



## Acton Baptist Church CIO

This is the second annual report of Acton Baptist Church CIO ("ABC") and it covers the 12-month period to 31 December 2020.

## Aims and purposes

Acton Baptist Church has operated as a church at its current location in Church Road, Acton since 1864. The principal purpose of ABC is the advancement of the Christian faith, which is fulfilled in and from our buildings, and through the work and contributions of our members. ABC is in membership of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and the London Baptist Association.

## Objectives and activities

The Minister, elected Charity trustees and staff, together with the membership, are committed to enabling as many people as possible to hear about the Christian faith and to be able to worship as a community at our church.

## Public benefit

The charity trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. We seek to enable any person to explore and live out their faith regardless of whether they are members of the church.

Our services and activities are open to any person to attend, whether in person or, more commonly this year, online and our work with children and young people, including through the Living Room project, do not require those children and young people or their parents or guardians to have any faith or to be members of the church.

In addition, we are fortunate to have good-sized halls that can be made available for a variety of community activities and events. Our rental income includes hiring out the buildings to another church for its own services and to a variety of groups providing gymnastics, dance and toddler groups to the community at large. As noted below, there have been impacts from the Covid-19 pandemic on our ability to rent out space in 2020.

We have a prohibition against the consumption of alcohol within any of the church buildings, and we do reserve the right to refuse to rent our property for political, religious or community activities which we think are not consistent with our objectives or which otherwise might run contrary to our desire to play our part in building up a diverse, inclusive and peaceful community of peoples of all faiths and of none in our locality.

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## Covid-19 pandemic

Responses to the pandemic have restricted or prohibited gatherings and activities at various times during the year. This has unsurprisingly shaped every aspect of the undertaking and operations of the charity since March 2020. We have been able to do less than last year. Many activities have been re-formatted and migrated to online delivery mechanisms. The use of YouTube and Facebook has provided an opportunity for a potentially wider public to engage with sermons, prayer and communion without needing to be physically present, let alone in the same country, and to do so at a time and in a place of their choosing. Many church gatherings have been replaced by Zoom meetings. A few church members have spent many hours trying to assist those who are unfamiliar with online technology, or who just do not have requisite equipment and connections. This has included the provision of hardware and training. While many still struggle, we are pleased that a significant number are now able to join in meetings and participate in the online life of the church.

Despite this, activities have been severely curtailed since March. Given the building refurbishment and the logistical complexity of meeting Government guidelines and assessing the risks to some of our community, we have not held a service in our church since 22 March 2020.

Our finances were impacted too, not least through the loss of income from hirers of our halls.

Our reserves remain above the levels that our reserves policy targets and they can support operations through 2021, even if the pandemic imposes a continued reduction on income compared with previous years.

The specific sections below provide details on our operations during this year.

## Church services and outreach

In normal times, we hold a public church service at 10:30am on every Sunday. We take communion together as a church at least twice a month during the Sunday service. Every other month we have an all-age service and otherwise we run groups for children and young people every Sunday and which are reported on below.

As mentioned above, all are welcome to attend our Sunday service.

Periodically, we join with other churches in the near neighbourhood for joint services. This was able to occur only on one occasion in 2020.

We baptise in accordance with the Principles of the Baptist Union so would want to know that the person, whether adult or young person, has made a deliberate decision for themselves. We are fortunate to have a baptistry built in and have in the past baptised adults from other churches. Before the restrictions from the pandemic and the sanctuary refurbishment, we conducted one marriage and held one funeral in church. We have had a dedication for a new baby over Zoom however.

## Discipleship mentoring.

The church offers discipleship mentoring on a one-to-one basis as and when it is needed. The material covers the basic doctrines of the Christian faith. We have not taken any members through a discipleship course in 2020; dependent on restrictions for meeting we would hope to resume in 2021. Though we do not limit the course to members, the nature of the course is that we expect those who are interested would be at least regular attenders.

## Prayer

For at least the first three months of 2020 it was encouraging to have pauses for prayer during worship and throughout the service in small groups. In normal circumstances prayer for each would happen naturally after services over coffee. Since March 2020 there have been regular opportunity to pray over zoom, each Sunday morning and at other organised events during the week. The regular Friday morning prayer open to all, where members of the church join with members of other churches to pray for our community has not taken place since March.

## Pastoral care

Pastoral care is administered in a number of different ways.

