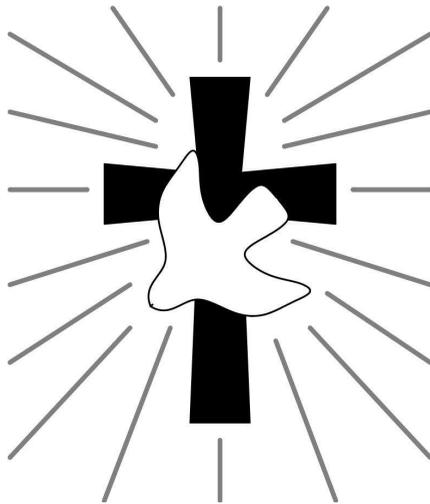


Winchmore Hill Baptist Church



*Together in Christ
for the World*

Annual Report 2014

Introduction

The Annual Report has been prepared by the trustees to give an account of the Church's activities during 2014 to the membership. It also fulfils the Church's legal requirement to submit an Annual Report to the Charity Commission. The report is divided into two parts:

Part 1 describes how the Church is organised and financed and gives details of the activities that are normally undertaken by the Church in fulfilling its charitable objective. This part is quite formal as much of the information is legally required to be included in the report.

Part 2 describes the activities and events that have taken place during 2014 and is much less formal. It aims to give a picture of the life of the Church and contributions have been included from a large number of people.

Winchmore Hill Baptist Church

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Registered charity number: 1134122

Trustees:

Andy Potter	Minister
Andrew Forster	Secretary
Ian Blunn	Treasurer
Merdelyn Banton	Deacon - from 1st April
Paul Burt	Deacon
Tim Gillard	Deacon - from 1st April
Carolyn Greenaway	Deacon
Sonia Gumbs	Deacon
Veronica Henly	Deacon

Custodian Trustee:

London Baptist Property Board Ltd

The Trust Company holds the deeds of the following properties:

- Winchmore Hill Baptist Church, Compton Road, London N21 3PA
- 29 Orpington Road, London N21 3PD

No property valuation has been undertaken on either property in recent years and the values shown in the accounts are the insured values.

Advisors:

- HSBC Bank PLC, PO Box 131, 1 The Town, Enfield, Middlesex EN2 6LD
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PART 1

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is an unincorporated association governed by an Approved Governing Document (known as the “Constitution”) which was adopted on 6th December 2009. The rules for the election of trustees and appointment of members are given in the Constitution.

The trustees are the minister, secretary, treasurer and a number of deacons. All of these are appointed by the Church Members’ Meeting. The minister is a permanent employee of the Church. The remaining trustees are elected from amongst the membership and receive no remuneration.

The trustees meet monthly and are responsible for the day to day running of the Church’s work and witness and the financial and legal aspects of the charity. Relevant matters may be submitted to the Church Members’ Meeting for guidance, or may be raised by members for further consideration by the trustees.

The Church Members’ Meeting normally take place ten times per year and has responsibility for the overall policy of the Church. All members are encouraged to take an appropriate part in the spiritual and practical tasks involved in the furtherance of the charitable objective. New members are enrolled by agreement of the Church Meeting, normally after baptism by immersion upon personal profession of faith, though members may be accepted based on their own public profession of faith.

The job of managing the Church’s finances is carried out by the Finance Committee (led by the Treasurer), whose responsibilities include paying the Church’s bills and salaries, keeping financial records and preparing the accounts. A team of cashiers count and record the money received from weekly offerings and pay it into the bank.

Appointment of Trustees

At the Annual General Meeting on 29th March 2014, Andrew Forster was re-elected as secretary and Merdelyn Banton and Tim Gillard were elected as new deacons, filling positions that had previously been vacant. No trustees stepped down during 2014.

Objectives and Activities

The principal purpose of the Church is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination. The Church may also advance education and carry out other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and/or other parts of the world.

In fulfilling this purpose the Church aims to engage in activities including:

- Regular public worship, prayer, Bible study, preaching and teaching
- Baptism, as defined in the Baptist Union's declaration of principle
- The Communion of the Lord's Supper
- Evangelism and mission, locally, regionally, nationally and internationally
- The teaching, inclusion, welcome and encouragement of young people
- Nurture and growth of Christian disciples
- Education and training for Christian and community service
- Giving and encouraging pastoral care
- Supporting and encouraging charitable social action in the United Kingdom and abroad.
- Encouraging relationships with and supporting Baptists and other Christians.

Central to the work and witness of the Church is the provision of regular services of Christian worship. These services take place each Sunday at 10.30am and occasionally at other times. All

services are open to the public and the times are advertised on the Church's notice board and on the internet. Members of the congregation are encouraged to invite their friends and relatives. Additional publicity is distributed for our special services at Christmas and Easter. There is no charge to attend any worship service.

Activities for adults include mid-week Fellowship Groups for Bible study and prayer and a monthly prayer breakfast. For senior citizens there is a monthly social gathering with Christian teaching and worship known as "Thursday Afternoon Club".

There are separate activities for children and teenagers during the morning service and the Church has a close relationship with the Boys' Brigade and Girls' Brigade and provides free use of the premises for their activities as well as hosting a number of joint events.

