



**South Street Church
Annual Report**

**Produced for the AGM on
MONDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2018
at 7.30pm**

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Minutes of the AGM meeting on 27 February 2017 at 7pm held at South Street Evangelical Church.

1. **Prayer** – the meeting was opened with prayers by Pastor Seb Latimer.

Apologies – Elaine Brent, Sally Green, Simon Ogden.

Membership of the church is currently at 73 and 52 members attended the AGM.

2. Strategy and Vision

The Elders are working on the vision for the church and have been meeting with James Hyde (Elder at Grosvenor and a church planter).

The Elders felt that the ethos of SSEC is one of a family.

The values being: **outreach** -adopting people into the family of God and **sharing resources**- there is scope for us to share more to our **extended family, passing on** experiences, corporate **prayer** and **common meals**. The world is failing in many areas, as are families and we want to be different. Our Fellowship is about 150 to 200 people including children and Braunton has a population of 10,000 people and growing. Young families and the active retirees made up most of Braunton and the elders want to reach out to these two groups.

3. Minutes of the last AGM meeting

The minutes from last year were agreed as correct and accurate.

4. Matters Arising

Sue Nightingale was appointed as the church administrator and Treasurer.

5. Re-Election of two Trustees Simon Ogden and Rosemary Sherwin

The members present agreed that Rosemary and Simon should continue as Trustees. The members agreed that Paul Fisher should continue as Chair of the Trustees. The members present agreed to the appointment of Andrew Conibear and Emma Thompson as trustees.

6. Finances – presentation of Accounts

Russell Howard and Sue Nightingale addressed the meeting.

Sue was asked what the interest on the Stewardship account was. She stated that it had gone down to £53 per month from £68.

Russell and Sue meet every month to go through the accounts. Russell explained that it was incumbent on us all to pray about our giving. Based on current giving, there is likely to be a shortfall for staff wages and the activities of the church.

The mix of people in the church has changed, with more younger families whilst some of the older members are no longer with us.

It is important that the trustees monitored the accounts. There will be a review at the end of the first quarter. From a governance point of view, if the income remains unchanged, steps would need to be taken to address the shortfall.

It was suggested that the young people may be confused about how people give. It was recommended that the elders teach about giving to the church. Seb stated that it should be and that it will be preached on. He stated that Grosvenor Church teaches on giving from the front twice a year.

We have in the past inherited money from various sources, including Ashford Gospel Hall, so it may seem that the church has a healthy balance. The church has a policy of reserving three months expenses, currently £26,000. The Charity Commission recommends this.

There are concerns that the income in 2015 is lower than 2016. This is because there have been movements in the fellowship.

The legacies from various sources was put aside when South Street wanted to expand, but as planning permission was refused, the fund has been considered by many to be a "building fund". However, there are no restrictions on how this is used. The Elders use their discretion to use this money for the Lord's work and they will continue to do this. This money will be used in the event of a shortfall.

In order to save money, the Newsletter/weekly bulletin will be emailed to the members, though some hard copies will be available. Sue will be trialling a weekly bulletin from April 2017.

7. Will Mathers – Youth Worker

Will has decided to step down as our Youth Worker at the end of the academic year.

He has been with the church for 5 years and has done a fantastic job. Will was also thanked for leading the house group so well. Ralph Burge stated he had taught the youth great truths. The Elders and the members formally thanked Will for all his hard work and achievements.

A working party has been set up to look for another Youth Worker. This consists of Gill Ginnings, Cathy Ogden, Heather Cooper, Ken Kerslake, Baz Barrow, Bev Vale and Seb Latimer. They will consult with Will, the current young people and the church regarding the new post. The Elders felt that the church still needed a Youth Worker to carry on this important work. The new role may be

slightly different as is currently stands. There may be an overlap between school age children and the youth in the church.

8. Refugees Update

Anne Francis has been in contact with Pickwell Manor who are in the process of sponsoring a refugee family. The local authority has agreed to take three families. Torrington will be taking two families and Pickwell one family. SSEC can learn from Pickwell. They have formed groups to deal with Health, Education, Housing and translating. Working with Christians For Refugees have 24 hour help available if necessary. There have so far been only 2 families settled in the country.

Question: Are we any further forward on the refugee project after the prayer meeting?

Answer: People from the fellowship have come forward and stated their willingness and expertise. We are at the same level as Croyde and Georgeham, if not slightly ahead.