The Minister regularly visits those members and long-term friends of the church who are house bound. There are also people admitted to hospital and those who are suffering from long- or short-term illness. The Minister will also visit those on request on a very wide range of pastoral concerns. During 2020 a lot of the Minister's pastoral care has been given via telephone; the wider church leadership team also keep in touch with more vulnerable members and regular attenders by phone. This is in addition to the informal friendship and support groups that happen between members themselves independent of church structures.

Pastoral care is also carried out in the House Groups.

## House Groups.

House-based groups continue to be an effective way for people to meet to study the Bible, pray for each other's needs and have fellowship. There are four groups that meet regularly.

Before lockdown, the West Ealing group usually met every two weeks on Thursday at a member's home; the Central Acton group were meeting on Thursday afternoon at the church; the North Acton group met weekly on Tuesdays in a home; and, the South Acton group met mid-week on different days. About a third of church membership attended a group before the restrictions on meeting.

Since March, the frequency of meetings has reduced and participation has depended on access to online facilities – which not all members have, despite efforts to get more online.

## Membership

During the year we admitted two new members into membership and two members died. At the year end, there were 73 members of the church.

## Young people's work

It was a difficult year for the church activities with high school age youth. Styled Blazin' God, the work is almost invariably delivered on a Sunday during or after the main service. We have a group of nine young people – all of whom are drawn from families which attend church. Meetings took place from January to March in 2020 and then due to our church closure activities have not taken place. The main youth worker has also been on maternity leave during this period and it was decided not to cover this part of her work.

We have sought to engage with the youth as much as possible via parents and sending cards; however, the youth have shown little appetite for online engagement. This is an area that has particularly suffered in the pandemic in the absence of building-based work.

## Children's Work

Creche: In 2019 we had restarted a creche on Sunday mornings during the service to accommodate a few young babies we now have in the congregation. We have a rota, made up of parents and other volunteers who are DBS checked. It is good that we can offer this space to those with young children in which they can relax and listen to the service. Since March 2020 we have not met in our building and this activity has ceased. When we return to our building in 2021, we will have a newly built crèche area and we are looking forward to using this space.

Amongst the Trustees, the Children's and Youth Co-ordinator oversees the young people's and children's works.

## Living Room

The Living Room continued its work of providing a safe space for young people in Acton during 2020. The way this was achieved constantly varied with the restrictions caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. Some of the work was delivered online via Instagram and zoom with games and chats. Nearly all the face-to-face work has been outdoors during this time, in the church garden and in the Mount in the centre of Acton. This has included fun sports that we have invested in such as badminton and swing ball. We have managed to maintain links with most of our young people. We have also met many new Year 7s through the open-air table tennis.

## Safeguarding

The Trustees are ultimately responsible for safeguarding. The Church has a Safeguarding Policy which is kept under review. Safeguarding training took place at the beginning of the year for the Trustees (who had not otherwise been on recent and relevant training in their professions), youth and children's workers and also those in the worship group.

We believe it is the responsibility of all members of Acton Baptist Church to make sure that all children, young people and vulnerable members of the church are kept safe.

## Building usage

The church owns its own buildings and the legal titles to these are held by the London Baptist Property Board Limited.

The sanctuary and the halls are of generous size and allow the church both for its own benefit and for wider community benefit to carry on any of the activities it wishes to.

The buildings are a source of significant expense in terms of running costs and day to day maintenance but, in normal years we have received income from the hiring out of the halls which can offset a lot of the running costs and day to day maintenance. We are fortunate to have several long-term hirers. The pandemic has obviously disrupted their own activities but where the law has permitted their operation, we have made appropriate adjustments and arrangements to support them as much as possible.

We continue to welcome rentals for community activities to be carried on in the church halls.

## The Refurbishment of the Sanctuary

As reported last year, a major refurbishment of the sanctuary was planned for 2020. In July 2020, a special members meeting gave its approval to contract with builders for the initial costed plan of £430,000 (including VAT). The pandemic and the financial uncertainty it brought meant that the directors felt it was prudent to limit the total cost of the building contract to £430,000. This sum was agreed after revising some of the details of the earlier

plans and by postponing some work to a potential later phase. Having worked with the proposed builder and the architect only one significant item from the original vision had to be left out of the planned refurbishment - the servery planned for the back of the church. It was agreed that the need for a creche was more immediate.

The works were commenced and carried on during various periods of restrictions on business in England; these never prevented the continuance of building works as such.

