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Reference and administrative details

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Report of the executive committee

for the year ended 31 December 2016

The executive committee has pleasure in presenting the report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2016 which have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015).

Achievements and performance Review of activities

General

The need for financial help showed a material increase in 2016 such that £32,973 in grants was paid out compared with only £5,909 in 2015. Two cases, Providence Chapel, Gravesend and Zoar Chapel, Dicker related to new toilet facilities. Other cases included replacement windows and heating. During the year we sent a checklist on compliance issues to chapels where the Trust is one of the trustees. From the replies it is clear that some chapels still need to have an asbestos survey or an electrical wiring installation check or deal with other health and safety matters. We hope that in 2017 we shall be able to follow up with help, financial or otherwise, to have these matters put in order.

Our website http://www.gospelstandard.org.uk/Assistance-for-Chapels giving information which chapel trustees and church officers need to help fulfil their responsibilities has now been running for more than a year and we hope the churches are finding it helpful. A number of sections have recently been updated and these include Gift Aid, Graveyards and Chapel Houses. In the case of Graveyards we have now included a suggested list of rules for Funerals and Interments which chapels are free to use and to tailor suitably to their own needs. The updated section on Chapel Houses continues to refer to the concern over the National Minimum Wage where occupied by a caretaker and we have also added points from experience of letting chapel houses. Where not needed for a pastor or caretaker, it is generally the legal responsibility of church officers and trustees to let for the best terms reasonably possible.

The amount spent on necessary legal and professional advice at £10,839 was lower than in 2015. Nevertheless this still covered cases ranging from first registration with the Land Registry and resolutions to change administrative provisions on trust deeds, through questions on chapel houses, interpretation of trust deed provisions, taxation on chapel sale proceeds and valuations. Where appropriate, contributions are

requested from the trustees or churches concerned. The Trust is pleased to give guidance from the experience gained over many years on various trustee matters.

We again remind church officers and trustees to review their lists of chapel trustees before the number falls to or below the minimum stated in the trust deed. When the number of surviving trustees is still above the trust deed minimum changes can be made to the administrative provisions, for example to reduce the maximum or minimum required, to give the church power to discharge trustees who wish to retire or to appoint new trustees before the minimum has been reached.

During the year we have sent a representative to a number of trustee meetings where the Trust stands as a trustee. The Trust has just one vote, the same as each individual trustee. The funds of other trusts, as reported on pages 29 and 30, continue to be administered. How to maintain the value of these funds and to produce the required income, especially where graveyards have to be maintained, is a real concern for trustees. In relation to graveyards we still emphasize the need to address health and safety issues. For example at Goodshawfold we had to have re-fixed 16 gravestones which were considered a risk to visitors.

The sale of Hope Chapel, Nottingham was completed in November 2016 for the sum of £198,187. This was considerably in excess of the guide price but the Nottingham Hebrew Congregation, which bought the chapel, had a great need for a new meeting place. The trustees now have the burden of the distribution of these proceeds. Experience in recent years has been that Local Authorities will not give planning permission for conversion or redevelopment unless it can be shown that there is no other community use for a closed chapel. This can adversely affect the sale price and restrict the options available to the trustees. In the case of Zoar Chapel, Reading, following professional advice, the trustees decided to demolish the chapel.

Despite the discouragement of these sales we must remember that "I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed," (Malachi 3:6). May the Lord therefore help us to plead for revival and to remind Him of His Word "I will work, and who shall let it?" (Isaiah 43:13). Sale proceeds can be timely for needed repairs and improvements to continuing chapels and also for purchasing land and building new chapels with better facilities.

Trust Publications

Our Publications Manager writes in his annual report to the committee that 2016 has been a very active year for Trust Publications and we have much cause for thankfulness to the Lord that not only have we been maintained, but we have seen sales in value terms grow for the third successive year and by a considerable margin. The total sales at £37,767 were higher by 32% than 2015. The increased activity on sales is a result of the very busy year on the publishing side, having produced seven new titles as well as some significant reprints. In the table that follows it will be seen that the total number of books sold at 12,834 was 76% higher than in 2015.

