Ms. Janet Wilson, Mrs Susan Stride

Other Trustees who served during the year:

(none)

Method of recruitment and election of trustees: Trustees are nominated and elected by the membership, as set out in the Church Constitution adopted on 12th October 2005. New trustees are required to attend an induction session, which includes teaching the guidelines issued by the Baptist Union. Training is continued in-house, and through attending suitable courses and events arranged by the Baptist Union, Yorkshire Baptist Association and others.

How decisions are made: Decisions relating to the day-to-day running of the church are delegated to the trustees, within budget restrictions. All other decisions are made by the approval of the membership at quarterly membership meetings, subject to being in accordance with our Trust Deed, Church Constitution and Standing Orders. All decisions are also tested against the Holy Bible, our stated Christian values as a church, and by reference to our membership of the Baptist Union and the Yorkshire Baptist Association.

Independent Examiner: Anne Mead FCA, Ashby Berry Coulsons Chartered Accountants,
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Affiliations: We are members of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and the Yorkshire Baptist Association, and are affiliated to the Evangelical Alliance. As members of Churches Together in Scarborough we work on joint projects and initiatives for the benefit of the town. We are active in Springtide, and join with the local and regional networks of New Wine for prayer, training and equipping events.

Objectives and Activities: In a Baptist setting, the advancement of the Christian Faith through worship, prayer, evangelism at home and abroad, the nurture and growth of disciples, unifying membership, training and equipping the congregation for Christian service, giving pastoral care and to support social action at home and abroad.

Statement of Public Benefit: The charity provides and maintains Ebenezer Baptist Church and the church hall for the purposes of holding regular public acts of worship, including religious instruction for both children and adults in Junior Church, Youth and Mustard Seed. Our pastoral team visit the sick, and we offer prayer support through our Prayer Chain and Prayer Ministry Team. General pastoral support, discipling, teaching and encouragement are through our missional communities, home groups and fellowship groups. We run regular Alpha courses to teach non-Christians about Christianity, Marriage courses to help people to enhance their married lives, and we participate in outreach events in Scarborough. Our Missional Communities seek to reach out to their local communities with the gospel in Whitby, Scarborough and Filey. Through our Missionary Support programme, we help finance those training for and working in evangelism both at home and abroad. We run groups for local parents and children in Scarborough, Whitby & Filey, and our premises are made available to local residents and community groups at a modest rent.

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Introduction by our Senior Minister, Revd. Neil Douglas

As the first national lockdown started various voices were raised in the public arena complaining that churches were being closed; our 2020 Annual Report demonstrates that those voices were wrong. As you read through the reports from our various groups you will find that the church was very much open and thriving, although people had to get used to new ways of meeting.

Inevitably, some things did have to stop of course, but that has given our team of volunteers a year of rest in which they have had space to draw aside and spend time prayerfully asking God what he might be saying at this time.

With the Government announcing an irreversible route map out of lockdown we are turning our minds and our prayers to asking God “what next?” Our sense, as Elders, is that God is saying that we must not return to the building the way that we left it. We understand that to mean God is leading us into new things, new ways of relating to the community around us, ways that will mean we see how we use our buildings differently. We have a real sense of excitement that God might be leading us into building new and vibrant long-term relationships with the community around our church buildings; if we were Anglican we might say with “our parish”.

Of course it is not just our community in Scarborough that is asking God these questions, and it is exciting to see how he is moving and leading in Whitby, Filey, Cayton, Allerston and at all points and places where he has placed us.

Every blessing in Christ, Neil

Elders' Report – Sheena Beadle

As always we begin our report with thankful hearts that our faithful Lord has provided so much for us through these difficult days and months since our last AGM. He has truly been our Rock of Help.

Alongside all we would usually do to “shepherd the flock” we have needed the wisdom to see how best to create weekly times of worship together as the body of Christ. Thankfully through technology we began a journey to set up a Livestream Service each Sunday at 11am and through our Facebook page create a further opportunity enabling those with family or other commitments to join in later. So our planned preaching themes were able to go ahead thanks to Neil and our wonderful preaching team.

The addition of Junior Church Live has been an inspired blessing for us all whatever our age. The enthusiastic action songs, the craft activities, the prayers, the fun challenges and above all the great creativity of the team in sharing the Bible truths and providing great opportunities for family talking points.

When we recognised how much we were missing seeing each other we added other faces to our Livestream; creative notices given by members, readings, testimony and the presence of different worship leaders and preachers. Christmas provided a wonderful opportunity to see many more faces as “the gift” was delivered to doorsteps and passed on and we had a truly memorable Nativity Service.

The first Sunday of the month has continued to be our evening Communion Service, sharing in the Lord's Supper and praying for the needs of our fellowship and wider concerns. We have also had two “Songs of Praise” evenings and despite our hoped-for plans going awry, we held our 250th Anniversary and welcomed Mary and Clive from YBA to share with us in covenant and God's Word.

Our Family Lights groups have continued to grow with members meeting up face to face when allowed and Zooming when restricted and Zoom has also allowed our Saturday morning prayer meetings to go ahead as well as all our Home groups and Men's Friday meetings. Some groups have grown in size as others have joined in.

The new initiative of our Rock of help line has resulted in a number of volunteers offering a variety of skills and helping people from our own church family and beyond and further possible initiatives are being considered.

We have also seen great things happening in our Network communities. Hope Whitby's Malachi Store has provided much needed help for struggling families with a variety of resources and all their groups for children and adults have continued along with the “gathering” times of worship.

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Restore Filey have got 27 children attending Stars. The adult groups continue with Bible study and there are a number of people who have asked to be baptised.

In Allerston a group of ladies have met faithfully to study God's Word and enjoy fellowship together and the outreach in Cayton continues in all the ways it can. So across our Network God's people are drawing others into the presence of Jesus.

We have had challenging decisions to make as a leadership team, especially where opening up our buildings is concerned and phrases like "risk assessments", "social distancing", and "shielding issues" plus the need for a team of volunteers to prepare our buildings have led us to believe that for now the Livestream and the CDs for those unable to access our service continues to be the right way forward.

The Lord knows the end from the beginning, so we trust that a time will come when we can once again gather to worship Him, singing out His praise, sitting side by side in fellowship together and enjoying conversations with our church family face to face.

Through the year we have had prophetic words shared which point to a "bursting out" and a "scattering and spreading" in the time to come. Like bubbles released from a drink can or dandelion seeds moving through the air, we know our Lord is Sovereign and He has His plans for our future together.

When we are truly able to meet again face to face we will come joyfully across our resurfaced car park entering His gates with thanks giving and praise and anticipating fellowship as we share food together from our new kitchen.

Our God is good and faithful in every way as we keep trusting Him.



GATHER

Sunday Gatherings – Neil Douglas

As we prepared last year's report we were just entering the first national lockdown and finding our feet with online services. Establishing a stable online platform for our morning gathering proved to be quite a technical challenge and we had many teething problems for the first 10 weeks or so. Once the technology was sorted we gradually introduced new elements to the gathering to mix the format up a bit, involve other people, and to keep the feel as fresh as possible.

Just before lockdown we had established a new pattern for our evening gatherings. The first Sunday evening of the month was led by our worship team, with communion and a time of prayer (we invited different people to lead the time of prayer so that we had a broad range of topics over the year). The other Sunday evenings had no planned content, and instead those who are present shared what they felt God had given them to share for that evening; there is a light touch leadership of these evenings just to ensure that there is proper order. Once we entered lockdown we established a pattern of meeting for Communion on Zoom on the first Sunday of the month, and we have had ad-hoc Songs of Praise style meetings on Zoom a couple of times during the year.

When Autumn arrived James and the team started creating a Junior Church Live which is streamed at 10:30am (our traditional morning gathering has streamed at 11am), and this rapidly became very popular.

As the nation came out of lockdown for the first time we invested significant effort in preparing COVID-safe plans and risk assessments for our buildings. The first issue that was identified was that our heating could not be used safely with people in the building as it relies on actively recirculating air and has insufficient filtration to prevent the spread of COVID. The second issue is that our main worship space has non-opening windows so it is not possible to provide adequate ventilation. That led to the third issue, namely the need to keep households 2m apart whilst seated in the building; the impact of which was an

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ability to seat somewhere between only 1/3rd to a 1/6th of our normal Sunday congregation at any one time. These issues led to the Church Meeting initially deciding not to reopen. Although later in the year a decision was made to open if we could on a “first come first serve” basis to watch the live stream being broadcast, we have so far been unable to secure sufficient volunteers to staff a stewarding rota that meets with the requirements of our COVID risk assessment.

As Elders we believe that God has faithfully led us all through this time, including in us remaining online only at this time. Remaining online has allowed people from other parts of the UK and other countries of the world to join us, and we believe that in God’s good timing we will return to our building. Our intention is to retain an online stream of our main morning Gathering after the return to our building and work is underway to establish the technology to allow that to happen.

Welcome Team Report – Neil Douglas

Our welcome team has had a year of rest, courtesy of COVID, and we are looking forward to the day when their friendly welcome greets us as we gather again on a Sunday morning.

Church Refreshments - Gill Payne

As with our Welcome Team, the Refreshments team has had a year of rest courtesy of COVID. We look forward eagerly to the day when conversations over a tea or a coffee can resume after our gatherings.