Work over many months led by the Church Secretary developed a detailed, competitively tendered, and fully costed plan before contracts were signed. This has meant there has been very little variation needed in specification or price. As at the year end, the total sum that had been designated as relating to this contract, including organ specialists, architect, solicitors and insurance was £443,638.59. As at the year end, the building works were around 92% completed and a remaining balance of £76,329.10 was expected to be spent in January 2021. At the date of this report the contract has now been completed.

The newly refurbished sanctuary will provide a flexible usage space, with levelled access to a disabled toilet. It has been completely rewired, with a three-phase supply, new heating system and a modern fire alarm system. In early 2021, we expect to buy chairs and tables to suit this space and to put in a new audio-visual system.

## Finance

The impact of the Covid-19 pandemic and the oversight of the building contract (reported on above) were the most significant financial events of the year.

### *The pandemic*

The announcement of a national lockdown in March led to a re-assessment of the likely income and expenditure for 2020. The principal loss of income expected was from hall hire, cash offerings and most of those who donate by cheque in the weekly collections. The principal saving was expected to be in heating – though the heavier cost of the winter months had been borne in January and February before lockdown. A risk throughout this period was that offerings would also suffer because of the loss of employment amongst members, and any wider economic downturn. Throughout it was clear that the church had reserves sufficient to weather even a year of enforced closure. However, it did mean we re-assessed the prudence of the extent of any refurbishment. This is detailed below.

By May, the deacons were informed by a more detailed financial forecasting model which showed how outcomes would be affected by the timing of the halls being re-usable. While early predictions thought an excess of expenditure over income of £20,000 might be possible, the actual outcome has been far better. While expenditure was much as expected, the income side was not as impacted, as most who gave cheques made arrangements to keep them coming or started using direct credit and the hall hire was helped by a respite in restrictions during the September to November period. Additionally, the church did not cover maternity leave for the youthwork manager; though her role at the Living Room project was covered.

### *The pension deficit*

The church is now responsible for its own obligations and those of the earlier unregistered charity that was Acton Baptist Church in relation to the Baptist Union Pension Scheme. The estimated employer debt as at 18 December 2020 was £80,500. The Trustees are of the opinion that there is no prospect in the year ahead of that sum becoming due to be paid.

### *The 2020 financial results*

The accounts are set out around three types of funds for transparency –

- (i) the unrestricted funds (or general reserves) belonging to the church and free to use for any purpose,
- (ii) the designated funds which consist of amounts earmarked for a project or purchase, but which could be reallocated to the general reserves if needed; and,
- (iii) the restricted funds, which have been donated for a specific purpose or represent a collection made in church to support a third-party charity.

As regards the unrestricted funds, the total receipts were £88,751 and total payments £65,520. The principal sources of income are regular offerings from church members (£46,357) and hall hire (£8,516). All gift aid has been recovered for donations up to 31 August 2020. This also covered prior years and some unclaimed gift aid from the predecessor unregistered charity Acton Baptist Church. There was a prospective claim for £2,931 for the remainder of the year (and this was paid by HMRC in 2021 prior to the date of this report). Our own analysis during September identified that just over 92% of value all the offerings (including cash collections) in the period 1 January to 31 August 2020 were eligible for gift aid.

In considering the underlying financial state of the church, the offerings; gift aid recovered or recoverable from HMRC on the 2020 offerings; bank interest; and hall hire fees, totalled £64,204. In comparison, the total expenses figure was £65,520.

The church has no loans, whether secured or not, and has not given a guarantee.

The bank account of the predecessor charity (see our 2019 accounts for details) at Barclays Bank was not formally closed until January 2020 by the bank. It is mentioned in the statement of cash funds at B1 in the financial statements below, but it held no money in 2020, cost nothing and no movements occurred.

### *Reserves Policy*

The church looks to keep at least £50,000 in unrestricted reserves at any time as that is approximately 9 months' worth of general expenditure based on the past and expected needs. This excludes expenditure on the building outside of minor maintenance and upkeep. As at year end the figure was £95,282.

Additionally, the policy aims to have a year's expenditure (£65,520 at this year-end) covered by the total of the unrestricted funds plus the value of any unclaimed but quantified gift aid and any advances. As at year end the figure was £98,712.

On either test the church is comfortably meeting its reserves policy. The Trustees recognise that over-reserving may not be good stewardship but in 2021 there are risks and capital needs too.

