

# Annual General Meeting - Wednesday March 24th 2021

The whole of this meeting is available to watch on the SBC You Tube Channel -  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCInKLaeLICdHQOWtmTproNw>

As of March 25th 2021, there had been 82 views on this video.

David Graham welcomed the meeting and opened in  
prayer

David introduced the evening as a flavour of what's been going on over the last year. In some ways, an ideal way to start the New Year - bearing in mind where we are with the Covid pandemic.

# Worship

John Belson led us in sung worship

We then watched three videos for:

- Bridge the Gap - Lou & Grah Clarke
- Pastoral Care - Lou Clarke
- Something Better - Tim & Jean Howlett

James then led us in prayer for all our ministries including New Horizons and Something Better where the ministries had come to an end in the last year. James thanked the people involved and also mentioned that Tim and Jean were being called by God into a new ministry in the Care Homes.

James then led us into the next 3 videos.

We then watched three videos for:

- Children's Work - Iain Nash & others including Michelle Geering
- Youth Work - James Henson
- Young Adults - Matt Burrridge



## **AGM Finance Update**

Mark Rogers, our Finance Vision Leader led the finance section of the meeting.

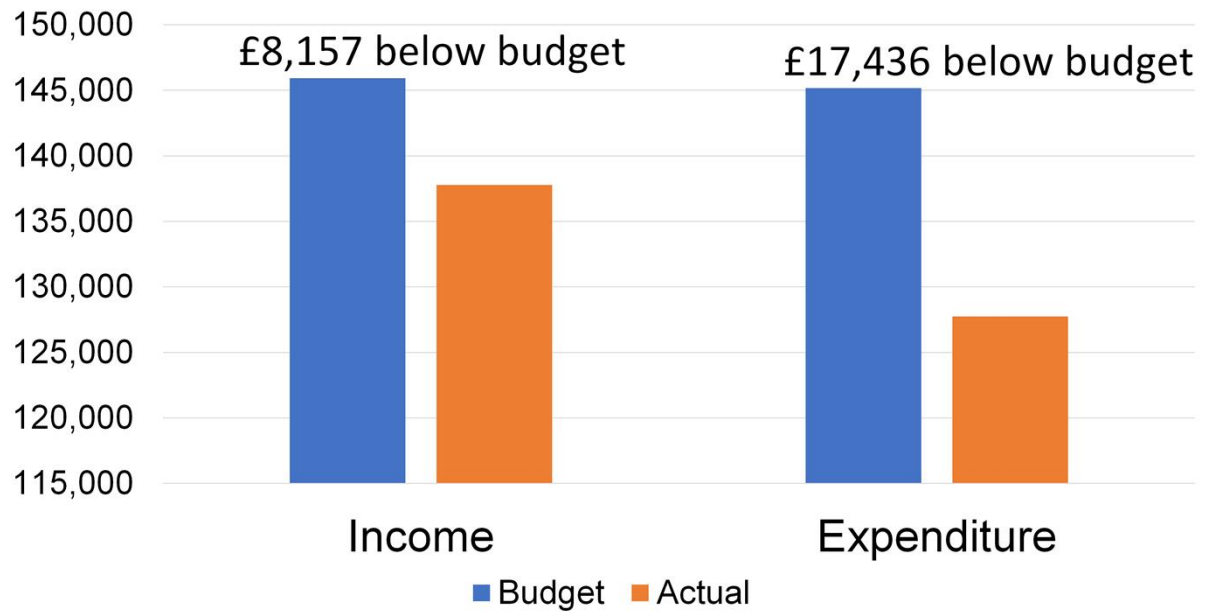
He quoted 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

Mark shared how God has abundantly provided for us this year so that we can abound in good works.

# End of December Accounts

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### Income

£8,157 below budget

#### Main difference from budget:

- General Offering Income ↑
- Hiring Out of Premises ↓

### Expenditure

£17,436 below budget

#### Main difference from budget:

- Operations (including cleaning, heat & light, maintenance, office) ↓

9-month surplus = £10,022 (£9,279 more than budget)