	2016	2015
Miracles Series	3,305	2,506
Bible Doctrines Simply Explained	2,299	468
Gadsby's Hymns and Young People's Hymnal	658	531
Various books of sermons and daily portions	550	280
When God made the World	208	107
Pilgrim's Progress and Christiana's Journey	202	319
Kept Safely in the Darkest Night	145	269
Olney and other Hymns and Tune Book	139	121
Mary Jones and her Bible	110	217
Various biographies and short accounts	2,127	1,244
Other titles including Bibles	1,052	1,148
New titles:		
With Mercy and With Judgement (Strict Baptists		
and the First World War)	525	-
A Prodigal made a Blessing (Joseph Hart)	111	63
Elijah – Prophet of God and Elisha – Man of God	412	-
The First World War – Faithful under Fire	196	V - 1
Sketches (colouring books) for Elijah & Elisha and		
Faithful under Fire	<u>795</u>	
Total numbers of books sold	12,834	7,273

Our new titles, the Faithful Footsteps and Sketches series for children and the First Word War books (With Mercy and With Judgement, and the children's spin-off, Faithful under Fire) have been very well received and reviewed and are selling well both in the UK and the USA. We have also had some very significant orders for existing titles, selling 2,000 copies of Bible Doctrines to the Netherlands and sales of books worth around £3,800 to Gospel Mission brought forward to take advantage of the favourable exchange rate. In addition to the number of books sold above, about 2,000 copies of Bible Doctrines in Urdu were printed in Pakistan with the help of a grant from the Trust. The average sale price per book received by the Trust in 2016 was £2.94 which was much lower than the £3.94 in 2015. However this reflects the fact that many hundreds of the Reformers booklets were offered to retailers for 10p each in order to move stock. As always it needs to be borne in mind that the majority of our books are sold at discounts of up 50% on the retail price to distributors or in the case of most of our North American sales at cost plus 7.5%. Nevertheless with the increased activity in 2016 the operating deficit has been contained at £12,642. Profit of course is not in monetary terms but as the Lord may be pleased to bless our books in the lives of the readers.

It is very hard to gauge the impact of advertising. Our books are publicised in the *Gospel Standard* magazine most months. Our desire is that the younger generation may become more aware of our books and our website. Favourable reviews are very

helpful and it was very encouraging to see a superlative review of *With Mercy and With Judgement* on the Banner of Truth website which stated "a remarkable book has appeared entitled *With Mercy and With Judgement*...this is church history writing at its finest...here is a book that captures the piety and godliness of the evangelical churches of England a century ago. It is very moving. What a heritage has been lost. There are so many letters and memories of the war that could be quoted, but you must read this yourself. It will drive us to cry to God that our sick society may be spared the need of another conflict like this. 'In wrath remember mercy'." A reprint of this book had to be undertaken during the year and 525 copies were sold in 2016. The reviewer in *Evangelical Times* wrote regarding *Elijah*, *Prophet of God* "this delightful children's book is a faithful, detailed retelling of Elijah's story...I would recommend this book. It is one to which we will return in our family reading and we would love to read more in the *Faithful Footsteps* series." The two books on Elijah and Elisha sold 412 copies during the year.

In addition to the colouring book from the lives of Elijah and Elisha, a new colouring book was produced for children featuring scenes from the First World War with short lessons from Scripture associated with each picture. Nearly 800 copies of the two colouring books were sold during the year. A new title in the *Doctrines of Grace* series on *Baptism* was produced. This is a gracious, courteous and scriptural exposition written by John Norcott, a Particular Baptist pastor in the mid 1600's. Following the large sale to the Netherlands a further 2,500 copies of *Bible Doctrines* were reprinted, and also the large print *Gadsby's Hymnbook* (200 copies), resulting in a somewhat lighter (in weight) and clearer product than previously.

We have been maintained through another year and we wish to acknowledge the goodness of God in this. There are challenges in the increased workload associated with increased sales and publishing but we look to the Lord for all needed help. We look forward to the appearance of further titles in the *Faithful Footsteps* and *Sketches* series and also to a number of new titles which will appear in the coming months including *The Doctrines of Grace* (K. F. Matrunola on some of the Gospel Standard Articles) and *Consider Him* (meditations by Robert Hawker on the sufferings, death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ). May the Lord's blessing rest on these ventures. Thanks are due for the continuing help of all those involved with the book production and distribution.