For 2021, the principal financial risks and needs relate to :

- (i) the ongoing pandemic (noted above),
- (ii) the need to fund the fit-out of the sanctuary - capital expenditure in the region of £15,000-£20,000 will likely be needed in 2021, principally to buy chairs and audio-visual equipment; and,
- (iii) the need during 2021 for the Living Room to identify more grants or donations. The Living Room Project, whilst not legally separate, aims to be self-funding. A grant which has covered staff costs for 3 years ended in 2020 and since

September reserves have been used to cover the gap in income arising in the last four months. A new donor has made a grant for 2021. Taking that into account, the 2021 Living Room budget projects that £12,000 of its reserves could be needed to continue activities throughout 2021 if no additional grants or unexpected gifts are received. Its reserves stood at £18,624 at year end.

In any event, the Trustees do not consider these are risks that might threaten the ongoing solvency and sustainability of the church for the year ahead. The Trustees have insurance policies in place for a prudent range of perils.

#### Our staff and volunteers

Rev Michael Drake continued to serve as our Minister. He is the only full-time employee and the only paid Trustee.

Our Senior Youth and Community Worker was on maternity leave from June. Fifteen of her 23 weekly hours are allocated to the Living Room Project and a new person was employed from September only for that aspect of maternity cover. The other employee is a permanent 15 hour per week youth worker for the Living Room. Additionally, one other person was paid sessional hours as needed for the Living Room.

We are also fortunate to have many volunteers. Despite the pandemic reducing the number of activities in which church members can be involved, we estimate 30 individuals gave their time to further the work in different ways. This number is in addition to the unpaid Trustees.

We are very grateful to all for their tireless work in such a difficult year.

#### Structure, governance and management

The church is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. Its governing document is an association constitution based principally on the model agreed for member churches of the Baptist Union of Great Britain.

Trustees are drawn from the membership and elected by them in secret ballot. Any person wishing to serve must be nominated by two other members. The offices of church secretary and treasurer are chosen by the Trustees from amongst themselves. Any Minister for the time being is a Trustee.

#### Reference and administrative details

Charity name	Acton Baptist Church CIO
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1179061
Charity's principal address	12 Church Road, Acton, London, W3 8PP

#### Names of charity trustees who manage the church

<i>Name</i>	<i>Office (if any)</i>	<i>Dates if not acted for whole year</i>
Frances Bellis		
Josephine Choji-Davou		
Michael Drake	Minister	
Valerie Drake		
Jan Neasham		From 8 March 2020
Colin Nicoll		
Elizabeth Nicoll		
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Name	Office (if any)	Dates if not acted for whole year
Laura Kellard		
Neil Kellard	Church Secretary	
Sarah Robson		
Carol ("Carlie") Sears		From 8 March 2020
Guy Sears	Treasurer	
Geraint Thomas		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year
London Baptist Property Board Limited	

#### Declarations

The company has taken advantage of the small companies' exemption in preparing the report above.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report (including directors' report) above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees/directors

Signature		
Full name	Neil Michael Kellard	Guy Russell William Sears
Position	Church Secretary	Treasurer
Date	7 February 2021	

The Receipts and Payments Accounts for Acton Baptist Church CIO (charity number 1179061) for the period 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020

These accounts consist of:

1. Section A - Receipts and Payments – there were no asset and investment purchases and so section A4 of the reporting template is excluded
2. Section B - Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2020 – there are no investment assets or present liabilities so sections B3 and B5 of the reporting template are excluded
3. Section C - Notes and further information

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis. All figures are rounded to the nearest £.