Worship Team – Roberta Edwards

Few of us knew this time last year what was to come in the shape of the Coronavirus, and the devastating effect lockdown would have on us not being able to worship, sing and meet altogether in church as a church family. All our regular worship and ministry opportunities fell away one by one. It has been a challenging and difficult time for all of us, but I know that God has had His Hand firmly upon our Church family and the worship team too. We know that God has an amazing way of bringing good things out of bad.

I want to say a special thanks to Neil, Matt Brooksbank and Rich Grassam for all playing their part in getting the technology up and running for streaming our services every Sunday. It has been vital in keeping many of us connected – both to God and each other.

Being able to stream our Sunday morning services - not only to our own church family - but to people further afield and even across the world has been an amazing opportunity.

Thanks to Matt for providing worship each week throughout lockdown and then later, in October when lockdown was eased, enabling the team to record live worship. This was a first for most of the team but it was so special to be able to play and sing together, even just for a short time.

Thanks to Rich Grassam for faithfully recording the services onto cd’s every week and delivering them to those in our church family who do not have access to digital equipment, meaning they could worship and connect with the rest of our church family.

Looking ahead, as we emerge from this challenging time, (and that time IS coming!), there will be opportunities to do things in a fresh and new way, both as a church family and as a worship team. God will lead the way so let us all be open to the new things He wants to do. Bring it on! God Bless.

Junior Church – Catherine Dufton

We know a lot has changed for Junior church this year and what a challenging but awesome year it has been, praise God!

In response to the pandemic James and I initially produced weekly activity packs for the children to complete with their families. We also had weekly Zoom sessions with our older group, the 8–11 year olds. As needs changed, James, Isaac and I began producing weekly Junior Church Live events on Facebook on Sunday mornings at 10.30am. This has included a story, craft, messy challenge, prayer and worship (of course all of it is worship). It has been a great way to share God’s love, learn more about Him and help us all feel more connected through the lockdowns.

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James has recently started a fortnightly Zoom 'Rock Club' for all Junior Church ages, which is another fun opportunity to connect with God and each other. Junior Church has served the wider community by being accessible to more children through our bubbles and the ease of sharing posts online. There has been a lot of engagement in the weekly live events, the Zoom Christmas party and The Nativity, in which each child had a role in demonstrating that Jesus came for everyone.

We look forward to when we can get together in person, but this time has enriched our skills and given us an opportunity to broaden our outlook when praying and considering what we envisage Junior Church to be in the future. Thank you for all the church's comments, contributions and encouragement.

Youth – James Clarke

What a challenging and encouraging year 2020 has been. In March Joy, Isaac and I started a Sunday evening youth discipleship group at our house, but after only one evening we entered lockdown. For the next few months we carried on meeting every Sunday evening on Zoom until the summer, but when the Autumn term arrived we adapted to smaller groups in line with the restrictions at that time. We ran discipleship groups at our house over breakfast, out for walks and over breakfast (again) at The Carousel.

It was great to be able to meet in person for a few months, but when lockdown returned in November we returned to Zoom, but slightly differently; this time, we've dropped breakfast off each week and met at 9:30 am, which, given the circumstances, has worked really well. We've played games, eaten together, and looked at how the Bible applies to our lives together.

I'm really thankful for the fantastic group of helpers we have, for the 10 amazing young people and to God for everything He has done this past year.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE - Paul Smith

Despite a year when our Church building has been closed and the Hall has seen very little use the building and maintenance problems don't stop.

The main event for this last year has been the car park resurfacing.

We have had the paintwork, in the church and underground, refreshed. New lighting has been installed at the rear of Church and a hole in the roof was fixed.

The hall was prepared for 'COVID Safe' occupation and a key safe has been placed in the hall entrance. The pump room under the hall has had a new pump and piping installed and an alarm will be fitted to inform us if the pump fails again. A new door has also been fitted to this room. A contract has been issued for new doors and windows to the front of the Hall.

We are looking forward to a better year, when we can use the new and improved facilities we have.

GROW

Home Groups – David Grassam

We encourage everyone who attends Ebenezer to be part of a small group of some kind whether within or outside one of our Missional Communities. They provide an excellent place for people to encourage and support each other in their faith and for newcomers to get to know well a small group of people within the larger church.

Our continuing Home Group vision is to be "A group of people sustaining their Christian lives and developing their Christ-likeness together," and the values, Jesus at the centre, every member ministry, every member growing, every member witnessing, communities of trust and honesty marked by sacrificial love.

During 2020 they have proved very important in maintaining contact, encouraging and supporting each other while there have been so many restrictions on meeting face to face. Some groups have increased in number because of the ability to join in "virtually". Resources are provided so groups who wish can follow the subjects covered in the Sunday morning sermon, others gear their content and regularity of

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meeting to the needs of the members of their group. See also the separate reports. of our Missional Communities.

I am very grateful to all who lead our small groups. They play a vital role in making and teaching disciples and especially in 2020 keeping us in contact with each other. We thank the Lord for all he is doing and we will be considering for the future how we can work best after our experience of using modern technology.



Tuesday Group - John Boulby

Tuesday Group regularly meet each week on Zoom and, with the exception of two, ten of our members faithfully attend. After spending some time exploring the overview of some of the books of the Bible, we are now considering how Christianity has affected the world using a course called 'Jesus the Game Changer'.

We held a virtual Christmas party and hope that we will be able to safely meet, "actually" later this coming year. We have had one new person join us who was already a strong Christian and their contribution is very much appreciated.

YAC – Matt & Emily Brooksbank

For obvious reasons we have not been able to meet normally for the majority of this past year. However, this has allowed us to explore other ways of meeting such as Zoom calls, messenger groups, walking together and when it has been allowed, meeting together outside. The few times we have been able to meet together in person it has become unavoidably clear just how important fellowship and family is.

Although lockdown has made things difficult, it has brought us closer as a group in terms of praying and looking out for each other in whatever practical ways we can.

MEN'S GROUP – David Hick & Matt Grassam

Over the past 12 months, a group of between 4 and 10 men between the ages of 25 and 55 have met a couple of times a month to pray, read the bible and encourage each other. We have met in person when the rules allowed, walked together in pairs and met over Zoom. It hasn't always been easy - it can be a real effort to meet over Zoom when you've been on Zoom all day always... and the social distancing demanded by the pandemic impoverishes our relationships. We are grateful for God's grace though - we are still here and are still walking together and praying about what the new normal will mean for us as a group of brothers walking together.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP – Ray Beadle and the team

Despite this being a very different year we have continued to meet weekly, on Fridays, albeit in two separate groups for part of the time.

Initially and recently while in full lockdown the whole group met on Zoom then after some time of chat with everyone we split into two groups of darts players and non darts players. While we could meet as smaller groups in the open air the darts group met at Neil's and the other group met mainly around the chimney at Ray Beadle's. Only on one night when it rained very heavily did we have to adjourn to the garage.

Also we have continued to meet remotely via WhatsApp every Monday evening for one hour to pray together and this seems to have worked well. We are hopeful that very soon we will be able to meet face to face on both Monday and Friday evenings.



PRAYER CHAIN - Eunice Brewster

Yet again, the prayer chain has been most effective during the pandemic with people more available to pray. I believe people needing prayer have been blessed knowing we are praying together. We never see the full extent of the results, but we are in contact with our loving Father who knows all things, and knows what is best for His loved ones and ours. The prayer chain is a lifeline when people are in need of prayer, so we thank each one of the team, for their faithful contribution.

GO



OLIVER'S MOUNT PRAYER: Diana Gott
9am. 2nd Saturday of the month. By the War Memorial.
For 45 minutes. Do join us!

Apart from a very few months when some of us have met in person on the Mount, OMP has been very grateful for the technology of Zoom over the last year. We continue to meet at 9am on the second Saturday of the month to pray 'earnestly', as one member put it, for our town and the surrounding villages.

Interestingly Zoom seems to have 'grown' the number of those praying; several from different churches/denominations in the area have joined us who would never have made it up the Mount for different reasons. This has been very positive; adding freshness and different dimensions to prayer as well as promoting unity. Even without the spectacular view to focus the mind, we have mostly managed to stick to our vision of praying for the peace and prosperity of our town; its people, service providers, churches, charities, vulnerable, schools, businesses, Council and much more. We try to bring our town before God and listen to Him on its behalf. We speak His word over it.

Emerging from lockdown will bring interesting questions to the group. Some are keen to return to our original vision and calling by journeying up the Mount and meeting there. Others wish or need to continue with the convenience of Zoom. Both are valuable. The challenge will be to do both and maintain unity. God will guide us! If you wish to join either expression of prayer please contact Diana Gott.

EVENT BASED MISSION
Outreach Events 2020 – Anita Hill

The first national lockdown struck in the weeks before Easter and our annual Good Friday March of Witness was the first casualty from our programme to COVID. Whilst we were planning a year of thanksgiving to Scarborough to say thank you for hosting Ebenezer for 250 years COVID has caused us to delay those plans. We are looking forward to re-engaging in events based mission as normality returns.

Need help? We can lend a hand.....



Our building may be shut but our church is very much open!
Serving our community for 250 years!
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within Scarborough as well.

In the Autumn Joy and a few others had the idea to start a helpline for anyone needed help during the added difficulties of the last year.

The rockofhelpline was used by lots of different people, both from the church and the wider community.