The minister, who is a paid employee of the Church, is responsible for leading and co-ordinating the Church's activities including the Sunday services, providing pastoral care for the congregation and other people, and equipping and encouraging the membership in their life, Christian witness and service.

All of the remaining work necessary for the operation of the Church is carried out by volunteers, including organisation of and participation in activities, cleaning, preparation and maintenance of the premises, administration, pastoral visits and prayer. A list of all those who carry out this work is given in the document 'Positions of Responsibility'. Many of those who organise activities have written their own account of them and these have been compiled together in part 2 of this report.

The Church provides financial and prayer support to organisations working for the advancement of the Christian faith in the United Kingdom and abroad. These include members of the Church who

are working as missionaries in the Far East and South Africa. The Church is a member of *the Baptist Union of Great Britain* and the *London Baptist Association* and supports other Baptist churches through contributions to the Home Mission fund. The Church also supports local education charities *N:flame* and *Pathway* and is a member of *Churches Together in Palmers Green and Winchmore Hill*, through which it participates in activities with other churches in the area.

Public Benefit

The trustees are aware of the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission and we believe that the activities of the Church which are described above provide significant public benefit in line with that guidance. It has always been the desire of the Church to reach as many people as possible in our community with the Christian message and to welcome new faces into our fellowship.

Financial Review

The Church has a reserves policy agreed by the trustees and the Church Members' Meeting - the latest version was approved in November 2012. The charity holds little in the way of designated reserves as surplus funds are kept in the General (unrestricted) Fund. The intention is to retain a minimum balance in the General Fund equivalent to about nine months expenditure.

In 2014 there was a 6% decrease in regular donations to the General Fund. This follows the recent pattern of annual decreases, although it was less than the previous year. Overall expenditure from the General Fund was broadly unchanged. However there was significant expenditure on the buildings and £10,000 had to be transferred to the Building Fund. Despite this the Building Fund showed only a modest balance at the end of the year. The Repairs

and Renewals Fund had a zero balance at the end of the year. A number of Special Donations were received which offset the decrease in regular donations. Income from letting our premises remains at a very healthy level. Half of the Thank-offering was designated for the General Fund with the intention that it be spent on the buildings. Gift Aid receipts declined in line with the decrease in regular donations. We again benefited from the GASDS scheme on small cash donations.

There was again a modest surplus for the General Fund but the need to transfer funds to the Building Fund meant that the General Fund balance decreased by nearly £2000 over the year. We commissioned a survey and this has confirmed we shall need further major expenditure on repairs and upgrading the premises for the foreseeable future. This will place further demands on the General Fund reserves and unless additional income can be identified, will necessitate a re-appraisal of our spending priorities. We intend to manage expenditure from the General Fund such that the balance remains comfortably above the minimum level specified in the Reserves Policy.

The majority of the church's income comes from donations which are given directly by the membership and the congregation. Gift Aid is reclaimed on these where possible. Total donations in 2014 were £54,050, which was approximately £800 more than in 2013. Regular offerings decreased by approximately £2,400 compared to 2013. Additional income is received from hiring out parts of the building when they are not in use. This income totalled £9,680 which was an increase of almost £600 compared to 2013.

The majority of the church's expenditure goes on the employment of the minister and the support for mission both locally and overseas. Expenditure on employing our minister including pension and NI costs was £32,600. We spent £18,700 supporting overseas mission and £900 supporting local outreach. We contributed £2,030 to other organisations by way of subscriptions and/or donations.

Concerns for the trustees are the continuing decrease in regular offerings and the prospect of large expenditure on the buildings. There is encouragement that despite a congregation that has declined numerically, total income remains buoyant and has more than covered our day-to-day expenditure. Notwithstanding the concerns, the level of the General Fund reserves is currently healthy. Our budget for 2015 (which excludes expenditure on buildings) shows a very small deficit. We are hopeful that over the next few years we shall be able to meet the challenges outlined.

PART 2

Secretary's Report *Andrew Forster*

My job in writing the Secretary's report is to record the activities and events that took place in the Church during 2014 that are not covered in any of the other reports. At first glance this appears to be quite a difficult task as so much has already been written about by the other contributors. However, I have the advantage of having the database of the year's weekly notice sheets at my disposal and in going through these it brought to mind quite how much was going on in an apparently 'quiet' year.

In May we were delighted to welcome back Lewis Pearson, our former youth worker, to lead our Anniversary Service, accompanied by his wife Jo and children Matthew and Emma. Lewis updated us on his work in the Church in Alderholt, Hampshire and his plans to become a vicar in the Church of England. The Thank Offering was taken up and we were able to raise £900 for The Christian Kitchen, providing meals to homeless people in Walthamstow, and a similar amount for Church funds.

During the year we were able to hear from ministers of other local churches. Rev Joe Kapoloyo from Edmonton Baptist Church and Rev Joe Egan from Enfield Baptist Church both led services while Andy was on holiday. In January, for the Churches Together Pulpit Exchange, we welcomed Fr Richard Bolton from Holy Trinity across the road. We were also grateful to members of our own congregation, Martin Wells, Tim Gillard and John Burridge, who led services or parts of services while Andy was away.