Question: To what extent is the funding available?

Answer: The biggest issue is housing, as local housing stock cannot be used. Pickwell have circumvented this problem by privately purchasing a house. Seb stated that if the Lord is in this then the funding will come.

It is essential that the church members be part of this project. A future meeting is planned.

9. Women in Leadership update

The Elders were grateful for the varied views of its members. They will continue to look at this issue. Please continue to pray for wisdom in this matter.

10. Church meals

There will be a shared meal on the first Sunday of the month. This will alternate between a bring and share meal and a meal laid on by house groups. House groups that have already provided a meal have said that it was a positive experience. The meal can consist simply of bread and cheese. The idea is about fellowship.

11. Other matters

The Moore family have decided to leave the church as they feel that the Lord is calling them elsewhere. Timmy Moore and Duncan Rendall will be baptised next Sunday. Christ Church is very positive of us using their building.

12. Date of next church meeting – Monday June 26 at 7.30pm at South Street Church

The meeting was closed in prayers from the members.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Dearly beloved,

I hope that you will be encouraged as you read this review of 2017. Please give thanks over each area and ask that God would bring glory to his name and blessing to North Devon and the world through you: South Street Church, and that he would bring multiplication to all that you do. Be reminded that the Lord is working through you both when you are scattered and when you are gathered. Each of you is called to be a priest (1 Peter 2:5), each of you is a missionary (Matthew 28:19), each of you has a frontline where you are called to serve God's mission. The work of South Street Church is as much about what God does through you when you are scattered on your frontlines as it is about when you work gathered with other brothers and sisters. The things we review here are largely focussed on you when you are gathered, but please don't let that distract from the value we place on the ministry each of you has in the unique frontline the Lord has placed you in as you live out your faith by sharing your lives with others. House groups are the place where we can really encourage and build each other up in our frontline ministries, if you are not part of a house group, please see Anne Francis or myself (Seb!)

Teamwork has really made the dream work with Messy Church. We began in January and have seen numerous unchurched families become regulars in exploring faith through craft, games, food and drama, see more from Cathy. The Messy Church team plus others put on another Christmas Extravaganza at Christ Church and also ran a free stall at WestFest a fund raiser for our local Leonard Cheshire Care Home: Westmead House.

The Open the Book team has shrunk in numbers but grown in creativity and vision! Esther Wood has been writing her own excellent scripts, sometimes incorporating modern contrasts and puppets (partly due to a lack of actors – if you are sometimes free for an hour during the week and think you could read from a script dressed in a silly outfit – come and join us for a laugh). We have been praying that the Lord would widen the work so we can take the Bible into all three primary schools in Braunton. (At the time of writing both Kingsacre and Caen have accepted our offer of doing an Easter drama and some extra volunteers have shown interest, please pray for more and consider joining us yourself.)

In January we began shared lunches after the morning service on the first Sunday of each month. We alternate between bring and share, and a laid on lunch for which house groups take it in turns to provide, apart from July, August and September when we descend on the Francis and Green family homes for outdoor picnics. Feedback from hosting house groups has been that despite initial trepidation in the lead up to a lunch, they have really pulled together and enjoyed hosting and working together. Feedback from the church as a whole has been unanimously positive and we hope that these lunches will remain a regular feature of sharing life together when we are gathered. We welcome ideas to improve our time together.

We received over fifty requests after distributing prayer invites to those on our frontlines along with other churches in the area and prayed over each one as Churches together in Braunton between Ascension and Pentecost as part of a global wave of prayer called 'Thy Kingdom Come.' Please pray for fresh ideas and renewed interest from local churches to work together for Thy Kingdom Come and other Churches together in Braunton prayer meetings in 2018.

We added themes to some of our monthly prayer meetings, including our youth, Christians Against Poverty, Ian Dawson's gym ministry and refugees among others.

We housed the 'Stations' photographic exhibition following the plight of refugees, and held a silent disco as a fund raiser which were instrumental in the process that led to us deciding as a church to spearhead the formation of the Braunton Community Sponsorship Group who intend to make a formal application to the Home Office in 2018 to receive a displaced Syrian family to live in Braunton. This initiative has brought Christians together from various local fellowships and has invited those of other faiths and none to partner with us in this endeavour to extend love, care and support to a vulnerable family.