About 20 people from the church volunteered to help out in lots of different ways, headed up by the small group that Joy is a part of. Lifts were given to appointments, curtain poles were put up, washing machines were sourced and delivered, people were prayed for, visited, listened to and there have been opportunities to link in with other services

It was fantastic to see God's people stepping out to show His love in very visible ways in the community. We're thankful for how God has led us in this, for the help that has been given to people, but going forward there will be still be lots to do and more opportunities to care for each other and the wider community.



Refuel

Before the lockdown we had just started our new idea for Refuel nights. We met together in the underground at Ebenezer and had an open evening of worship and prayer leaving space for the Spirit to move and work in any way. It was a truly blessed experience, with people engaging in a manner of different ways according to their different characters, which made for a genuinely refreshing and inspiring evening. Obviously we are unable to press into this further at the moment but we are looking forward to when we can meet up in person again and are planning an evening of praise, thanksgiving and celebration for when this situation is over. Re-fuel continues to serve in this time by recording weekly worship for the congregation of Ebenezer.

Matt Brooksbank



FAMILYLights is the main umbrella name for the groups / communities which are developing within it. The term 'FAMILY' is not exclusive to those with a family but it means God's family, church family, anyone who wants / needs to be adopted into this big family!

FUNLight abruptly stopped as we went into lockdown in March 2020. On the final meeting we read out and gave out copies of Psalm 46 - people were keen to take one. It wasn't possible to do an online group with pre-schoolers but we did keep in touch with weekly posts via WhatsApp with songs, verses, pictures, stories, activities and encouragements. These were regular for quite a while but it became increasingly hard to be enthusiastic to send things out and in honesty it has fizzled out! We haven't made an official announcement about FUNLight not continuing when things open up again but it's likely that it will not. We are very grateful to Ebenezer for financially supporting us in this ministry. Thank you everyone and thank you to our team of helpers who made each week run smoothly.

House Communities: The home groups have continued to stay connected this year via WhatsApp, Zoom, outdoor gatherings of six or walks in twos (adapting along with the restrictions, etc.) We have now increased from two ladies' groups to three. We have found the Take Heart series of short videos (published weekly, by Soul Survivor church, as a response to lockdown) a helpful resource when meeting together. (See separate report for Men's group)

FAMILYLunch on Sundays, **CRAFTNight** and **CARINGLights** have all stopped until restrictions are partially or fully lifted and will be reviewed then.

FAMILYLights Together is an umbrella group (connected mainly via Whatsapp) for all those in our house communities plus others too. We share songs, preaching videos, online events, our possessions (!) and depending on restrictions invite each other to join in events, afternoons out, gatherings etc. Some also use this to share prayer requests being mindful of GDPR as they do so. At Christmas we were able to carol sing (in groups of six), visiting some of those in our church community who live alone.

PRAYERHouse, a prayer initiative, was started during the first lockdown. Meeting weekly via Zoom, we recorded what we felt God might be saying at this time. We aren't currently meeting but we probably need to review our notes and share with the wider group as we look to the future.

Gifts to the community: at Christmas we sent out Christmas packs (including the Christmas story and sweet treats) for those who came to FUNLight and we extended that to most of our FAMILYLights families too. Recently we were asked by St Martin's school if we could help provide some prizes for their Easter competition. We have purchased some lovely prizes from 10ofthose and we pray they really bless the winners! We haven't been able to spend our budget and they haven't been able to fundraise so it seemed like a good way to meet their need.

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Finally, as ever we are grateful to the church leadership for guidance and support and thank Ebenezer for financially, prayerfully and practically supporting FAMILYLights. **Hannah Grassam**



In September 2019 we had our annual registration day and we were all set for another happy year as Little Rockers, making new friends, learning new skills, enjoying our snack times and our singing session at the end of each meeting.

We celebrated Harvest and Christmas and began our New Year 2020 making stars. Half term came and went and we had already planned and prepared ahead for Easter with our usual gifts of a chocolate treat and a book telling the story of Easter for each child.

On March 18th we were all set to make Mothers' Day cards and bunches of daffodils had been bought for each child to give to their Mum or Carer. None of that happened as we recognised the seriousness of the threat COVID would present to a group like ours and so through our Little Rockers Facebook page and other contacts, the message was circulated that Little Rockers would be closed for the foreseeable future.

The daffodils did brighten up the homes of some of our older members' and the chocolate eggs certainly put smiles on the faces of a class of young children. All our resources, planned craft activities, Easter books, etc. are stored safely for our hoped for return. Our Facebook page meant we could let our school leavers know we were thinking about them and praying for them as they started their new schools in September 2020.

A year on and the reality is that it will be some time before such a large playgroup gathering as Little Rockers would be a safe and comfortable place for adults and children to be. In the meantime over the months of being allowed to exercise it has been lovely to meet little families enjoying being out and about and remembering special times over the past years and being surprised to see how each child has grown!

Sheena Beadle



We have endeavoured to keep in contact with our members by regular letters which include news. Jokes, puzzles, some form of craft and simple teaching of a particular Gospel theme. We are considering if a virtual Mustard Seed meeting via Zoom would be feasible starting on the third Saturday in March.

It appears some of the groups have access to Zoom and we will try and ascertain how many of our members who live in alone or in smaller groups would be able to join in.

We also get occasional phone calls from our members.

John Boulby.

Ladies' Group at Allerston – Rosemary Knapton

A year ago a group of ladies met in our garden wrapped up warm and carrying umbrellas. We shared tea and cake, chatted, listened to worship music, prayed together and studied the Bible. For some it was their first experience of modern worship songs, and of finding their way around a Bible. As it became impossible for so many of us to meet out of doors we have had to progress on to Zoom ably assisted by Christine.

These same ladies are still meeting each week on Zoom, they receive a list of questions based on the passage we are to study each week and they faithfully come to the meeting prepared and eager to learn more. I praise God for their enthusiasm and perseverance, I feel privileged to have journeyed with them thus far.



HOPE WHITBY

“We feel God pushing us to be more visible, and to reach out with His love into the community He has sent us into.”

Who are Hope Whitby?

“Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life, marking them by baptism in the threefold name: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Then instruct them in the practice of all I have commanded you.” Matthew 28.

We are a network of families on mission who believe in:

- * A one on one relationship with God.
- * Following God’s guidance and learning His truth.
- * Committing to being disciples.
- * Living in relationship with each other and our community, enjoying life together as family.

We value: honesty, openness, humility, a willingness to be led and being teachable.

We treasure: family and community, having fun, spontaneity, creativity and not being religious.

We see: the decentralised ‘out there’ function of church and it’s centralised gatherings as important as each other.

We share: our time, energy, love, homes, belongings and giftedness.

We support: the functions of Hope Whitby and the Yorkshire Coast Network

Our vision: based on the Great Command and the Great Commission, we have a vision for Whitby & the surrounding areas to be saturated with multiplying missional expressions of church and seeing lives being transformed.

We hold to: The EA theological basis of faith.

Hope Whitby Missional Communities Report 2021

Each community keeps these two questions at the forefront of all they do.

- Who/What place do we believe that God’s sent us to?
- How are we going to re-orientate our lives for the sake of reaching those people?

**Through this report I may refer to missional communities by their full name or simply as M.C’s.*

HYP (Hope Youth Project Ages 3-11.)

“We believe that God has called us to meet in the east side of Whitby,” say the HYP team – Griselda, Mike, Emily, James and Bec. The team describe HYP as a vibrant and exciting missional community. “We currently love working at the Eastside Community Centre - where we feel it is right for us to be.”

The atmosphere at HYP always seems good; the parents are happy and talk to each other, while the children learn about Jesus. Despite this, we are sad that some of the families that used to come are no longer coming. Mike, who lives in the area, still maintains contact with some of the children so as a team we felt that ‘all is not lost.’ We discussed how in general it is hard, and has been our experience, to keep older boys interested and engaged with what we do. It was also felt that moving forward we really need to incorporate more technology into our sessions.

HYP works on three levels. Firstly, it’s for the children - many of whom are unchurched, they are learning about Jesus. Then there are the parents who are ‘reading’ us. Many haven’t read the Bible yet, but they ‘read’ us by watching how we live our lives, how we demonstrate God in what we do, and how we interact with one another. Finally, HYP serves as a place where we can mention the other communities that we have running such as the Gathering, Ladies, Hope Hub etc. This has been where HYP has been highly successful - in allowing crossover between different communities. It has acted as a springboard in getting families into more that we do. We feel that HYP really is a network of families on mission and that the format doesn’t require changing at the present time, but that prayer into getting more local families involved is needed.

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Online HYP, since September, has been fantastic. James has done a great job and the community continues to grow.

Hope Youth (Ages 11+)

James and Therese write: "We are a group who reach out to young people in Whitby through discipling Hope Youth members to enable and empower them to reach out to their friends."

They go on to mention how they have continued to meet recently via Zoom, but that in the future they wish to continue their work through "giving the young people opportunities to step out in their faith and experience God in different ways." This, they add, may be through getting involved in other Hope Whitby events, projects in the town (e.g. beach clean) and inviting friends along to social evenings (like Alpamare.) This could also be through having involvement in leading Hope Youth evenings (or part of it,) meeting young people and hearing their stories of faith, such as the BMS Action Team, and going along to Kairos camp and possibly other worship events nearby aimed at young people.