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Total 2019 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Offerings and donations	46,357		1,099	47,456	11,927
Tax recovered	30,524			30,524	-
Refunds	975			975	-
Interest on bank accounts	1,379			1,379	2,222
Income for Living Room			31,585	31,585	6,155
Giving for 3rd parties funds			246	246	396
Activities (hall hire + church weekend)	8,516			8,516	5,147
<b>A1 Gross Income (to nearest £)</b>	<b>87,751</b>		<b>32,929</b>	<b>120,680</b>	<b>25,847</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales</b>					
Church pew sale	1,000			1,000	-
Training weights sale			140	140	-
<b>A2 Sub total</b>	<b>1,000</b>		<b>140</b>	<b>1,140</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts (A1 +A2)</b>	<b>88,751</b>		<b>33,069</b>	<b>121,820</b>	<b>25,847</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Salaries and pensions	(39,942.74)		(17,180.95)	(57,123.69)	(16,153.54)
Outside speakers	(247.50)			(247.50)	(164.00)
Payroll costs	(506.50)			(506.50)	(129.00)
Heat, water, council tax and light	(8,032)			(8,032)	(1,739)
Internet and phone	(1,137)			(1,137)	(218)
Office and church supplies and consumables	(351)		(150)	(501)	(164)
Books and teaching materials purchased	(306)			(306)	(7)
Conferences, regionals, events and courses	(255)		(8)	(263)	(713)
Subsistence, drinks & meals	(71)		(57)	(128)	(493)
Travel incl car costs	(522)			(522)	(339)
Outreach and publicity (incl pcopy)	(186)		(25)	(211)	(393)
Ministry			(176)	(176)	(120)
Other miscellaneous expenses	(957)	(50)		(1,007)	(123)
Building repairs and maintenance	(4,489)			(4,489)	(28,512)
Building upkeep incl cleaner	(2,213)			(2,213)	(675)
Donations to charities and community projects			(1,128)	(1,128)	-
Bank charges	(60)			(60)	(114)
Insurance and subs	(5,909)			(5,909)	(1,461)
Examination fees	(336)			(336)	(852)
Fundraising				-	(50)
Building projects		(367,309)	(29,602)	(396,912)	(3,510)
<b>A3 Total payments</b>	<b>(65,520)</b>	<b>(367,359)</b>	<b>(48,327)</b>	<b>(481,207)</b>	<b>(55,929)</b>
<b>Net receipts/(payments) (A3-(A1+A2))</b>	<b>23,231</b>	<b>(367,359)</b>	<b>(15,258)</b>	<b>(359,386)</b>	<b>(30,082)</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>					
Building contract	(443,639)	443,639		-	
Kitchen matched funding	(10,000)		10,000	-	
Hall hire deposits	(550)	550		-	
<b>A5 Sub total</b>	<b>(454,189)</b>	<b>444,189</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>-</b>	
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>					
	526,239	5,327	34,213	565,779	
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>95,282</b>	<b>82,156</b>	<b>28,955</b>	<b>206,393</b>	

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds
B1 Cash funds	CAF Bank accounts	31,712	35,000	-
	Barclays Bank accounts (old ABC)	-	-	-
	Petty cash	477		
	Deposit at London Baptist Property Board	63,093	47,156	28,955
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>95,282</b>	<b>82,156</b>	<b>28,955</b>

B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds
	Advance to Minister against expense account	300		
	Prospective HMRC gift aid reclaim on offerings	2,931		135
	Unpresented cheques	200		1,000

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Manse at Cloister Road	Unrestricted	875,000	
	Church Building and Land at Church Road	Unrestricted		
	Organ at Church Road	Unrestricted		
	Audio visual equipment	Unrestricted		
	Furniture at church and Manse	Unrestricted		
	Living Room project Furniture and equipment	Restricted - Living Room		

The attached notes in Section C below form part of these Receipts and Payments accounts.

The Trustees declare that they have approved these Receipts and Payments accounts on 4 February 2021

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees/directors

Signature		
Full name	Neil Michael Kellard	Guy Russell William Sears
Position	Church Secretary	Treasurer
Date	7 February 2021	

## Section C – Notes and further information

### Part I

The 2019 accounts which appear as comparison in Section A were longer than 12 months and were the first reporting period of the charity where the main operations only began in the last 3 months.

### Part II

The following table provides details on the Designated and Restricted funds ( the Living Room project is reported upon in more detail in Part III).