Our youth work has seen plenty of change in 2017. Will stepped down to be a full time Dad in July after leading a team to Spree youth camp in Crediton and we wish him, Nicky and the children every blessing as they settle into Croyde Baptist Church. The team felt strongly that the best approach to Youth Work was a whole church approach and so have been delighted that others within the church have stepped up to love, care, nurture and provide activities and groups for our youth. Please give thanks for Baz and Amy who run 'The Point' every Sunday evening at St. Georges for children aged 9-13. Jen & Maxi with help from Holly and Mim are meeting with our youth from age 13 to 18 each Sunday evening please pray that this group grows to a sustainable size. The Christian Union at the Academy continues to run weekly with between 10 and 20 each week, some are believers, others are not. Please pray as we prepare to start Youth Alpha with them in 2018. Jon and Vickie Price are keen to help organise outdoor events on a bimonthly basis in 2018, please pray for them.

A 'Youth Work Working Party' consisting of Bev Vale, Cathy Ogden, Heather Cooper, Ken Kerlake, Gill Ginnings, Baz and Seb was formed to oversee the process of reviewing our youth work and appointing a Youth Worker to join the growing team of volunteers. We were encouraged by the entire process, establishing a job description, advertising, fielding applications, narrowing it down and inviting three to interview. The interview day went really well and we were pleased at the unanimous feeling from the whole team and the church at large that none of the applicants were quite the right fit for us. We will review whether to re-advertise and when in 2018.

The other development with regards to youth work worth mentioning is that we have the privilege of being the 'sending church' for Chloe Livingstone who was accepted by South West Youth Ministries as a trainee youth worker. In September Chloe started undergoing study in conjunction with (the best theological college in the land) Moorlands College and is on practical placement at Brookdale Church in Ilfracombe. Please pray that the Lord would uphold and strengthen Chloe in body, mind and spirit as she stretches into her calling into youth work.

We had a lovely group of explorers join us for Christianity Explored in 2017. Two of them came to faith, Alleluiah! One lives and worships in Barnstaple and maintains a close discipling relationship with her South Street friend who came with her on the course. The other is Mark Sumner who we look forward to baptising in 2018! We tried to run a second Christianity Explored course later in the year, but it stopped through lack of interest. Please give thanks for all those who cooked and helped and pray that those who showed an interest and attended in part/full would continue to be drawn to Jesus. Pray for those on your frontlines who are waiting for you to invite them to explore Christianity in 2018!

We changed our name from South Street Evangelical Church to simply South Street Church. We agreed that we would remain Evangelical in nature, but not in name as today more than ever the term conjures unhelpful pejorative connotations with the unchurched we seek to communicate the Gospel of Jesus Christ to. We look forward to some re-branding in 2018.

It has been a great honour and privilege to lead the funerals of Anne's husband, David Crome in March and Jacqui Ratcliffe's Mum, Elizabeth Gomm in April. It has been lovely to get to know Anne. She has entered into the life of the church getting to know people, worshipping on a Sunday morning

and helping at Tuesday toddler group. It has been a real pleasure to get to know Jacqui's sweet Dad Sid too. He really enjoyed connecting with others at the Holiday at Home organised by Gill, Paul and Rosemary. Please pray for those who continue to grieve the loss of loved ones especially during the cold dark early months of 2018, pray that we will truly be a spiritual family that welcomes, comforts and cares for each other and those in need.

We are delighted to welcome Cathy Ogden onto staff at South Street Church. She has been pouring out so much time, thought, care and energy into the life of the children at South Street and beyond for many years and we are very grateful to God for her. She started on a 10 hour a week contract but we suspect works many more hours than this!

On a personal note Miriam and I are very grateful to you all for your continued concern and prayers for Leon and his eye. He underwent surgery in June and all went very well, he now has a fixed lens and wears glasses (as you've probably noticed).

2017 has been my first proper year in post and I am very excited by the direction God is leading us as a church. Not a church with house groups, but made up of house groups; small groups of believers who love, care and disciple each other and, in turn others. Small groups that are like family to one another, sharing life and living faith.

SEB LATIMER

TRUSTEES REPORT

2017 was the third full year for South Street Evangelical Church CIO, operating as a charitable trust.

The trustee panel is as follows and there have been no appointments or resignations in 2017.

Tim Spelman (Elder Trustee)

Paul Fisher (Chairman)

Rosemary Sherwin

Russell Howard

Simon Ogden

Emma Thompson

Andrew Conibear

The Trustees met 3 times during the year in January and June and October.