James, as youth leader, will continue to ensure Hope Youth are meeting, and will organise events such as the above-mentioned social times, as well as finding local worship events to take the young people to.

Hope Hub

Hope Hub was set up primarily for people outside of the Hope Community. But as well as this, it builds up the members of Hope. Originally the Hope Hub also was to cater for those sitting on the fence, those hurt by church and those put off by church. It was designed to be a place of being with church family even if individuals were not currently worshipping anywhere.

Predominantly we still attract those who are already in our community. We need to consider how we balance that up to include more people who need to hear the messages that are given whilst retaining the element that we believe really works which is showing the attractive, loving, available and engaging side of who we are as God's people.

We feel certain things are important. Firstly, we feel we need to give the secular element of Hope Hub more time. We also need to ensure that the testimony is only five or ten minutes, to make it an 'easier' night for those not yet Christians. Lastly, we felt we need to think if we can afford as a community to pay the artists who come and play for us.

We also need to get a team together to drop leaflets, put up posters and generally raise the profile of the Hope Hub. Members of this team would also need to be available beforehand to invite people in. We need more than just a presence on social media. Above all, we really need one person to lead and coordinate the Hope Hub. To look at the format, the content, direction, arrange artists etc. At our recent meeting, Dave Childs came forward as that person. So, Dave is now the Hope Hub Coordinator. Many thanks to him for stepping up to this position.

Gathering

When we met to discuss the future of the Gathering, we really felt through our discussions, that God was saying that we need to be more visible. Some people feel that the Eastside Community Centre is not conducive to a worship service. With all this in mind we have decided to prayerfully consider the future of the Gathering. We do not want to do anything for the sake of doing it, instead, we want to ensure that we are in tune with the Holy Spirit and what He says to us. So, we are going to look at some more visible venues and discern what we feel God is saying to us. As an action plan the leadership team have asked our prophetic team to really pray into this for us. If you feel you know of a venue for us to potentially try, or if you really have a heart to get involved with the team who are moving this M.C forward, then please let me know ASAP. Thank-you.

Alive, Family Fun and Imagine House Community.

At the beginning of January 2021 it was agreed that Fylingthorpe Methodist Church and Hope Whitby's partnership would be ended to give each community freedom to do what they feel God is calling them in to. So the above three communities are no longer in operation.

Scattered Sunday

Scattered Sundays have been a big success since they started at Hope. We have met in various locations and always enjoyed an informal and relaxed time of just being family together. We always ensure that there is a gospel message given and it is good to spend time together in worship.

Primarily this M.C serves those already in the Hope family, however this is a space where it is very much easy enough to invite others into and, going forward, we want to ensure that happens as much as possible. When government guidelines allow, we will be enjoying these times again!

Malachi Storehouse(M.S)

The M.S team, led by Storehouse Manager Jane LeBlond, have had an incredibly busy few months since the beginning of lockdown. We are grateful, as a team, to have been well placed to help so many people in the pandemic. It is absolutely God given that we were set up and just 'ready to go.' We have received over £10,000 for restocking M.S since coronavirus took hold which is just an amazing example of God's provision to His people. We have been continually blessed by the amazing generosity of people in Whitby who have kept topping up the front of store box in Sainsbury's. I would like to offer my personal thanks to those in the team who have worked tirelessly preparing hampers, and also a kind of sub team to this who just stepped up and delivered these parcels all over Whitby and the surrounding villages – you know who you are - THANK YOU!

We are also piloting a period poverty project and work in partnership with the charity 'Hey Girls.' We know from our work in the community that this is a much-needed resource and something we want to help with.

Going forward, the team would love to organise a 'Pop Up' 'Free Shop' in Whitby where we could 'sell' free clothes, sanitary products and food. This would be done alongside tea, coffee and cakes so people could chat with us and they would leave with a 'receipt' which would be a Hope Whitby leaflet.

Our 'Christmas Hope 2020' project was a huge success and resulted in 40 local children each receiving six or seven presents each as well as a Christmas story and invites to all we do.

Agape

It was agreed by all the Agape M.C that the intimacy of the group makes it a safe place to be. This speaks volumes of the love, care and support that has been grown in this M.C. It was agreed that Agape needs to remain as a Grow group. Leaders, Steve and Therese, have a heart for Stainsacre - the village Agape currently meets in. They feel the group needs more of a presence in the community; running open house events once a month, organising litter collections in order to strike up conversations with locals, social evenings and connecting with locals who live there who we already work alongside through other M.Cs like Malachi Storehouse.

Steve had a vision a while ago of his front door. There were so many people in the house that he wanted to shut the door, but God said "No, open the back door and those who have been disciplined will go out and start new M.Cs of their own, there will be a flow."

This is super exciting. As such, those who are capable of running groups may, in the future, head off to form new M.C's as the people in this group are called to Agape, but not necessarily to Stainsacre.

Bethel

Bethel is a fabulous group who continue meeting as a Grow Group. We share lives, read the Bible, support each other and do life together. We talk about our own experiences and we learn from listening to the experiences of others. It is a place where we grow on our journey of faith. One thing that has grown over the last year has been the level of trust within the group. We feel we support each other like family members would - we have a full understanding of each other's lives, what's going on, what's important.

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We feel that the bigger meetings of Hope Whitby increase our visibility in the community, but that Bethel feeds and strengthens people in order that they may give out at the bigger, more outward looking meetings.

We also see Bethel as a place where new Christians have, and can, come to really get grounded.

Bethel offers something that meeting in a large gathering or service just can't do – we can discuss how the passage we are reading speaks to us in different ways which helps us to learn, no matter where we are on our walk with God.

Beacons

Beacons currently meets on the first Monday of the month at 7pm. Beacons, as a M.C, is called to pray for those people and situations both on the inside of Hope Whitby and those who aren't, as well as wider world issues. There is a strong team of prayer warriors who meet, led by Steve Tinnion. Beacons is the engine room, we can't go out and 'do' without bringing everything to God first. The team feels very strongly about this.

There is a feeling that what we are doing is the right thing – building each other up, interceding for the others M.C's and sharing vision. We can pray specifically into situations, which has been immensely powerful as we have been able to pray in a focused way. Steve reminded the team that the prayer base of Hope Whitby must be wider than the M.C base.

"It is a time of coming together." Says Steve. "But how do we encourage more people to join in?" he added. "We have a steady number, but it would be fabulous to have more of Hope Whitby involved."

The group feels like Beacons serves as an umbrella of protection over all the groups and all the people in Hope Whitby. We did talk though about how it is not just the size of the group, but the hearts of those in the group. Bec reminded the team about how Hope Whitby started - it was just prayer every Friday night for two years.

Going forward we would like to remind people that they don't have to pray aloud at Beacons, there is absolutely no pressure. There are several new ideas that are in the offing. These include a prayer diary on Facebook with both requests for, and answers to prayer, prayer walks and possibly prayer on the streets of Whitby. Watch this space!

Hope Ladies

We, the members of Hope Ladies, see this M.C as sitting very much between being a 'Grow Group' (ladies who meet to do life together and journey deeper with our faith) and a 'Go Group' as there is so much opportunity for social interaction, networking and serving.

We have been meeting in the early afternoon every week in the Penny Hedge (before lockdown.) This time seems to work well for all involved. We also meet socially around once a month for events like movie nights, coffees and meals. Our get-togethers are informal enough that it is easy to invite a friend along, but we also aim to deepen a relationship with Jesus through conversations born out of looking at the 'Deep and Meaningful Questions' or 'Discipleship Deck.' We have had some lovely growth spiritually and numerically. Even through online meeting this group continues to thrive.

Looking to the future we have some new plans - one of which will be looking at specific topics that women face. We will then talk through those issues and see what God says about that in His word. Some issues were raised such as self-care, temptation, finances and mental health. We believe that encouragements will happen along the way and we see this enabling the group to have a closer level of understanding with each other.

Armour

When the Hope Whitby men got together to discuss Armour, all felt that the function of the group is to encourage each other and be a place where friends can be invited in and feel included.

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Ideas for the future include guest speakers, meals out, walks, train journeys, brewery visits, quiz nights, linking up with the men's group from our sister church Eb, BBQ, and other non-structured times where men can just talk.

Restore 61

"We are called to the worship team itself, to encourage and to build each other up." Say the Restore 61 team.

The team also feel called to minister in the smaller M.Cs too.

People within the team have been missing the personal contact and support plus the ministry with the group during the lockdown period.

Future plans include a weekend away as a team on a teaching course, to bond together and to soak in God, bringing in others to minister and visiting other churches to see what they are doing. There is a heart and desire to do more overtly evangelistic stuff and be more stretched, exploring different ways to praise and worship. There will be two sessions of practice a month. One will be for teaching and team worship together. The other will be to learn new songs and practice for the Sunday meeting.

In conclusion the team added, "We want the worship team to be aspiring to lead people to a place of holiness and silence and to have a praise and worship time after services for ministry time."

Schools Work

James has been working in both Hawsker and Fylingdales primary schools. This has been going really well, he finds it a lot of fun and the kids always seem very excited and keen when he goes in. Not only has James been able to do classroom work, but he has also whilst the vicar was on long term sick, been able to assist in leavers assemblies, Harvest festivals, Easter celebrations and when the American team went in. Kath is also happy to volunteer for school assemblies. James has been invited to do online sessions for both schools which have been streamed into all classrooms. This is an amazing witness not only to the children but all the staff too!