In previous years the Church has supported Christian Aid by collecting money door-to-door, however recently this has proven to be less fruitful and so the team decided that a different approach was called for. In July a Quiz Night was held, which as well as being

good fun and beneficial for building friendships within the Church, raised £700 for Christian Aid.

Members of the congregation have generously supported the North Enfield Food Bank by leaving gifts of food in the boxes in the cloakroom, which Andy regularly transfers to their warehouse - this goes to feed vulnerable people in the community who might otherwise go hungry. The Church has also supported Tear Fund with our Good Friday and Christmas Day offerings and the Baptist Union Home Mission Fund with our Christmas Postbox.

The two Wednesday Fellowship Groups have operated throughout the year. The format of the Wednesday morning meeting has changed, with meetings now taking place every week at 10.30am - the traditional Fellowship Group meetings on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month and Prayer meetings every other Wednesday. Meanwhile, meeting at 8pm, the Midweek@WHBC group have been studying the Bible on the 1st Wednesday of the month and enjoying a social event (normally the famous Pizza Night) on the 3rd Wednesday. These meetings are organised so that new members are always welcome to attend, even just occasionally - speak to Andy for further details.

In March a group from the Church were shown round the Houses of Parliament by local MP David Burrowes. As well as seeing all the traditional sights, we spent some time in the chapel discussing the issues around being a Christian in politics.

In September, a Summer Tea Party was held on a Thursday afternoon. This was an opportunity for everyone of all ages to meet together and enjoy a social occasion, and was particularly intended as an opportunity to invite those who sometimes attend Church activities but who are not regular members of the congregation. There was an excellent spread of food and live music provided by a string quartet. It was a huge success, with more people attending

than predicted - so much so that more tea parties have been planned for 2015.

Towards the end of the year, Coral Burridge published her long-awaited and much-researched book *A Wilderness Journey*. This tells the full story of the Church going right back to its founding in Glasshouse Yard in Central London in the 17th Century. It is a privilege to belong to a Church that has such a long and rich history about which so much is known. We are grateful to Coral for the many hours she has spent painstakingly researching the facts and enabling us to learn all about our Church's past, much of which helps us to understand the way some things are today.

At Christmas, our services followed the usual pattern, with quite a few visitors attending the Carols by Candlelight and Christmas Day services. We were particularly blessed to have the Highfield School Choir performing at the Toy Service, and we hope to organise further events with them in the future.

During the summer break, Andy and Nat Potter were busily working away designing the new Church website. Chris and Phil Norman had faithfully maintained the old website for a number of years, but it was felt that the hosting arrangement could not keep up with the expectations of modern internet users, and a professional hosting arrangement was needed. The new website is hosted by a company that specialises in providing websites to small businesses, and can be updated from anywhere at any time, meaning that Andy and I can keep details of services and events up to date on a weekly basis. It has the facility to store files for download, and from the beginning of 2015 MP3 recordings of all of the sermons are being stored there. There is also a secure members area, and a number of important documents including rotas, calendars and the Church meeting minutes are available for download by members of the congregation who have the password. The contact form allows browsers of the website to send a message to Andy, and this has so far been the source of several extra hall bookings (which means the website has

probably more than paid for itself!). The hosting package we have includes the facility to find out the number of people visiting the website each day and what pages they have been visiting - so far there have been on average 20-25 different people per day.

I would like to say a big thank you to Serena and Derek Amoako who have continued to edit and publish Spotlight through the whole year. The quality remains excellent and they have continued to provide significant amounts of content themselves. Thank you also to those who make regular contributions to the magazine.

Membership *Andrew Forster*

We were pleased to welcome John Melbourne into membership in May, and he has become an active and enthusiastic participant in many of the Church's activities.

In March, we suffered the unexpected death of our oldest member, Ruby Ager. Despite being 98, she was apparently in good health, and so it came as quite a shock. Only a short time later, in May, we said goodbye to another much-loved member, Dorothy Ingle, who passed away after being ill for some time. While we miss them both, we take comfort from the knowledge that these women of great faith are with the Lord Jesus and we will one day be reunited with them and with all believers in God's kingdom.

Derek and Janet Hann, who served the Church here for many years but retired to Cromer in 2012, decided in September that the time was right to transfer their membership to Cromer Baptist Church where they are well settled. We wish them well in their new life.

Overall in 2014 the number on the membership role reduced by 3. However we are well aware that there are a number of people who have joined the congregation in recent years but have not yet decided to seek membership. We hope and pray that God will lead them into making that step when the time is right.

Youth *Tim Gillard*

Usually run on a Friday evening in the Lounge at WHBC, the Re:Create Youth Club has always experienced widely fluctuating numbers of attendees. During the early part of last year the group continued to run despite declining numbers, providing activities including table games, snooker, film night, Wii, tuck shop and an opportunity to chat and meet with friends. After the Summer, the numbers declined still further as some members left to attend University and we reluctantly decided that the club should close. We will continue to review this decision and consider re-starting the club should we find there is sufficient demand.

Our thanks go to all of those in the Church who contributed to the running of Re:Create, offering their time and companionship to our young people.

Ignite, ably coordinated by Sarah, caters for those young people attending Secondary School and provides bible and Christian based teaching on a Sunday morning. Organising the sessions can be challenging since the numbers attending can be anything from none to five or six and over the year we have seen around ten different faces when we include occasional guests to the Church.