# Grant

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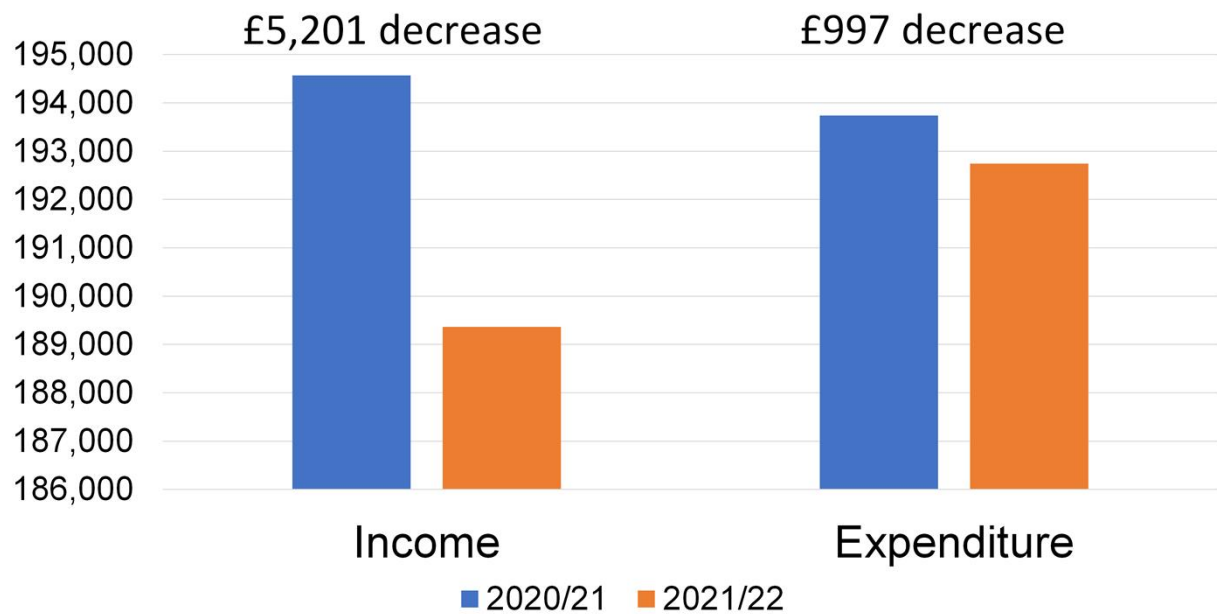
Bridge The Gap has received just over £50,000 in grants

The Church received a £5,000 grant as part of a recovery grant

# Thank you!

# 2021/22 Budget

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### Income

£5,201 decrease

#### Main changes from 2020/21 budget:

- Hiring Out of Premises ↓
- Income from furlough and BTG ↑
- Includes a transfer from our surplus ↓

### Expenditure

£997 decrease

#### Main changes from 2020/21 budget:

- Slight increase in maintenance, children / youth work and outreach, Growth & Influence ↑

**Budget Deficit = £3,373**

- Pray for God's continued provision
- Review your own giving

## How to give – reminder

We do not get any money from any central point but from our church family, grants and hiring out our buildings



**Cash, cheque,  
contactless**



**Bank Transfer  
or  
Standing Order**



**Just Giving**  
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**Gift Aid  
Declaration**



**Amazon Smile**  
'Southcourt Baptist  
Church Trust'



We will be using AJ  
Bennewith again to do  
an independent check  
of our accounts

We then watched two videos for:

- Global Mission - Lydia Nash plus our mission partners
- Lifegroups - Jenny Rogers

David Graham then led us together as he shared what God has been saying to him at the moment.

God has empowered, sustained and provided for us. There is so much to be grateful to God and the church community for.

It's been an extraordinary challenging year for us with yesterday being the anniversary of the day we first went into lockdown.

There are friends that are no longer with us, we miss them. We need to pray for those who grieve.

There have been life challenges and changes that we have all been navigating.

Let's be real together, it's been a very difficult year.

For the year to come, it's never been so difficult to project into the future. It feels like we are walking on shifting sands.

David shared how he had connected with other senior leaders in our country who are all feeling out of their depth.

He then shared the joke about a trainee policeman who experienced a number of emergencies all at the same time - and so then mingled with the crowd! (It was better in the telling!)

However, late on Monday night, David shared how he was out late walking and pleading with God for a leading. He was stopped in his tracks by a completely new tree growing out of a dead tree.

He felt that God was saying that against all odds there is resurrection life. The message of Easter. Especially this Easter, we need to be reminded that we are a resurrection people, a living breathing body of life. Death has been defeated and has not had the final word.

The key words are:

Help

Hope

Healing

Romans 8:11

And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

The same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead is living in you.  
So how are we going to get back from this?  
The tree is alive, buds are forming but not yet in full green growth yet.  
That's us! That's the church now. We too will need time to be helped,  
to find hope and to be healed.  
Day by day & week by week, this is going to happen.  
The 2021 Vision..... We are a resurrection people where help, hope &  
healing can be found and felt.

David then finished with a prayer from Ephesians 3.