The role of the trustees can be reviewed in the 'Constitution' document on the church website and also in the document 'How are we organised?', also available on the church website. The Trustees are responsible for representing 'South Street Evangelical Church CIO', to the legal and financial authorities of the UK.

It was agreed by the Elders in 2017 that after much prayerful consideration and consultation, a change of name for the church to 'South Street Church' would take place. The Charitable Trust and the Bank details will remain with the name 'Evangelical'

Cathy was formally appointed as the Church's Children and Families worker from October with 10 hours per week.

At the time of the last AGM there was a serious concern highlighted about a widening gap between church income and expenditure. A request was made for members to prayerfully review their giving and also, wherever possible, to consider setting up a regular standing order for giving, which then allows the church to use the Gift Aid scheme to reclaim income tax from the government through its registered charity status.

The Trustees are pleased to be able to report that this widening gap in the church finances has been reversed. This is very positive for the church as it is in part due to an increase in regular giving, including a notable increase in use of the Gift Aid scheme. It is also in part due to the fact that there is no longer a full time church youth worker being paid for. However, as this is only a temporary situation it is still important that for those who are in a position to use the Gift Aid scheme continue to do so. If you would like a Gift Aid form or envelopes for the Sunday collections please see Sue.

Please pray for the Trustees, as they work hand in hand with the Elders, for wisdom and discernment over every decision made for the good of the church.

PAUL FISHER

CHAIR OF TRUSTEES

BIBLE STUDIES REVIEW

There can be no better way to commence a new year than to study Paul's letter to the **Colossians**. For he reminds us that the key to the mystery of God is Jesus and that he is available to everyone; for Jesus is the only way to God, because he is God.

We began our preparation of Easter with **Matthew 26** - the closure of Jesus' teaching ministry and the beginning of Jesus' purposeful moving towards the cross. **Matthew 27-28** led us through his passion, death, resurrection and final command to make disciples.

We then studied "The Lord's Prayer" (**Matthew 6: 9-13**) and took part in the global prayer movement called **Thy Kingdom Come**. Christians around the world were asked to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus Christ. What started out as an invitation from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York in 2016 to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer. It was encouraging to see churches around Braunton come together to pray for individuals and for people to be empowered through prayer by the Holy Spirit, to grow in confidence as witnesses for Jesus Christ.

In the summer months, we explored a selection of **Psalms 3, 16, 18, 23, 27, 32** (Soul Songs). The studies focused on aspects that related to our emotional response to the God who loved us and gave us His only Son, Jesus. Through these psalms, we gained a deeper trust of a loving God in the face of personal difficulties.

We began the autumn by looking at the **Holy Spirit** in order to understand his work in our lives. Using the Good Book Study guide, we investigated what the Bible says about the Holy Spirit. There was much fruitful and challenging discussion held in House Groups. But two foundational truths were covered; that the Holy Spirit is a person and that the Holy Spirit is God- the third person of the Trinity.

We ended the year by beginning a series of studies in the **disciplines of spiritual growth**. Using Richard Foster's book *The Celebration of Discipline* and his study questions we hope to explore some of the biblically based disciplines that can lead us into a more intimate relationship with God.

- Please pray for the more house group leaders and for more folks to join house groups.

- Please pray for the study materials used to explore the Bible will bring about a deeper understanding of our wonderful God.
- Please pray that we may know His will for us.
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RICHARD FRANCIS

BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE REPORT

General maintenance has been carried out over the past year as in this list.

Hedge trimming.

Weeding the church car park and front area.

Car park line marking and repairing cracking in the concrete surface.

New padlock for the car park.

New lighting for the office.

New office layout, work tops & notice boards.

External electric socket fitted.

JOHN HOULT

CARE GROUP REPORT

The Care Group continues to keep an eye on some of the older members of the church, particularly those who are not able to get out. Occasional meals have been provided along with shopping and hospital visits.

The Ladies who live Alone group joined with the more senior members of the church for a meal at The Williams Arms in November and another visit is planned in the early Spring.

Holiday at Home was much appreciated and well attended with trips out to Lynmouth and Woody Bay, a garden centre visit, and a cream tea in the garden. Members were collected by car from home and enjoyed the journey as much as the destination. A further week is being planned for 2018.