James' dreams for the future would be:

- * To get into East Whitby school which seemed like it might happen shortly before lockdown with the help of Julie Matthewson.
- * To get a group going in Eskdale school.
- * To raise a team who would like to help. James is one man who works across our whole network – in Scarborough, Whitby and Filey. There is so much to do! Perhaps you feel a nudge towards youth work? If you do, please don't hesitate to get in touch with James.

Hope Stakesby

Hope Stakesby meet once a month at Marton Court sheltered accommodation. The afternoon consists of hymns, a short talk and afternoon tea. Everyone within the team feels that the outreach is worthwhile and feedback from the members reinforces this view. Many have said how they are missing the meetings. 'B', who was proud to have never missed a meeting, has died during lockdown and will be greatly missed.

Hope Stakesby started some time ago now when the Harleys missional community, (now Agape) led by J.C, decided they wanted to reach out to the community. They were, at the time, meeting at Janet Robson's house, so felt that they would meet in Peregrine House and do something at Kirkham Close. This was supported by other members of the Hope family. This venture, although mostly 'unsuccessful' led to the team handing it to the current team to run with. This has been brilliant, there is a great atmosphere and a gentle challenge in a loving environment.

Sadly, it is unlikely that Hope Stakesby will meet for some time, but the first step will be to talk with the warden. It was suggested that when they do meet it would be wise just to allow people to talk and discuss future plans. Currently we are unsure of the plans for this missional community.

Community RS

Julie White and Frank and Griselda James all have a passion and heart to see those in their villages – Ravenscar and Staintondale – come to know Jesus.

“I have been delivering jars of jam and cakes to neighbours, hoping that’s a start to building closer relationships and sharing the good news. We feel that God’s moving and its exciting,” says Julie, as she recalls all that is currently going on in this community. There are the beginnings of M.C taking place – seeds have been sown, hearts made ready and many, many prayers have been said.

“Griselda, Frank and I met up to chat about how we can reach our local community.” continues Julie White. “We all agreed that it has, at times, been hard to engage people locally as over the years we have tried in different ways. We decided that we are going to speak positively about the local area, speak life over it and meet once a month to pray with a strategic plan to cover area by area. Frank thought we should try an Alpha again when restrictions allow so we will be praying about that. I thought a book club would be a good idea with all people reading the same book then reviewing it. It could start on Zoom initially, and then move to my house when allowed. There would, of course, have to be some rules about the kind of books we read, and we will take it in turns to choose.”

“I myself” says Julie, “will continue popping round with jam and cakes building and deepening relationships, this seems to work up here.”

Let’s all pray for this M.C that God leads, guides and sustains all that happens as a result of all the groundwork that has already been done.

Pastor’s comments

An idea I believe that God has given me for the future is ‘Rebuilding Hope.’ This could be something like this –

‘We the family of Hope Whitby long to rebuild hope in our community following the Coronavirus pandemic.

We will develop faith through relationship, educate people to help themselves through CAP courses, whilst helping with homelessness and social action through our continued involvement with other local services such as the Living Well team, schools, the council and social services.

We will continue loving community engagement, reaching out to the older generation, and longing for church growth.

We will extend our youth and children’s work, launch our period poverty project and continue to expand the work of Malachi Storehouse - providing the community with free food, clothes and sanitary items.

We will seek to provide a ‘free’ pop up shop to serve our community and alleviate some of the financial burden on families and individuals.’

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in all our communities in the network. Thank you for your care, support and hard work since lockdown. Thank you for adjusting to using technology and for your encouragement. I feel that our boundaries as Hope Whitby are being opened up in different ways at the moment, and I am excited and determined that we grab these opportunities for Jesus.

With love and prayers to you all,
Bec xx

Pastor Bec Coates



ARISE CAYTON - Pastor Diana Gott

“Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light.” Ephesians 5.14

fun2gether. fun2gether has not met over the last year in person or on line. Honesty behoves me to express some discouragement/disappointment about this. Contact with the families has been maintained by sending the children birthday cards, occasional emails and at times delivering small crafts for the children. For our Facebook page last Easter I filmed child- friendly readings of the events of Easter and this year posted brilliant cartoon versions of the story from Saddleback Church. I enjoy meeting our beautiful fun2gether children and their mums/dads around the village and hearing their news. Since lockdown we have at least 4 new babies!

I would be grateful for prayer for the future shape of this ministry. I have a feeling God does not intend us to pick up again as we left off.

Rise and Shine Due to the closure of the café we have not been able to meet as Rise and Shine for over a year. When the café re-opens we are hoping to be able to meet again social distance allowing. We have tried to maintain friendship with our contacts through email, Facebook and one to one meetings. Easter, Advent, Mothering Sunday and Valentine gifts have been delivered to remind people of our love and more importantly God’s love.

Prayer for Cayton The core Arise Cayton group are in regular contact with news/prayer requests etc. We meet fortnightly to pray together on Zoom. Recently we sent letters to the businesses of Cayton informing them of our prayers, especially those who have had to close during the pandemic. For those who remained open we thanked them for their commitment and service to the community.

To some extent we feel like we are ploughing the ground with our prayers, although recently a ‘word’ was given that it is now time to plant. We wait with expectation to see how and what God leads us to plant. We long and pray for a move of the Spirit in our village. Also there is a huge amount of building work ongoing and to be increased. We are praying for people of peace to move in; people who will help us build and extend the Kingdom. Anyone passionate for a move of God in the south Scarborough area is very welcome to join us. Contact Diana, Phillip, Gordon or Gillian.

St John the Baptist Cayton Some may be aware that my (Diana) calling to Baptist ministry was specifically to a place and people i.e. Cayton. God also made clear in 2012 that I was to have preaching/leadership links with this Anglican village church. At the time this seemed both unlikely and impossible but God is able to make a way where there is no way. He is master of the impossible! This is a tiny congregation – averaging 16, mostly of an older age demographic and traditional in ecclesiology. There have been no facilities to offer hospitality. However in the last year we have removed pews to make a more flexible meeting area at the back. In this new space we have a kitchenette and, praise God! a toilet and a children’s area! Generously at Christmastime, this little group of people gave an age appropriate book about Jesus’ birth to each child at our village primary school. That is over 200 books!

For now I consider myself ‘on loan’ from Ebenezer to this church to support exciting changes for the future and development of outreach into the village community. Together with the vicar (shared with 2 other churches) our dream is to develop some kind of family oriented service. I have been co-opted onto the PCC – like the diaconate (with the blessing of the Bishop!), lead an on-line Bible study for the benefice and occasionally preach and lead in services.

This may be a strange calling for a Baptist pastor but I believe I am in God’s will. It is what He told me about in 2012. Please pray I serve him well in this capacity and also balance it well with other aspects of Arise Cayton. Diana.



New Wine Leaders local network group – Phillip and Diana Gott

“So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.” (Ephesians 4:11-12)

This year, it has been even more important for church leaders to meet together, pray together, support and encourage one another, and share ideas of how we can be church in these strange times, and we have continued to enable that throughout the year..

It seems a long time ago that we were in Harrogate for the New Wine Leadership Conference, just before the first COVID lockdown in March 2020. The theme was “Setting Your Sails,” something we have had to do this year to catch the wind of the Spirit to move us in the direction He wants us to go.

The “United 20” National Conference was cancelled in summer, but an amazing online event, put together at short notice, gave us the chance to worship together, learn together and even have fellowship in gardens (rule of 6) and on Zoom between plenary sessions and seminars.

Sadly, we have not been able to offer any training or worship events in local churches this year, but there are plans for area hubs and resourcing churches who will be able to host events or provide resources for events in smaller churches.

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TREASURER'S REPORT – Phillip Gott

“Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on towards love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” (Hebrews 10:24-26)

2020 will be remembered as the year of COVID-19, when our premises were closed from March onwards and group meetings were not allowed. However, thanks to our innovative staff and volunteers, we have found ways to keep meeting together and encouraging one another via online services and meetings, with printed materials delivered, pastoral visits and telephone calls made to provide support for those without internet.

We are very blessed to have a strong core of donors in all our communities who have continued to give regularly throughout the year, but physical cash collections have been impossible for 9 months, so we have lost this income and the Gift Aid Special Donations Scheme for anonymous cash gifts up to £30 which adds 25% to those donations. Rental income from our premises at Ebenezer was also badly affected.

Whilst we have had additional expenditure on equipment for live streaming of services and online conferencing facilities, spending on premises, group meetings and outside events has been reduced.

At Ebenezer, we made the decision to proceed with the refurbishment of the kitchen in the church hall during lockdown, despite not yet having raised sufficient funds. After completion we received a wonderful bequest which covered the outstanding balance of £12,000 and an extra £4,000 for network funds. This meant that we did not transfer the £5,000 allocated in the General Fund budget; also the resurfacing of the car park, which had to be done for health & safety reasons, was £3,000 less than budgeted. We were also able to employ an outreach Youth Worker for one day a week from February.

Hope Whitby saw a huge increase in the need for food parcels from its Malachi Store, for which we received generous grants which enabled us to purchase food to supplement that donated. The previous plans to purchase the storage garage currently owned and rented to us by YBA were shelved, and the grants we had received for the purchase were able to be re-allocated to the running of the Malachi Store in agreement with the grant-giving bodies. As a result, no network support was needed this year and reserves have increased by over £6,000.