Financial review

The total of income (page 15) was £68,577 compared with £126,186 in 2015. There were no legacies to report for 2016. In 2015 the total was £56,172 from the estates of deceased friends. Interest receivable has fallen in line with the fall in prevailing rates. Other income was also lower relating to the recovery of professional and other costs in connection with help provided to trustees. Sales of publications in monetary terms have increased by a further 32% compared with 16% increase in 2015.

Total expenses were £123,644 compared with £95,316 in 2015. Grants are detailed on page 21 whilst a summary of the Publications' activities is given in Note 8 on

page 24. The net outflow of funds (page 15) was £46,617 compared with an inflow of £132,210 in 2015. Both figures include a surplus (£8,450 in 2016 and £101,340 in 2015) arising on the revaluation of the freehold property (note 11) as required by the Charities SORP (FRS 102). Total reserves at 31 December 2016 stood at £1,299,091 (page 17) compared with £1,345,708 at 31 December 2015 of which the major part is held in bank deposits.

Reserves policy. The Trust needs reserves to fund the investments in freehold property and the book stock which are used for the Objects of the Trust and to provide working capital. Otherwise the committee, believing that all power is committed unto the Lord Jesus Christ in heaven and in earth, and that our God will supply all our need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus, will seek to lay out the remaining funds for the permitted Objects of the Trust as the needs are brought before the committee and opportunity arises. The level of free reserves at 31 December 2016 was £511,914 (2015: £554,529).

Investment policy and performance. The policy regarding investment is to retain funds on deposit partly to meet requests from chapels for financial support (which is a principal purpose) and partly because of concern over equity investments and the receipt of shares in profit from unacceptable activities. The funds are spread between immediate access and term deposits in accordance with a periodic review of the access needs and allocated to a number of deposit takers to spread risk and to achieve competitive interest rates.

Plans for the future

If the Lord will, the Trust will continue to publish Christian books in accordance with the truth in the scriptures which we love and in accordance with the Articles of Faith of the Gospel Standard Baptists and distribute within the United Kingdom and overseas for the benefit of our congregations and the church of Christ at large of all ages. The Trust will further seek to use its funds amongst the Gospel Standard chapels as opportunity arises for the repair and improvement of buildings and otherwise. At the 50th annual general meeting in May 2016 the theme for the three addresses was "Thou shalt remember all the way" (please see the report in the *Gospel Standard* for September 2016 from page 293). It is humbling, personally and collectively to remember the lovingkindnesses of the Lord in the service we have tried to render to the churches and in the events which stand out during the last 50 years. We have so often proved the Lord's promise "yea, I will help thee". So once more we venture forward looking to the Lord for help, wisdom and guidance. Brethren, pray for us.

Structure, governance and management

Legal status

The Gospel Standard Trust ("the Trust") is a company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital which was founded in 1966. Its governing documents are its memorandum and articles of association. The Trust acts as a trust corporation under a

certificate granted in 2006 by the Department for Constitutional Affairs (now the Ministry of Justice) and the Trust can therefore act as a sole trustee. It is also a registered charity. The members of the executive committee are the directors for Companies Act purposes and trustees under charity legislation.

Executive committee

The maximum number permitted by the articles of association is 12 and those who have acted as members of the committee during the year are shown on page 4. In accordance with the articles of association only male members of a Gospel Standard Baptist Church who subscribe to the Articles of Faith of the Gospel Standard Strict and Particular Baptists are eligible to hold office as a member of the executive committee. The committee has power to appoint a new committee member but the appointment is subject to confirmation at the following annual general meeting. Mr H Sant, (Pastor, Salem, Portsmouth) kindly agreed during the year to help us and was appointed to the committee on 9 September 2016. Mr T J Parish who was appointed in September 2015 should have been confirmed in office at the 2016 annual general meeting but this was overlooked so both he and Mr Sant will need to be confirmed in office at the 2017 annual general meeting. Three members of the committee retire in rotation at the annual general meeting each year but are eligible for re-election. Messrs A Crowter, S A Hyde and J A Kingham retire in rotation this year and all have expressed their willingness to stand for re-election.