ROSEMARY SHERWIN

HOUSE GROUPS

We currently have 9 House Groups that meet either weekly or fortnightly, with over 100 people attending. We enjoy fellowship with each other and study the word of God. We believe that through house groups we can grow together and better serve each other. We continue to see practical support delivered to individuals within house groups, whether that be for those with new babies or those needing transport for hospital visits or treatments.

We are excited to have started another house group in the last few weeks. This is in West Down and led by Tim and Debbie Spelman and as well as serving the members of the group will be aiming to have an impact on the local community.

If you are not part of a house group we would encourage you to join one, please speak to Seb or Anne Francis.

- Please pray for relationships to deepen between the members of our house group.

- Please pray that as we study the Bible we would grow in our relationship with God, being united and empowered by His Holy Spirit.
- Please pray that we would be outward looking and passionate to bring people to a saving knowledge of Christ.

ANNE FRANCIS

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND OUTREACH

Children's and Families Work

Outreach: We have continued to run our Toddler's Group on a Monday and a Tuesday morning. The numbers fell slightly due to quite a number of older children leaving but we now have pretty much cleared our waiting lists and have both groups full. There is a big demand for Baby/Toddler activities in the village and several Toddler Group parents also come to other groups that we run.

Noisy Nippers also continues to be busy. There are still three groups running and all are full. Many parents appreciate what a valuable time of support these groups are for meeting with other parents and building relationships.

We started 'Messy Church @ South Street' back in January 2017 – this has been very successful. Lots of the families that have attended Toddler Group/Noisy Nippers in the past come to this. It is a great way of keeping in touch with families that we may otherwise not reach. We have lots of very regular families each month.

We didn't run an Easter Extravaganza this year as Messy Church was only in its third month, but we did our, now regular, Christmas Extravaganza! This had over 60 children and 50+ adults attending. Messy Church is aimed at Primary School-aged children, the Extravaganzas are open to all, so we had a really good number of 0 – 8 year olds.

Church-based: Sunday School has continued this year with five groups plus a crèche. A rota is being discussed to allow parents of under-3s to get back into the service – hopefully this will happen in 2018. There continue to be good numbers in the Sunday School groups particularly 3-5s and 11-14s. Classes continue to be monitored and changed if necessary. We could always do with more teachers – especially without the Youth Worker and one or two other leaders stepping back.

This year has also brought my new role as Children and Families Worker. I am hoping to rethink how we do Sunday School in order to make it less threatening and prep-heavy for volunteers to come forward and help! We are very blessed with lots of leaders already and we'd like to keep the current cycle of 1/3 months' Sunday School if possible.

CATHY OGDEN

THE POINT

The Point Youth Group continues to be full of energy and fun! We have about 30 on the books with an average of 15 – 20 young people coming each time. Mixed in with the regulars are many new faces which is very encouraging and there is a nice buzz around the house on Sunday evenings.

We continue to meet at St George's House on Sunday Evenings during term time and the age range is now school years 6 to 9.

The team this year has been myself, Amy Barrow and Ben Northcott. A big thank you must go to Becky Evans who has now stepped down from helping; the young people have missed her. Ben also

deserves a big thank you as he is developing well into his leadership role and is a vital member of the team.

During the summer, we had lots of fun playing on the outdoor equipment and ending the summer term with a surf session at Putsborough beach. As the nights drew in, we played lots of our favourite game: 'spotlight', which is trying to get to the top terrace without being spotted by the search light. We also enjoyed an evening by the fire where we of course had toasted marshmallows.

Food plays a big part every evening and we continue to be spoilt by Barbara Fisher's endless supply of cakes. There is always a guessing game as to what type of cakes they will be this week.

During the current winter term, we have been playing games inside such as trying to knock a teddy bear off a table with a bottle, table tennis, pool, table football and some group games like 'empire'.

Each night we do a little talk about God. We started the year looking at various ways to pray. This has ranged from praying for our family using a bag of sweets, to thanking God for all the things we are fortunate to have in life whilst playing table tennis. During the winter term, we have been looking at parables and their impact on our lives today. These chats are always encouraging and it is a pleasure to chat to young people about our faith in God.

We ended the year with a big Christmas party with all the friends and families being invited to play games, listen to Christmas tunes and of course eating lots of mince pies.

Please can you pray for the young people that they continue to enjoy The Point and that they feel welcome. Please also pray for them to continue to notice God's love at the youth group and pray for us to be able to continue to encourage them in their own walk of faith.