Over the year we have run sessions on a number of different topics including people in the bible, Christian character and 'big issues' and the young people always enjoy frequent visits to the café opposite the Church on Green Lanes where we sometimes surprise the locals with our discussions over breakfast!

Our thanks go to Sarah, Sandra and Tim for their efforts in running the sessions.

Sunday Club *Rachel Forster*

Over the past year we have continued to enjoy working with a precious group of children on Sunday mornings. The sessions have included bible stories from the Old and New Testament and looking at prayer. This has then generally been followed by craft, drama or games linked with the story. There has also been time for the children to play together and to get to know each other.

The children attending have ranged in age from 0 – 11 and the numbers on a Sunday have ranged from 0 to 15. Many weeks we have had a group of around 6 or 7 children.

Carin, Carolyn and I are grateful to all those who have faithfully helped with the Sunday School over the past year. We are thankful to God for his help and strength and would value your continued prayers for the children coming to the church and for the Sunday Club and its leaders and helpers.

Boys' Brigade *Chris Norman*

Well we have had a really positive year, with lots going on across all age groups.

Towards the end of last session our Annual Display took place at the Church, held jointly with The Girls' Brigade. It was a great evening of entertainment but most importantly an opportunity to present the annual awards and badges to the boys.

In the lead up to the summer break our annual programme of 'summer' activities went into full swing, with a range of different activities on offer across the age groups with boys enjoying activities including games in the park, a water based assault course, kayaking, raft building and laser combat.

In early July, boys went along to the London District 'Life 2 the Max' event held at Felden Lodge. The boys along with some GB members enjoyed a day of activities including taking part in the famous 'It's a Knockout Challenge'. The event was attended by over 600 children and young people from across London.

Just before the end of the session 7 Juniors went along to the Enfield Battalion Junior Section Weekend Camp held at Felden Lodge. During the weekend the boys stayed in tents and did a range of activities including archery, zip wire, rifle shooting, climbing and lots more.

The session finished with our annual Summer Camp in Norfolk, young people and staff enjoyed a fantastic week away. Once again as well as boys from our Company, we also welcomed members of our GB Company. Throughout the week the young people got to take part in a number of activities, both on and off site. On site activities included sports such as football and rounders, a BBQ, quiz, devotions, water games and a water fight. Off-site activities included spending a day at Pleasurewood Hills, a day out in Kings Lynn, a trip out from Wells on Sea to see the Seals, go karting at a track in Cromer as well as trips to the beach and local towns including Cromer and Sheringham. On the Friday evening, our last night we held a karaoke night, which was a great finish to the week!

The new session started well in September with all age groups starting up again. Numbers in all age groups have remained fairly constant with a total of around 24 boys in the Company.

In November a group of 8 Company Section boys went up to Staffordshire and stayed in the village of Alton, just a few miles away from the Alton Towers Resort. Staying at the Catholic Church Youth Centre in the Village the group watched a film and eat before having a good night's sleep, ready to set off early on Saturday morning to get to Alton Towers. The group spent a full day on rides and attractions in the park, with the new 'Smiler' ride being popular.

Leaving the park at 9pm the group made the short journey back to the Youth Centre and enjoyed a Chinese Takeaway. The next morning after a hearty breakfast the group made their way into the Peak District to Dove Dale and enjoyed spending some time walking along the river and climbing Thorpe Cloud (1000ft high). A fantastic weekend was had by all.

During the lead up to Christmas boys, leaders and other supporters helped to raise around £3000 through our Trailer Collection. This year we were collecting money for Noah's Ark Children's Hospice and also towards the work of the Company and we are very grateful to all those that supported us.

The Anchors/Juniors age group meets on a Thursday evening and continues to run a programme including games, crafts and other interests. Enfield Battalion events during the session have included the Colouring competition, an activity afternoon, uni-hoc competition and trips to Whipsnade Safari Park and Legoland to mention some of the things the boys have enjoyed.

This year the Anchors and Juniors age groups have split up, and now operate independently, this is based on a good increase in numbers. The Anchors age group is run by Philip Norman and he is assisted by Kevin Norman, there are currently 7 boys in this age group. The Juniors age group has grown stronger this year, with 14 boys in this age group after a number came up from the Anchors age group. Chris Norman and Oliver Richardson are taking the lead with Juniors age group and are assisted by Philip Norman. This year the Company Section / Seniors age group has seen a major change with a number of older boys moving on from the Company on reaching their 18th birthday. We have been rebuilding this age group and pleased that a number of boys have successfully transferred up from the Juniors age group and we have recruited a few new boys. There are currently 14 boys in the Company Section / Seniors age group, and this age group is led by David Hann and Chris Norman with Philip Norman, Andrew Blunn and Matthew

BurrIDGE also working with these age groups. Company Section and Seniors members have also taken part in a wide range of events run by Enfield Battalion including competitions and trips/outings. A recent highlight has been the efforts of the Junior Section in raising over £300 for Comic Relief. The boys set their sights on collectively running 5km, and enthusiastically collected sponsorship, before completing their challenge at Juniors on Thursday 12th March. The boys efforts were reported in the local Enfield Independent newspaper as well as online on Enfield Advertiser website and N21online.