Restore Filey were able to employ a Community Worker for one day a week from February, thanks to a £15,000 support grant over 3 years from Baptist Insurance.

In my last budget, I forecast a deficit this year of £34,500, but thanks to God's provision, the deficit was only £8,300. We praise the God who has always provided for us. Usually, this has been after we have stepped out in faith, but in 2018 and 2019 we received some very large donations, which we set aside in the YCN Fund to support our missional communities, but had no clear idea of how He wanted us to use this money. Perhaps it was God's gift to us to give us sufficient reserves to ride out a couple of lean years? The 2021 budget predicts a deficit of £50,000. I wonder what I will be reporting at this time next year?

I believe that God provides through His people, whom He has chosen to partner with Him in His mission to reconcile the world to Him, so my challenge to us all in every one of our communities is to ask God what He wants us to give to the church in time, skills and money in 2021. Jesus said, “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.” (Matthew 6:19-20)

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Balance sheet (Separate funds)						
As at: 31 December 2020						
	General Fund	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	At 31/12/2020 £	At 31/12/2019 £
Fixed assets						
Tangible assets	3,385,881	—	—	—	3,385,881	3,332,332
Fixed assets	3,385,881	—	—	—	3,385,881	3,332,332
Current assets						
Debtors	1,938	7,477	—	—	9,412	11,321
Cash at bank and in hand	32,888	106,188	49	—	139,124	147,502
Current assets	34,823	113,664	49	—	148,536	158,823
Liabilities						
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	405	780	—	—	1,165	4,409
Net current assets less current liabilities	34,418	112,904	49	—	147,371	154,414
Total assets less current liabilities	3,420,299	112,904	49	—	3,533,252	3,486,746
Total net assets less liabilities	3,420,299	112,904	49	—	3,533,252	3,486,746
Represented by						
Unrestricted						
Unrestricted - General fund	3,420,299	—	—	—	3,420,299	3,380,319
Designated						
Designated - Yorkshire Coast Network	—	43,949	—	—	43,949	40,188
Designated - Refuel Worship Band	—	882	—	—	882	882
Designated - EBC Manse Fund	—	3,833	—	—	3,833	4,520
Designated - EBC Kitchen Refurbishment Fund	—	587	—	—	587	7,097
Designated - Internship Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
Designated - FamilyLights	—	2,238	—	—	2,238	2,588
Designated - Little Rockers	—	1,134	—	—	1,134	1,041
Designated - Mustard Seed	—	947	—	—	947	1,274
Designated - Hope Whitby	—	47,180	—	—	47,180	41,545
Designated - Restore Filey	—	12,155	—	—	12,155	7,285
Restricted						
Restricted - New Wine Local Network	—	—	49	—	49	49
Restricted - Collections for others	—	—	—	—	—	—
Restricted - Agency collection	—	—	—	—	—	—
Funds of the church	3,420,299	112,904	49	—	3,533,252	3,486,746

NOTES:

- Buildings and contents are shown at the current insured value:
 Church & Hall (Buildings & Contents) £3,193,945 (2019: £3,146,705)
 Manse (48 Ashville Avenue) £ 191,936 (2019: £ 185,627)
- Cash at bank and in hand was: £34,905 in current accounts, £104,156 in deposit accounts, and £63 in cash.
- There is a contingent liability, as there is currently a shortfall in the Baptist Union Pension Defined Benefit Scheme fund, for which we, as an employer in the scheme, are partially and jointly responsible. The estimated employer debt for which we are responsible was £67,300 at 31st December 2020 (2018: £69,300.) The deficit contribution this year was reduced to £3,290 but will rise to £4,464 in 2021 and this will continue to be paid until the fund is in balance, which is currently estimated to be at the end of 2028. No further liability will arise from 01/01/2012 as a Defined Contribution Scheme is now in operation.
- Debtors include a loan to Leigh & Rebecca Coates to extend their current house to provide an office and meeting room for the better fulfilment of their duties as ministers. Repayment is being made at £50 per month. The balance of the loan at 31st December was £8,250 and is due for repayment by 31st December 2029.
- These accounts have been prepared in accordance with SORP 2019, except that buildings and contents are not shown at the historical cost (see Note 1)
- Our Reserve Policy is to maintain a balance of at least £36,000 as security for the payment of salaries and any unexpected expenditure. This policy was last reviewed at the Members' Meeting on 20th January 2021.

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Statement of Financial Activities						
For the period from 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2020						
	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
<i>Income and endowments from:</i>						
Donations and legacies	115,220	74,852	—	—	190,072	214,098
Income from charitable activities	200	6,925	—	—	7,125	11,700
Other trading activities	1,979	7,245	—	—	9,224	12,878
Investments	—	551	—	—	551	780
Other income	1,359	—	20	—	1,380	240
Total income	118,759	89,573	20	—	208,352	239,674
<i>Expenditure on:</i>						
Raising funds	592	—	—	—	592	727
Expenditure on charitable activities	138,535	78,028	—	—	214,563	177,271
Other expenditure	—	—	240	—	240	380
Total expenditure	137,127	78,028	240	—	215,395	178,357
Gains / losses on investment assets	53,549	—	—	—	53,549	102,982
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	35,181	11,545	(220)	—	46,506	164,298
<i>Transfers</i>						
Gross transfers between funds - in	17,300	16,100	220	—	33,620	24,073
Gross transfers between funds - out	(12,500)	(21,120)	—	—	(33,620)	(24,073)
<i>Other recognised gains / losses</i>						
Net movement in funds	39,981	6,525	—	—	46,506	164,298
<i>Reconciliation of funds</i>						
Total funds brought forward	3,380,319	106,379	49	—	3,486,746	3,322,448
Total funds carried forward	3,420,299	112,904	49	—	3,533,252	3,486,746

Fund movement summary						
Fund	Fund Balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Fund balances Carried forward
Yorkshire Coast Network	40,168	4,599	818	—	—	43,949
EBC General fund	3,380,319	118,759	137,127	4,800	53,549	3,420,299
EBC Manse Fund	4,520	7,127	3,013	(4,800)	—	3,833
EBC Kitchen Fund	7,097	17,771	24,281	—	—	587
FamilyLights	2,588	24	375	—	—	2,236
Little Rockers	1,041	470	376	—	—	1,134
Mustard Seed	1,274	49	157	(220)	—	947
Hope Whitby	41,545	50,051	44,417	—	—	47,180
Restore Filey	7,265	9,483	4,592	—	—	12,155
Refuel Worship Band	882	—	—	—	—	882
New Wine Local Network	49	—	—	—	—	49
Collections for others	—	20	240	220	—	—
Totals	3,486,746	208,352	215,395	—	53,549	3,533,252
<i>There may be minor discrepancies in the totals as the pence are not being shown</i>						

Details of the sources of income and how these funds were used in the various ministries are shown on the following pages

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EBC General Fund		2020		2019		Notes:
Unrestricted fund to support the ministry and mission of Ebenezer Baptist Church						
Incoming Resources						
Voluntary Income						
Donations	94,928		1	106,446	1	Cash collections were not possible for 9 months, so donations and Gift aid Special Donations Scheme were much reduced.
Gift Aid	20,292	115,220	1	21,449		
Income from charitable activities		200	2	1,041	2	Funeral fees
Activities for Generating Funds						
Use of Premises	1,545		3	5,097	3	The hall was closed from March onwards
Anniversary Book Sales	434	1,979		0		
Other income: HMRC Job Retention Scheme		1,359	4	328	4	Our cleaner was furloughed during the closure of premises
Investment Income		0		46		
Other Income		0		0		
Total Income		118,758		134,407		
Resources Used						
Cost of generating funds						
Youth Tuck Shop purchases	158				5	Cost of publication £1477, less stock of books in hand
Anniversary Book publication costs	434	592	5	324	6	Includes all salary, pension, NI and manse costs plus training and general expenses
					7	Includes 80% of all salary, pension, NI and expenses
Charitable Activities:						
Ministry						
Minister	41,859		6	41,877	9	5 hours per week
Youth Pastor	22,351		7		10	Leadership meetings, etc.
Youth Worker	3,575		8	23,836	11	Training modules & books
Children's Worker	2,860		9			
Hope Whitby Leaders' Expenses	49		10	309	12	See notes on the Balance Sheet
Volunteers' Training & Expenses	26		11	5	13	Includes Refreshments £20; Visiting speaker £100;
Baptist Pension Deficit payments	3,290	74,010	12	4,291		Worship £432 (includes extra equipment for filming)
Gathering: Sunday services		552	13	1,672	14	Includes Homegroups £25; Junior Church and Crèche £301;
Grow Groups		688	14	1,818		Youth £362
Go Groups: Events		38	15	747	15	Holiday Club resources
Total Ministry		75,288		74,555	16	20% of our voluntary income (donations + Gift Aid)
Mission Support & Donations		24,665	16	24,940		is given to outside organisations for mission abroad and
Upkeep of Church Premises		32,386	17	17,304		and in this country, and to support those in need
Administration		4,030	18	5,032	17	Includes Cleaning £4,316; Equipment £1,090;
Governance Costs		166	19	407		Insurance £2,333; Light & Heat £3,882;
Total expenditure		137,127		122,562		Resurfacing of car park £16,943; Other Repairs & Maintenance £3,366; Water £455
Net incoming/outgoing transfers before transfers		-18,369		11,845	18	Includes Internet £458; Licences £1,354; Stationery £56;
Transfer from Manse Fund		4,800	20	4,800		Photocopying & Printing £842; Subscriptions £776
						Telephone & Postages £107; Bank charges £90
Net incoming/outgoing		-13,569		16,645		Trustee expenses. The Audit fee has been charged to Network funds this year.
Fund Balance at 1st January		47,987		31,342		Part of the rental of the manse is used to support the leaseback of the Minister's home
Fund Balance at 31st December		34,418		47,987		
Add Tangible Assets		3,385,881		3,332,332		
Total General Fund Assets		3,420,299		3,380,319		