BAZ BARROW

WORSHIP TEAM

Over the past year we have enjoyed serving you all. It is a huge privilege to look out and see God's people singing to Him and praising Him.

We always look to bring a range of material to you from a wide range of sources. This is sometimes a challenging task as there are so many excellent songs (past and present) out there. If there are certain songs that you particularly enjoy and would like to hear in church, then please let us know (if you can get us a recording of the track and the music or the link for youtube, that really helps us get a feel for the song).

We have really enjoyed having Vickie Price joining us to lead worship on Sunday mornings and Noah has been helping out with the sound. We are still on the lookout for more musicians to join us. So if you have a heart for serving the church and have a musical ability we'd love to explore how you could get involved.

Another key role as part of our worship team is sound technician. It would be great if we had more people who could help out in this area to share the work load. You do not need to be a technical wizard (all the buttons are labelled!) however an appreciation of music and a sensitivity to mixing levels is key. We can provide all other training!

Prayer points:

- To see God moving and ministering to His people during our worship times.

- That the Lord will provide: sound technicians, musicians, worship leaders, song writers and experienced vocalists.
- Pray for all of us involved in leading worship, that we may be inspired by scripture and moving in the power of the Spirit and finding rest in God.

TIM SPELMAN

YOUTH GROUP

Over the last six months the youth ministry was focused on making sure the young people have firm foundations in their faith and beliefs. This entailed exploring the gospel message and our different responses. During this period of gospel reflection two young people made the decision to be baptised. At the church's building on South Street the two teenagers publicly professed their faith in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ for the church family and friends to witness. This was a joyous occasion and a great testament to the work that God had been doing in their lives through the church and their families.

The regular youth group meetings covered several topics over the last six months. Having finished the baptism "course" and looked in depth at the gospel message, the young people were taught transferable skills to critically and analytically study the Bible. This then led on to exploring the core purpose and life of the church.

The Christian Union meetings at Braunton Academy have continued with steady and regular numbers. Each week during the two-lunchtime meeting the young people had the opportunity to explore Christianity with the help of talks given by a master illusionist. This led to good and positive conversations about the work of Christ on the cross and the freedom that this brings. During the summer term various issues were explored such as friendship, revenge, generosity and inspiration. Additionally, the young people were also taken through an overview of the Bible over ten sessions.

Other youth activities over this six-month period included a girls' night where they watched a DVD with a meaning, a parents' evening on technology and digital media and taking ten young people to the Spree South West camp. The young people who attended Spree enjoyed their time there and expressed a desire to return next year.

WILL MATHERS

YOUTH YEAR 9 AND ABOVE

Since September 2017 we have been trying to establish a core group amongst the older youth (Yr 9 and up). We have had several social events including, a bonfire night, pizza and movie evening and a BBQ. We have been meeting every Sunday evening during term time in a relaxed setting to try and build relationships. This has only been attended by a few of the youth who are forming good relationships both with the leaders (Jen, Maxi, Mim and Holly) as well as strengthening their friendships with each other. We have had opportunity for fruitful Spiritual discussion and encouragement during these times. We have also attended the United Generations meeting this January which was well received. The aim for the coming term is to organise more activity based socials to encourage the youth associated with the church to be involved. We will continue to meet on a Sunday evening this term and Jen is meeting with an individual on a one-to-one basis exploring the subject of baptism with the aim of being baptised at Easter.

JENNY RODLIFF

FINANCES

A solid year for church finances in 2018. The increase in gift aid giving was particularly pleasing as this is, by far, the most efficient way to give our offering. We would encourage the congregation to give via Gift Aid wherever possible. If you have questions or require the relevant information please ask Sue.

During the period we saw Will step down from his post as Youth worker in September and Cathy Ogden take a part time paid post from October. Sue has now been in her administrative role for 18 months and we thank her for her continued diligence.

Our search for a replacement Youth Worker continues and the Trustees believe if our giving remains at 2017 levels through 2018 we will be well placed financially to absorb this new role.

During 2018 our charitable donations increased circa 20% versus the previous year.

Although we had no expenditure for youth camps or away days in 2017 we are confident that with the same level of giving in 2018 we can accommodate those activities.

On behalf of the Trustees, Elders and Deacons we thank you for your continued financial support and commitment and Praise the Lord for providing.