We have much to look forward to in the next couple of months with our usual range of activities coming up in the summer months. We would like to put out a special request for those that might be willing to offer some time to help with a specific activity. This could be leading a devotional time, or sharing a skill or hobby with the boys.

Finally, we would like to say a special word of thanks to all those that support the boys and leaders throughout the year. We thank you for your time, thoughts and prayer in all that we do. You can stay up to date with all that we are doing by checking out our website at <http://10enfield.boys-brigade.org.uk>

Girls' Brigade *Tina Stanley*

Our year started in April with Esther Potter planning activities, devotions and games for the Junior and Explorer section, Esther completed the foundation level and was awarded her certificate and badge.

Caroline Gillard and Debbie Melbourne took part in the Waltham Walk and proudly came first in the Veteran 1 day event. Watch this space for this year's results!

May saw our annual display with the Boys' Brigade, which was enjoyed by those taking part and those who came to watch. We thank you for your support and prayers.

During June and July we had fun at our company sports evening at Grovelands Park – attended by parents. We were blessed with good weather. We also enjoyed a potted sports evening, Ready Steady Cook, Bowling, BBQ and a Teddy Bear's picnic.

In September we said 'goodbye' to Charlotte, Leah and Jessica as they all embarked on the new journey to uni. A party was held among the Senior and Brigade section, with many a tear shed. All the girls have adjusted and are doing well. We thank God for his guidance and faithfulness in keeping them safe.

Hannah Potter has started to help out with the Junior and Explorer sections. I am very grateful for the additional help and support.

The Seniors and Brigaders have been busy designing and painting the doors to the various cupboards in Carey Hall. We hope to have these finished soon.

The Juniors and Explorers have looked at the stories of Moses, David, Joseph and Ruth in completing their badge work. This has been achieved by drama, video clips, games, crafts and much more.

We have finished this year with our 'Sponsored Event' evening, in which the girls wore blindfolds, then put their taste buds to the test, tasting 10 different foods.. All the girls did really well. Money raised from this event is going to the church to help fund the repair works.

Finally Jackie, Caroline, Tim, Jenny, Sarah, Hannah, Rachel and myself value your prayers for strength, patience and inspiration in developing and fun and exciting programme. In the hope that new girls will hear about us and join in the fun!

World Mission Committee *Jenny Lane*

Members of the committee include Rachel Forster, Charlotte Khan, Jenny Lane, Ray Ong, Andy Potter (minister), Barbara Richardson and Ian Blunn or Carolyn Greenaway (finance).

This year we have continued to support our missionaries in their various spheres of service: Peter and Janet Dallman with OMF in Japan; Betty Caplin in Bergville, South Africa and Hazel March as she has returned to the UK after 50 years of service with WEC in South Africa, Guinea Bissau and Mozambique. We are glad that she is now settled in her new bungalow in Peterborough, near to her son Eliseu and family, and has found a Baptist church nearby, where she has been welcome and already found a role to play in the ministry there.

As usual our harvest services followed the pattern of former years, with the Rev. Malcolm Drummond, Minister of Palmers Green Baptist Church, speaking at our Operation Agri service, two weeks before our traditional Harvest Service, led by our pastor Rev. Andy Potter. This year the Operation Agri project concentrated on two contrasting situations and needs under the heading of Plants for Light and Life; helping in the construction of mini hydro-electric plants for the village lighting in Afghanistan; and farmers learning how to improve crops in Tanzania. This service was followed by the traditional Austerity Lunch, which raised over £100 for the project. Thanks are due to Rachel and Andy and Jenny McGee and John Melbourne for their help in this. Thanks also to Coral Burridge, Veronica Henly and Keith Richardson for their decoration of the church for our traditional Harvest Service which was much appreciated by everyone. £1800 was raised to send to Operation Agri.

Also during the year we were visited by Tearfund representative John Hyde who spoke about the need for water in Uganda and how

hard life is for young girls and women. It made us really grateful for the easy access we have to clean drinking water in this country.

Peter and Janet have had a difficult year this year, especially with the death of Janet's father, Malcolm, a former missionary with BMS in Congo/Zaire. We have sought to support them in prayer as they continue in their demanding roles at JLCC in Sapporo, Japan. Much prayer is needed as they seek the Lord's will for them for the future.

Betty has continued faithfully in her ministry in the schools in the Bergville area of South Africa and also her weekly visits to Emmaus hospital, which are much appreciated by the staff and patients, some of whom are terminally ill. We are glad to support Betty with our prayers and she is grateful for this.

The Home Mission Fund has continued to be supported this year, thanks to Ray Ong and his organisation of the Christmas Post Box, raising £215 for Home Mission.

During this year Jenny has stood down from the role of Mission Secretary, but is still on the committee. She was replaced temporarily by Rachel Forster until Barbara Richardson was able to take over. We are glad to welcome her onto the committee. We continue to remember our missionaries, for the Lord's blessing and encouragement day by day.