Yorkshire Coast Network		2020		2019		Notes:
Designated fund to support the development of Missional Communities						
Incoming Resources						
Donations		4,000	1	24,422	1	Part of a bequest of £16,000 after clearing the outstanding balance of the Kitchen Refurbishment
Commission received		48	2	11		
Investment income		551	3	714	2	Give As You Live & Amazon Smile
Total Income		4,599		25,147	3	As our deposit accounts include reserves from various funds, all interest is allocated to the Network Fund for the benefit of all.
Resources Used						
Ministry		68	4	725	4	Volunteer training books and discipleship decks
Governance costs: Audit fee		750	5		5	This has been transferred from EBC General Fund this year as it is applicable to the charity as a whole, not just EBC
Total Expenditure		818		725		
Net incoming/outgoing transfers before transfers		3,781		24,422		
Transfer from Internship Fund				356		
Transfer to Family Lights				-3,200		
Transfer to Hope Whitby				-7,500		
Transfer to Restore Filey				-2,000		
Net incoming/outgoing		3,781		12,078		
Fund Balance at 1st January		40,168		28,090		
Fund Balance at 31st December		43,949		40,168		

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EBC Kitchen Refurbishment Fund		2020	2019	Notes:
Designated fund to redevelop the Church Hall Kitchen				
Incoming Resources				
Voluntary Income				
Donations	14,437		4,492	
Gift Aid	264	14,701	695	1 This included a bequest of £12,000 to clear the balance of the fund
Grants Received		3,000		
Activities for Generating Funds				
Fundraising Events			1,251	
Sale of goods	70	70	49	2 Sale of donated Lego model
		17,771	6,487	
Resources Used				
Charitable Activities:				
Cost of events		50	65	3 Donation to Scarborough Band for event in church
		50	65	
Refurbishment				
Building work and kitchen fitting	20,802			Thank you to the amazing team who have worked so hard to bring about this redevelopment
Equipment	3,429	24,231		Roberta, Kathy, Jane & Sue - you are stars!
				Thanks to Pete Hick & David Stride for overseeing the work and getting stuck in themselves.
Net incoming/outgoing		-6,510	6,422	
Fund Balance at 1st January		7,097	675	The balance will go towards providing tableware and kitchen utensils etc. to complete the project
Fund Balance at 31st December		587	7,097	

EBC Manse Fund		2020	2019	Notes:
Designated Fund to refurbish the Manse (48 Ashville Avenue)				
Incoming Resources				
Activities for Generating Funds				
Letting Income		7,126	7,048	a) to support the leaseback of the Minister's house;
Other Income				b) to pay the expenses of letting and repairs;
Insurance Claims		0	0	c) to provide for future refurbishment,
		7,126	7,048	1 The current rental is £595 pcm
Resources Used				
Charitable Activities:				
Cleaning		48	36	
Property Insurance		277	258	
Repairs & Maintenance		1,930	1,756	2 Included removing chimney stack & roof repairs £1625;
Letting Agent's fees		758	733	Gas service £165; minor repairs £140
Total expenditure		3,013	2,783	
				3 Fees are 9% + VAT
Net incoming/outgoing before transfers		4,113	4,265	
Transfers to/ from General Fund		-4,800	-4,800	
Net incoming/outgoing		-687	-535	
Fund Balance at 1st January		4,520	5,055	
Fund Balance at 31st December		3,833	4,520	

Internship Fund		2020	2019	Notes:
Designated fund to provide an Internship year in Youth Work				
Incoming Resources				
Donations				
			2,484	As part of our desire to train new leaders, we offered an Internship Year in Youth Work & Worship, to be funded by sponsorship.
Gift Aid			624	
Total Income and Endowments		0	3,108	The internship ran from September 2018 to August 2019 and included work experience at Ebenezer, Hope Youth and Restore Filey
Resources Used				
Expenses				
Training expenses			120	Thanks to our generous sponsors, all expenses were covered and there was a balance left over, which was transferred to Network funds towards future plans.
Internship support			3,500	
Total expenditure		0	3,620	
Net incoming/outgoing before transfers		0	-512	The fund is now closed.
Transfer balance to Network Funds			-356	
Net incoming/outgoing				
Fund Balance at 1st January		0	868	
Fund Balance at 31st December		0	0	

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Family Lights	2020	2019	Notes:
Designated Fund to provide a Missional Community for families in Scarborough			
Incoming Resources			
Voluntary Income			This missional community meets in homes for some events and at The Street for Funlights
Donations	19	195	
Gift Aid	5	32	1 Voluntary donations are made by a collection at events
Total Income and Endowments	24	227	
Resources Used			
Charitable Activities:			
Volunteers Training Expenses		31	
Minister's travel expenses	17		
Gathering: FunLights	54	188	2 Includes Christmas gift packs £42; refreshments £12
GO: Events	55	74	3 Craft night materials
Premises: Room Hire	198	873	4 The Street Community Centre
Zoom subscription	50		
Total expenditure	374	1,166	
Net incoming/outgoing before transfers	-350	-939	
Transfer from Network		3,200	There were only able to meet for 6 weeks this year
Transfer from General Fund			but continued via Zoom for the rest of the year
Net incoming/outgoing	-350	2,261	
Fund Balance at 1st January	2,588	327	
Fund Balance at 31st December	2,238	2,588	

Little Rockers	2020	2019	Notes:
Designated Fund to provide a playgroup for local children			
Incoming Resources			
Activities for Generating Funds			Little Rockers continues to be a valued resource for mothers and children in the local community, and is regularly oversubscribed with a waiting list.
Income from activities			Meetings were forced to close in March.
Subscriptions received	469	1,743	
	469	1,743	
Resources Used			
Charitable Activities:			
Gathering: Play Group	376	1,355	1 Includes Refreshments £117; Resources £163;
Go: Outings		61	Other expenses £95
Mission Donation - Shoe Box Appeal		20	
Toys & play Equipment		4	
Premises		102	
Administration		24	The playgroup was only able to run for 10 weeks this year
	376	1,566	
Net incoming/outgoing	93	177	
Fund Balance at 1st January	1,041	864	
Fund Balance at 31st December	1,134	1,041	

Mustard Seed	2020	2019	Notes:
Designated Fund to provide for teaching, support and social activities for people with learning difficulties and their carers			
Incoming Resources			
Voluntary Income			Mustard Seed continues to run a teaching session at Sunday morning services and a monthly meeting open to all with learning difficulties and their carers
Donations		683	
Gift Aid	0	120	Only 2 monthly meetings were possible this year
Income from activities			Materials were posted out monthly to members for the remainder of the year, and some meetings were held on Zoom
Subscriptions received	49	203	
Events receipts	0	125	
	49	1,131	
Resources Used			
Charitable Activities:			
Gathering: Saturday Meetings	45	172	1 Includes refreshments £2; Resources £18;
Go Group: Outings		508	Christmas cards and gifts £25
Zoom subscription	14		
Administration	98	0	2 Includes printing £9; stationery £14; Postage £74
Total expenditure	157	680	
Net incoming/outgoing before transfers	-108	451	3 To balance the shortfall in donations for
Transfer to Collections for Others	-219	-120	Stepping Stones child sponsorship of £20 per month
Net incoming/outgoing	-327	331	We were unable to make collections for 10 months
Fund Balance at 1st January	1,274	943	
Fund Balance at 31st December	947	1,274	