RUSSELL HOWARD

Income and Expenditure from January to December 2016

Income	<u>Jan – Dec 2016</u>
Interest Receivable	£729.22
General Fund gift aid	£40320
Church weekend bursary gift aid	£120
CMCT gift aid	£100
DUMO gift aid	£223
Family day gift aid	£318.75
S.Latimer gift aid	£625
General fund gift aid claimed	£5678.75
Church weekend bursary	£15
General fund non gift aid	£27184.15
Book stall	£360
Church weekend bursary non gift aid	£15
Church weekend	£4235
CMCT non gift aid	£176.07
Family Day non gift aid	£180.70
DUMO non gift aid	£306.45
Swaziland	£16092.59
Youth Camp	£280.50
Total income	£102247.11

Expenses	2016
Pension	£1163.33
Salaries	£36801.70
PAYE	-£148.27
S Latimer bursary	£6875
Expenses/ church costs	£350.83
S Latimer – gifts	£5950
Swaziland	£16666.36
Swaziland Church donation	£2000
Gifts to organisations	£10356.07
Speakers gifts	£1487.40
Sunday school & Youth work	£2130.82
Church Family Day	£1681.20
Heatree weekend	£4432.92
Contribution to Christ church	£1560
Maintenance	£3144.23
Electricity	£465.42
Gas	£799.66
Water	£273.25
Telephone	£618.10
Cleaning materials	£132.66
Office supplies	£1077.78
Bible Study books	£232.41
Governance costs	£2728.26
Total	£100779.13

The format of the Income and Expenditure was simplified from January 2017. If anyone has any questions please contact Sue Nightingale on southstreetchurch@gmail.com

Income and Expenditure from January to December 2017

	Opening Balance.	11,625.35
	General Fund	
	Gift Aid	61,836.24
	Non gift aid	27834.60
	Book stall.	1,037.53
	Charitable Donation	211.59
	Evangelistic Events	322.00
	Hall costs	150.00
	Messy Church	137.58
	Refugees.	888.55
	Youth Activities	672.02
	Total General Fund	93,090.11
	Total Income	104,715.46
	Expenses	
	Book Stall	1,073.84
	Charitable Donations	12,152.16

	Computer and Internet Expenses	14.97
	Dues and Subscriptions	90.00
	Evangelistic Events.	826.50
	Insurance Expense	695.56
	Ministry Expenses	3,890.48
	Office Expense	611.32
	Professional Fees	370.00
	Rent and Rates	1,060.00
	Repairs and Maintenance	1,460.81
	Telephone	773.93
	Utilities	2,010.51
	Wages and PAYE	53,768.31
	Weekend Away	250.00
	Youth and Children Activities	2,388.67
	Total Expense	81,437.06
	Bank Total on 31 st December 2017	23,278.40

Stewardship Account

Total £108403.56

Reserves Policy

The CIO has a reserves policy which states that the church will keep three month's worth of expenditure in the reserve at all times. This amount will be £26,000.

The £108403.56 in the Stewardship account has been accrued as a building fund which has been added to by various legacies and the closure of Ashford Church. The building committee was set up to investigate premises options for the church in the future.

<u>Gifts to Charities 2016</u>		<u>Gifts to Charities 2017</u>	
Amigos	£150	Amigos	£150
Children Alone	£150	Children Alone	0
Christians Against Poverty	£800	Christians Against Poverty	£800
CMCT	£800	CMCT	£800
Cogwheel Trust	£800	Cogwheel Trust	£800
David Symons	£1200	David Symons	£1200
DUMO	£600 (special collection)	DUMO (special collection rounded up)	£400
Friends of Petra School	£250	Friends of Petra School	£250
Life Centre, Salford	£500	Life Centre, Salford	£480
London City Mission	£200	London City Mission	£200
Mulindabigwe C	£800	Mulindabigwe C	£800
Open Doors	£500	Open Doors	£500
Retired Mission Aid Fund	£400	Retired Mission Aid Fund	£400
SASRA	£300	SASRA	£300
Sat 7	£500	Sat 7	£500
Scripture Union	£200	Scripture Union	£200
Tear Fund	0	Tear Fund	£1000
UCCF	£250	UCCF	£250

United Generations	£100	United Generations	£100
Van Den Hogan J	£150	Van De Hogan J	£150
Vision for Asia	£800	Vision for Asia	£800 + £400 for Pastor Kenny
		Chloe Livingstone £20 monthly	£200
		Creation Fest £20 monthly	£100