Prayer Chain *Jenny Lane*

The numbers involved in the prayer chain have continued to increase, which is an encouragement to all involved in their vital role in the ministry of the church. It has been a joy and a privilege to receive so many answers to our prayers, both great and small, for nothing is too big for God that he cannot answer, and nothing is too small that he is not intimately concerned with the needs of those for whom we pray. We praise him for blessing us as we share in this ministry, either by email or over the phone. Each one of us has a

‘direct line to God,’ via our great High Priest, Jesus, ‘who ever lives to make intercession for us.’ We are always happy to share in prayer for any in need, and grateful to God for his great and many blessings on us day by day. If you would like to join in this ministry, or would like prayer, please feel free to contact me, or any members of the prayer chain.

Thursday Afternoon Club *Andy Potter*

Once a month on the final Thursday on the month, the Clifford Wood Room comes alive with the sound of friends chatting and laughing. Thursday Afternoon Club is a place for fellowship, fun, faith and mutual support and encouragement.

Average attendance is typically somewhere between 12 and 20 people including helpers. Sadly during the year, a couple of our long-term members died, whilst others are no longer able to come for a variety of reasons. Conversely, it has been a delight to welcome new members over the year. If you would like to join us, you would be most welcome, and if you have a friend or neighbour who you think would enjoy coming, please invite them. We can usually arrange lifts if these are required and I am grateful to all those who help with hospitality and with driving.

Membership is drawn from our own church, from other local churches and from no church at all and each month alongside the aforementioned tea, cake and laughter, there is a short devotional. Although most our members are rich in years, and many struggle with increasing physical frailty, our meetings are full of laughter (and occasional tears) and it remains a privilege to spend time with this wonderful group of people.

Flowers *Binnie Weston*

I hope everyone knows about the Flowers Rota on the shelf above the radiator at the right side of the front door, on which people enter their name to pay for an arrangement on a particular date – often a birthday or some anniversary. Having flowers arrangements each week in the church is wholly dependent on this, so many thanks to all who sponsored dates in the past year, for the flowers are enjoyed by a lot of people.

I most often buy them and do the arrangements myself nowadays, because of the lack of people able to do it who are available, and I have much appreciated occasional breaks when some people have arranged their own flowers, with particular thanks to Sonia for her willingness to step in when I've needed her.

Last year 30 dates (compared with 39 in the previous year) were sponsored by 17 people – a number of these therefore sponsoring two or even three. I was able to buy flowers for the 20 unbooked dates with cash carefully accumulated by economical buying, which is why chrysanthemums tend to play a big role (!) and Supermarkets rather than florists are the regular source. It would be very much appreciated if some additional people could consider paying for one arrangement in the coming year (costs around £15) to spread the support for this ministry and so avoid the number of free dates at some point becoming too many to provide for. Simply enter your name in a date, and just beforehand you can let me have the cash and I will organise the arranging. Even better, if you could do them yourself, put a tick on the right.

If you contribute for church flowers, they do not only bless the Service, but provide 3 or 4 bunches to give to various folk afterwards with love from the fellowship, which are certainly appreciated by folk who are sick or elderly, and others who may be encouraged by them.

Maintenance *Tim Gillard*

It has been a busy year for activities associated with the maintenance and upkeep of the Church buildings. We have been obliged to spend more money from our reserves to replace the boiler serving the Lounge and Clifford Wood Room, mend the heaters in Carey Hall and repair the collapsed drain down the side passage although the works associated with removal of the Japanese knotweed at the back of Carey Hall and treatment of the dry rot in the end vestry completed. Early in the year, the Deacons commissioned a survey of all our Church buildings, the 'Quinquennial Report', that has highlighted over 150 new items that should be addressed over the next five to ten years. Following this, we have now established a Maintenance Group (thanks to Philip Norman, John Burridge and Tim Gillard) to oversee works in the Church and we have held an extraordinary Church meeting to share the information with the general congregation. We certainly have a challenge over the next year and beyond to raise the additional funding that will be necessary to keep our buildings in a good state of repair.

We should also mention that the Church had a break-in during the year. Between the items stolen and the damage done, the bill came to over £14,000 although this sum has been met in full by our insurers. The repair works have now been completed and we are part way through replacement of the stolen items.

Many thanks to all those who have contributed to the upkeep of the buildings during the year, including our new Maintenance Group, all those who attended the recent work day, all those who participate in cleaning, Andrew for looking after the fire alarm testing and Nathanael Potter for his work on the audio-visual set up and heating.

Also, special thanks to David Hann for his many years of support and effort in keeping the Church buildings in a state that was praised overall by our Quinquennial Report Surveyors. David has now

moved on (although is still involved in our Boys Brigade and is still kindly acting as an informal 'consultant' for those involved in Maintenance). David's work in the Church will be sorely missed and we owe him a great debt of gratitude for all his many years of service