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Hope Whitby Missional Community		2020		2019	Notes:
Designated Fund to provide outreach, evangelism and discipleship in Whitby					
Incoming Resources					
Voluntary Income					1 Donations were similar to last year
Donations	14,635			15,445	2 We re very grateful to our generous sponsors
Gift Aid	2,210	16,845	1	2,675	who have blessed us throughout the year
Grants Received		26,800	2	26,131	YBA Church Planting Grant £2,500; Pudsey Baptist
		43,645		44,251	Church £300; Baptist Insurance £10,000; Sirius Minerals
					Foundation £2,000
Activities for generating income					And for the Malachi Store, North Yorkshire CC £7,500;
Speaking Fees & Expenses	6,386		3	6,360	Scarborough BC £500; B & M Bargains £1,500
Events Receipts	20	6,406	4	843	3 Fylongthorpe Methodist Church
Other Trading activities					4 Alpacere Youth visit
T-shirt/hoodie sales				180	
Total Income		50,051		51,634	
Resources Used					
Cost of generating funds					
T-shirt/hoodie purchases		0		403	
Charitable Activities:					
Ministry					
Minister	34,661		5	30,942	5 Includes all salary, pension, NI and manse costs
Youth Pastor	5,913		6	5,807	plus training and general expenses
Volunteers' Training & Travel costs	405	40,979	7	685	Additional costs were 3 months' pay in lieu of notice.
Gathering: Hope Hub & Gathering	53			181	6 Includes 20% of all salary, pension, NI and expenses
Gathering: Hope Thorpe'n'Bay	0	53		39	for 1 day per week
Grow Groups: Home, Men's & Womens	9			211	7 Includes Kairos Pioneering Conference £305
Grow Groups: Youth & Youth Camp	0			654	ACAT Treasurer's Course £125
Grow Groups: Hope Stakesby	0	9		21	
Go Groups: Events	0			267	
Go Groups: HYP & HI-5	147	147		256	
Malachi Store		1,883	8	0	8 Includes storage boxes for dry goods, carrier bags, plus
Mission					additional food purchased to supplement donated food,
Baptist Home Mission Fund	850		9	900	together with clothing vouchers given to needy families
Benevolent Fund	10	860		20	9 One of the conditions of the YBA Church Planting grant
Premises& Equipment					is that we donate 5% of voluntary income to the
Equipment	52			421	Home Mission Fund
Premises Hire	161		10	645	10 Eastside Community Centre
Repairs & Maintenance	11	224	11	11	11 Includes Advertising £39; Bank charges £60; IT Software £60;
Administration		262		341	Printing £79; Stationery £8; Postage £16
Total expenditure		44,417		41,804	
Net incoming/outgoing before transfers		5,634		9,830	
Transfer from Network				7,500	
Net incoming/outgoing		5,634		17,330	
Fund Balance at 1st January		41,546		24,216	
Fund Balance at 31st December		47,180		41,546	

Refuel Worship Band		2020		2019	Notes:
Designated Fund to provide live worship at events within and outside the church					
Incoming Resources					
Voluntary Income					The band has been unable to provide events this year
Donations		0		0	
Activities for Generating Funds					
Sales of CDs		0		155	
		0		155	
Resources Used					
Total expenditure		0		0	
Net incoming/outgoing		0		155	
Fund Balance at 1st January		882		727	
Fund Balance at 31st December		882		882	

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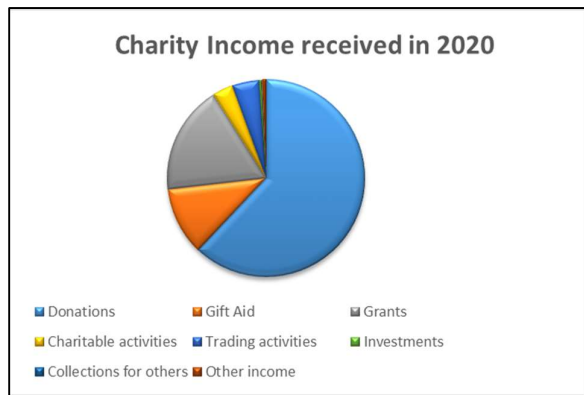
Restore Filey		2020		2019	Notes:
Designated Fund to provide for the Missional Community in Filey					
Incoming Resources					
Voluntary Income					Apart from the monthly gathering and the weekly Youth work, the community is now operating a food bank.
Donations	1,590			2,201	
Gift Aid	392	1,982	1	502	1
Grants Received		7,500	2	5,000	2
Activities for Generating Funds					Baptist Insurance - part of the grant of £15,000 over 3 years with a remaining balance of £2,500 possible for 2021
Sale of goods					
Commission Received				11	
Total income		9,482		7,714	
Resources Used					
Cost of generating funds (Goods for resale)					
Charitable Activities:					
Community Pastor salary & pension	3,932		3	46	3
Pastor's Expenses	31		4	41	4
Volunteers Expenses	0	3,963		90	4
Gathering: Restore Filey	160		5	266	5
Grow: Restore Stars	128		6		6
Go: Restore Events	137	425	7	331	7
Equipment		84	8	1,253	8
Premises: Room Hire		120	9	408	9
Administration: Stationery				5	
Total expenditure		4,592		2,440	
Net incoming/outgoing before transfers		4,890		5,274	
Transfer from Network				2,000	
					Gatherings and Stars continued to meet online following the lockdown in March.
Net incoming/outgoing		4,890		7,274	
Fund Balance at 1st January		7,265		-9	
Fund Balance at 31st December		12,155		7,265	

Collections for Others		2020		2019	Notes
Restricted Fund for collections made for other charities/agencies					
Incoming Resources					
Collected by Mustard Seed		20	1	120	1
General Collections				120	
		20		240	
Resources Used					
Stepping Stones		240	1	240	
Pastoral gift				120	
		240		360	
Net incoming/outgoing before transfers		-220		-120	
Transfer from Mustard Seed		220	3	120	3
Net incoming/outgoing		0		0	
					Collections were only possible in January & February, so the shortfall was higher this year
Fund Balance at 1st January		0		0	
Fund Balance at 31st December		0		0	

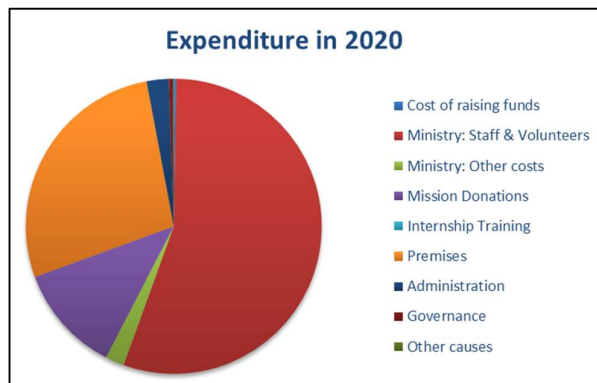
New Wine Local Network Fund		2020		2019	Notes:
Restricted fund to facilitate New Wine training events					
Incoming Resources					
Donations				500	
Events Receipts				134	
Total income		0		634	
Resources Used					
Cost of events				525	
Equipment				60	
Total expenditure		0		585	
Net incoming/outgoing before transfers		0		49	
					We were unable to put on events during the year but did meet on Zoom for training and support.
Fund Balance at 1st January		49		0	
Fund Balance at 31st December		49		49	

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The Year in charts



Income received in 2020		2019
Donations	129,609	147,464
Gift Aid	23,163	35,500
Grants	37,300	31,131
Charitable activities	7,125	23,845
Trading activities	9,225	687
Investments	551	760
Collections for others	20	240
Other income	1,359	47
	208,352	239,674



Expenditure in 2020		2019
Cost of raising funds	592	727
Ministry: Staff & Volunteers	119,004	108,118
Ministry: Other costs	4,407	10,033
Mission Donations	25,525	25,880
Internship Training	0	3,500
Premises	59,500	23,196
Administration	5,211	6,136
Governance	916	407
Other causes	240	360
	215,395	178,357

2021 Budget accepted at the Members' Meeting on 20th January 2021

Cashflow Budget for 2021	Opening	2021	2021	2021	Budget	Closing	Budget	Actual
Fund	Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	2021	Balance	2020	2020
Yorkshire Coast Network	44,283	800	3,300	-7,000	-9,500	34,783	150	4,808
EBC General Fund	32,888	127,500	138,500	4,800	-6,200	26,688	-23,970	-17,549
EBC Kitchen Fund	587	1,000	1,500		-500	87	5,000	-6,499
EBC Manse Fund	4,473	7,140	6,540	-4,800	-4,200	273	240	-39
Family Lights	2,186	50	950		-900	1,286	-2,310	-476
Little Rockers	1,134	550	550		0	1,134	0	94
Mustard Seed	947	100	500		-400	547	-550	-327
Refuel	882	0	0		0	882	0	0
Hope Whitby	39,540	14,000	48,000	7,000	-27,000	12,540	-14,543	6,756
Restore Filey	12,155	5,000	6,300		-1,300	10,855	3,452	4,854
New Wine	49	0	0		0	49		49
TOTAL	139,124	156,140	206,140	0	-50,000	89,124	-32,531	-8,329
Balance at 1st Jan					139,124		147,453	147,453
Balance at 31 Dec					89,124		114,922	139,124

Note: the opening balance is slightly different from the accounts above, in that it represents the actual cash at the bank and in hand at 31st December before adjustments for prepayments and accruals of income & expenditure. The accounts include all items relating to 2020 whether or not paid/received in 2020.

The increase in the projected deficit for 2021 is mainly caused by the ending of 3 streams of grant funding for Hope Whitby. A further 3-year grant for Restore Filey will end in 2021.

The additional one-off grants received in 2020, together with a large bequest to pay for the Kitchen refurbishment, have meant that we are £24,000 better off than was predicted at the end of 2020 with a cash balance of £139,124, so we have sufficient reserves to cover this, but our income will need to increase considerably over the next two years if we are to maintain the same level of ministry on the Yorkshire Coast.

Declaration by the Treasurer on behalf of the Trustees

I declare that the Statement of Financial Activities and Balance Sheet, together with the associated notes, set out on pages 1 to 9 above, relating to the year ended 31st December 2020 are a true and fair record of the financial activities of Ebenezer Baptist Church Scarborough

Signed: *Phillip Gott*

Date: 08.04.2021

Phillip R Gott, Hon. Treasurer, 23 Jackson Close, Cayton, Scarborough YO11 3RW



**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of
Ebenezer Baptist Church Scarborough
Registered Charity Number 1148674**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Ebenezer Baptist Church Scarborough for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts 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: *Anne Mead*

Date: 12.04.2021

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