	B/Fwd	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	C/Fwd
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Third party collections</b>					
<i>Home Mission Fund</i>	<b>329.92</b>	0.00	-329.92		<b>0.00</b>
<i>Baptist Missionary Society</i>	<b>17.49</b>	0.00	-17.49		<b>0.00</b>
<i>Tear Fund</i>	<b>152.69</b>	0.00	-152.69		<b>0.00</b>
<i>Food bank</i>	<b>0.00</b>	0.00	0.00		<b>0.00</b>
<i>Christian Aid</i>	<b>243.32</b>	0.00	-243.32		<b>0.00</b>
<i>CAP</i>	<b>0.00</b>	245.53	-245.53		<b>0.00</b>
<i>Acton homeless project</i>	<b>138.90</b>	0.00	-138.90		<b>0.00</b>
<b>Restricted</b>					
<i>Building Fund</i>	<b>13,983.91</b>	0.00	-4,752.00		<b>9,231.91</b>
<i>Chair Fund</i>	<b>0.00</b>	1,099.00	0.00		<b>1,099.00</b>
<i>Living Room</i>	<b>19,346.58</b>	41,724.68	-42,446.97		<b>18,624.29</b>
	<i>34,212.81</i>	<i>43,069.21</i>	<i>-48,326.82</i>		<i>28,955.20</i>
<b>Designated</b>					
<i>P&amp;T legacy</i>	<b>5,327.18</b>	0.00	0.00		<b>5,327.18</b>
<i>Hall deposits</i>	<b>0.00</b>	-50.00		550.00	<b>500.00</b>
<i>Church weekend</i>	<b>0.00</b>	300.00	-300.00		<b>0.00</b>
<i>Building Project</i>	<b>0.000</b>		-367,309.490	443,638.590	<b>76,329.10</b>
	<i>5,327.18</i>	<i>250.00</i>	<i>-367,609.49</i>	<i>444,188.59</i>	<i>82,156.28</i>

### Designated Funds

**Parent & Toddler:** This fund had money transferred to it as a designated fund by the Trustees when the assets were transferred from the predecessor unregistered church on 1 October 2019 to recognise sums previously held for such work and with a hope that in the near term such work could start again with the benefit of such funds.

**Hall deposits:** During the year, the deposits held from hirers were placed in a designated fund to recognise their different status.

**Church weekend:** Prior to the pandemic it was hoped that the church would have a weekend away as part of its activities. A block booking was made and this fund recorded deposits received from individuals against their prospective share of room and food costs. These were returned during the year on cancellation of the booking.

**Building Project:** On execution of the building contract in July 2020, a sum equal to the expected total building cost, including professionals and insurance, was designated in the accounts. During the year, the balance was adjusted to match any variations and adjustments to price. At year end it matches the agreed balance remaining on the building contract and for the architect.

## The Restricted Funds

These are comprised of money collected for six 3<sup>rd</sup> parties and three restricted funds of the charity.

The six third party restricted fund entities are:

1. Home Mission Fund is a fund of the Baptist Union of Great Britain to support other Baptist churches and individuals where finance is needed.
2. The Baptist Missionary Society is registered in England and Wales as a charity (no. 1174364) and is engaged in Christian mission overseas.
3. Tearfund is registered in England & Wales as a charity (no.265464) and works to end global poverty.
4. Christian Aid is registered in England & Wales as a charity (no.1105851) and works to end poverty worldwide.
5. Acton Homeless Concern is registered in England and Wales as a charity (no. 1058819) and operates a drop-in day centre in Acton for homeless people and people from other disadvantaged groups.
6. Christians Against Poverty is registered in England and Wales as a charity (no. 1097217) and we support work on relieving poverty that its volunteers do in Acton.

The three other restricted funds are:

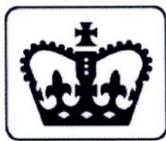
1. The Building Fund reflects the balance received from old ABC from gifts made specifically to support capital works to repair, maintain or improve the buildings owned by the charity.
2. The Chairs Fund: this was set up in December 2020 to receive gifts specifically made for the purpose of purchasing chairs for the refurbished main church area. It is expected that these will be bought in 2021.
3. The Living Room project is under the day-to-day management of one of the Trustees (who is unpaid) and works with young people in the church premises, on the streets and in schools and receives its funding from specific gifts and grants.

## Part III

This section sets out more detailed accounts for the year of the Living Room Restricted Fund for ease of reference for funders.

<i>Living Room accounts</i>	
<i>2020</i>	
<i>Receipts</i>	<i>£</i>
<i>individuals</i>	2,299
<i>churches</i>	2,600
<i>fundraisers</i>	1,834
<i>grants</i>	24,991
<i>from ABC for kitchen</i>	10,000
<b><i>Total receipts</i></b>	<b>41,725</b>
<i>Payments</i>	
<i>projects and trips</i>	(176)
<i>staff costs</i>	(17,181)
<i>training</i>	(8)
<i>publicity</i>	(25)
<i>equipment</i>	(150)
<i>food</i>	(57)
<i>kitchen project</i>	(24,850)
<b><i>Total payments</i></b>	<b>(42,447)</b>
<b><i>Net receipts/(payments)</i></b>	<b>(722)</b>

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**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31 December 2020 **Charity no  
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**Set out on pages**

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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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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**Signed:**

**Date:** 09/02/2021

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