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General Fund

	Note	2014	2013
Receipts:			
Loose Offerings		6,162.50	6,172.36
Regular Offerings		41,717.00	44,120.20
Special Donations		6,208.55	2,960.00
Captain Pierce Johns Trust		825.00	795.00
Income from premises		9,679.00	9,112.00
Special Collections		1,018.93	0.00
Income tax recovered on gifts		10,244.75	10,800.25
GASDS		1,027.23	1,250.00
Transitional Relief		0.00	(64.10)
Interest/Investment income	3	211.46	241.30
Miscellaneous Income	4	14,120.21	2,757.86
		<u>91,214.63</u>	<u>78,144.87</u>
Payments:			
Ministry	5	33,290.44	33,038.06
Mission	6	21,633.30	21,675.40
Upkeep of Premises	7	10,924.39	11,802.80
Organisation	8	2,268.72	2,078.68
Miscellaneous		2,318.94	0.00
Building Fund		10,000.00	0.00
Youth Fund		700.00	1,100.00
		<u>81,135.79</u>	<u>69,694.94</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year		10,078.84	8,449.93
Balance brought forward		<u>62,118.64</u>	<u>53,668.71</u>
Balance carried forward		<u>72,197.48</u>	<u>62,118.64</u>

Youth Fund

	Note	2014	2013
Receipts:			
Jack Petchey Foundation		400.00	600.00
General Fund		700.00	1,100.00
Subscriptions/Tuck Shop		0.00	162.00
Weekend Away		0.00	700.00
		<u>1,100.00</u>	<u>2,562.00</u>
Payments:			
Weekend Away		0.00	745.86
Youth Activities/Equipment		903.00	1,354.12
Youth Projects (Grants)	9	60.86	556.28
		<u>963.86</u>	<u>2,656.26</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year		136.14	(94.26)
Balance brought forward		<u>1,262.38</u>	<u>1,356.64</u>
Balance carried forward		<u>1,398.52</u>	<u>1,262.38</u>

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Accounts for the Year ended 31st December 2014 Fellowship Fund

	Note	2014	2013
Receipts:			
Donations		176.00	315.00
Captain Pierce Johns Trust		275.00	265.00
Income tax recovered on gifts		26.25	37.50
GASDS		6.05	0.00
		<u>483.30</u>	<u>617.50</u>
Payments:			
Sundry Payments		300.00	300.00
		<u>300.00</u>	<u>300.00</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year		183.30	317.50
Balance brought forward		<u>1,194.76</u>	<u>877.26</u>
Balance carried forward		<u>1,378.06</u>	<u>1,194.76</u>

Denning Trust

	Note	2014	2013
Receipts:			
Baptist Union Corporation		0.00	468.37
		<u>0.00</u>	<u>468.37</u>
Payments:			
Payments		0.00	0.00
		<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year		0.00	468.37
Balance brought forward		<u>468.37</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Balance carried forward		<u>468.37</u>	<u>468.37</u>

Building Fund

	Note	2014	2013
Receipts:			
Donations		960.00	700.00
Thank-offering		0.00	1,735.00
General Fund		10,000.00	0.00
Income tax recovered on gifts		240.00	525.00
		<u>11,200.00</u>	<u>2,960.00</u>
Payments:			
Sundry Payments		10,026.90	4,260.00
		<u>10,026.90</u>	<u>4,260.00</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year		1,173.10	(1,300.00)
Balance brought forward		<u>6,256.30</u>	<u>7,556.30</u>
Balance carried forward		<u>7,429.40</u>	<u>6,256.30</u>

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Repairs Fund

	Note	2014	2013
Receipts:			
Donations		0.00	30.00
Income tax recovered on gifts		0.00	7.50
		<u>0.00</u>	<u>37.50</u>
Payments:			
Repairs		2,977.77	1,792.05
		<u>2,977.77</u>	<u>1,792.05</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year		(2,977.77)	(1,754.55)
Balance brought forward		<u>2,977.77</u>	<u>4,732.32</u>
Balance carried forward		<u>(0.00)</u>	<u>2,977.77</u>

Special Collections Account

	Note	2014	2013
Receipts:			
Designated Loose Offerings			
Good Friday			
Christian Aid		183.46	
Thank-offering			3,470.00
Christian Kitchen	860.00		
General Fund	<u>855.00</u>	1,715.00	
Harvest Offering			
Operation Agri BMM		1,800.00	1,537.80
Christmas Day			
Tearfund		322.90	416.17
Christmas Post Box (Home Mission)		215.00	295.35
Income Tax Recovered			585.13
Christian Aid	Gift Aid	3.75	
	GASDS	39.20	
Christian	Gift Aid	146.25	
Kitchen	GASDS	22.69	
General Fund	Gift Aid	146.25	
	GASDS	22.68	
Operation Agri	Gift Aid	275.00	
BMM	GASDS	55.85	
Tearfund	GASDS	63.50	
Home Mission	Gift Aid	31.25	
	GASDS	<u>12.80</u>	
		819.22	
		<u>5,055.58</u>	<u>6,304.45</u>
Payments:			
Disbursements		3,316.36	5,271.32
General Fund		1,018.93	1,735.00
		<u>4,335.29</u>	<u>7,006.32</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year		720.29	(701.87)
Balance brought forward		<u>0.00</u>	<u>701.87</u>
Balance carried forward		<u>720.29</u>	<u>0.00</u>

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Legacies

	Note	2014	2013
Receipts:			
Mr Jim Robertson		0.00	10,000.00
		<u>0.00</u>	<u>10,000.00</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year		0.00	10,000.00
Balance brought forward		10,000.00	0.00
Balance carried forward		<u>10,000.00</u>	<u>10,000.00</u>

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31st December 2014

Assets:	Note	2014	2013
Cash at Bank			
CAFBank Cash Account		6,391.79	6,326.47
CAFBank Gold account		35,476.20	23,347.95
HSBC			
Community Account		6,971.19	7,599.19
Investments			
3½% War Stock		80.00	80.00
London Baptist Property Board Deposit Account		32,439.44	32,277.83
Debtors	10	12,363.50	15,871.38
Creditors		0.00	(1,094.60)
		<u>93,722.12</u>	<u>84,408.22</u>

REPRESENTING BALANCES ON THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS:

Capital Accounts			
Mrs Silsby Memorial Fund		25.00	25.00
Mr F J Dupée Memorial Fund		25.00	25.00
War Memorial Bibles		80.00	80.00
General Fund	11	72,197.48	62,118.64
Youth Fund		1,398.52	1,262.38
Fellowship Fund		1,378.06	1,194.76
Denning Trust		468.37	468.37
Building Fund		7,429.40	6,256.30
Repairs Fund		(0.00)	2,977.77
Legacies		10,000.00	10,000.00
Special Collections		720.29	0.00
		<u>93,722.12</u>	<u>84,408.22</u>

Non-monetary assets held for the Church's own use	12	2,928,291.00	2,893,422.00
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Liabilities:

There are no current liabilities.

Notes to the Accounts

1. Basis of accounts: These accounts have been prepared on a 'receipts and payments' basis and accord with S.42(3) Charities Act 1993.

2. 2013 details: Details for 2013 have been included for comparison and do not form part of the accounts.

3. Interest/Investment income:

	2014	2013
Interest received:		
Bank	47.05	23.63
LBPB Deposit Account	161.61	200.42
HMRC	0.00	14.45
3½% War Stock	2.80	2.80
	<u>211.46</u>	<u>241.30</u>

4. Miscellaneous income:

	2014	2013
Council tax refund	0.00	2,757.86
NG Compensation	120.00	0.00
Insurance claim	14,000.21	0.00
	<u>14,120.21</u>	<u>0.00</u>

5. Ministry:

	2014	2013
Pastor		
Stipend ex General Income	24,615.00	23,010.00
Stipend ex Capt Pierce	825.00	795.00
Johns Trust		
Pension	6,602.40	6,259.08
Employer's NI	558.48	2,065.48
Allowances	48.82	194.85
Training & Conferences	57.05	169.50
Travel	364.20	252.15
	<u>33,070.95</u>	<u>32,746.06</u>
Miscellaneous	39.49	41.00
Pulpit Supplies	180.00	251.00
Sunday Club	0.00	0.00
	<u>33,290.44</u>	<u>33,038.06</u>

6. Mission:

	2014	2013
World Mission		
BMS World Mission	3,051.00	3,051.00
Home Mission	2,451.00	2,451.00
OMF International (UK)	13,200.00	13,200.00
Speaker's expenses	0.00	60.00
	<u>18,702.00</u>	<u>18,762.00</u>
Pathway	900.00	870.00
Donations & Subscriptions	2,031.30	2,043.40
	<u>21,633.30</u>	<u>21,675.40</u>

7. Upkeep of Premises:

	2014	2013
Maintenance	0.00	417.72
Furniture & Equipment	265.54	107.17
Church Gas, Electricity, Water & Cleaning	4,834.83	5,889.17
Insurances, Council Tax & Manse Water	5,824.02	5,388.74
	<u>10,924.39</u>	<u>11,802.80</u>

8. Organisation:

	2014	2013
Administration	731.48	625.41
Catering	39.51	12.50
Music	124.00	120.00
Magazine	776.30	760.02
Publicity	597.43	560.75
	<u>2,268.72</u>	<u>2,078.68</u>

9. Youth Projects (Grants):

	2014	2013
Lounge redecoration	0.00	86.40
Equipment (J Petchey)	60.86	200.00
W/e Away (J Petchey)	0.00	269.88
	<u>60.86</u>	<u>556.28</u>

10. Debtors

	2014	2013
Income Tax Recoverable	11113.5	11955.38
GASDS	1,250.00	1,250.00
Sp Collns (Home Mission)	0.00	5.00
Premises	0.00	2,661.00
	<u>12,363.50</u>	<u>15,871.38</u>

11. General Fund balance

	2014
Balance of insurance claim	11,681.27
Other Funds	60,516.21
Year end balance	<u>72,197.48</u>

Notes to the Accounts

12. Non-Monetary Assets held for the Church's own use:

	2014	2013
The Church is the beneficial owner (subject to the relevant trusts) of the following assets, the legal title to which is held by the Church's custodian trustee the London Baptist Property Board Ltd:		
Church Premises at an insured value of:	2,602,654	2,548,803
Church Manse at an insured value of:	256,449	247,709
The Church also owns fixtures, furniture and equipment with an insured value of:	69,188	67,756
	<u>2,928,291</u>	<u>2,864,268</u>

Note: The insured values of both premises are likely to be significantly less than the current market values.

The accounts and statement of assets and liabilities set out on pages 1 to 4 relating to the year ending 31st December 2014 are as approved by the deacons.

Signed:

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Treasurer

Date: 22nd March 2015