Organisational structure

The activities of the Trust are managed by the executive committee which meets at least three times a year. These meetings deal with all aspects of the Trust's activities. Further meetings are held as necessary to deal with Publications matters. The activities and the funds are divided between General matters and Publications. Publications are managed by Mr P E Skelton, who works closely with Mr J A Kingham, Publications Director, and operates from the book room in Harpenden. Subscriptions are dealt with by Mr M G Bailey, a member of the executive committee, and by Mr G L TenBroeke who is responsible for those resident in North America. Other matters are dealt with by the Trust secretary.

Remuneration

Remuneration for key management personnel is negotiated with the individuals concerned and is set at the National Minimum Wage or higher depending on the activities undertaken. Mr J A Kingham was remunerated for Technical IT and Publication services which is in accordance with the Memorandum of Association as amended by Special Resolution 21 May 2005 and confirmed by Order of the Charity Commission 8 September 2005.

Trustees' induction and training

New executive committee members (trustees) with the appropriate knowledge, experience and abilities for the Trust's activities are selected from the male members of Gospel Standard churches as required by article of association number 26. The appointment of a new trustee (executive committee member), who will be provided

with an induction pack, will be subject to the prospective trustee attending a mutually satisfactory induction meeting with executive committee members and the secretary. Continuing briefing and support is provided as necessary.

Risk management

The committee regularly considers the major risks to which the Trust is exposed and updates the risk register and the policy for mitigating those risks. A Major risk is anything that could have an adverse impact on achieving the Trust's objects or could bring the Trust into disrepute or is illegal advice or action or could bring financial or property loss. Such risks are addressed either by, if possible, eliminating the risk by ceasing the related activity, or transferring the risk to a third party or by taking action to reduce or control the risk. The two key concerns to the committee are the risks as a chapel trustee and the risks from advice given. The committee's strategy for managing those risks is to make regular contact with the churches and review their own compliance and wherever possible to ensure that advice given is supported by professional advice or other authority or covered by disclaimer.

Objectives and activities

The objects for which the Trust was established are set out in the objects clauses of its memorandum of association. Primarily these are to assist Gospel Standard Strict Baptist churches or congregations in the furtherance of their religion and charitable work, to assist with the appointment of trustees, legal advice, repairs and maintenance of church property and to support denominational charities and any other charitable trust or fund approved by the executive committee. In the furtherance of these objects the Trust has ancillary powers which include acting as trustee or co-trustee (including as custodian trustee) of denominational property and charitable funds, making grants and loans, assisting pastors (including former and prospective pastors) of Gospel Standard churches in the provision of living accommodation and to print and publish literature approved by the committee.

Public Benefit

The executive committee has considered the public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission. The work carried out by the Trust in fulfilling the Objects summarised in the preceding paragraph assists churches and trustees to continue with the regular provision of services for the public worship of God in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and the Articles of Faith of The Gospel Standard Baptists. Further, under the blessing of Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, this work together with the publication of good books and electronic communication will bring sinners from darkness to light and establish them in the truth with the consequent benefits to themselves and others. Man's first responsibility is to God, to worship and to serve Him. Further, as it is recorded in New Testament teaching, for example Galatians Chapter 6, the result for the benefit of all should be "Let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith."

Membership

The recorded membership stood at 266 at 31 December 2016, down by just one on the previous year. A warm welcome is extended to the seven new members who joined in 2016. Eight members died during the year. The continuing loyal support of the members and the churches is greatly appreciated.

Statement of executive committee responsibilities

Company law requires the executive committee to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the surplus or deficit of the company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the executive committee is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- comply with applicable accounting standards subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The executive committee is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable it to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies. The executive committee is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Independent examiners

Mazars LLP were re-appointed at the annual general meeting on 14 May 2016 as independent examiners. The executive committee have continued to take advantage of Section 480 of the Companies Act 2006 which entitles the Trust to be exempted from having an audit.

On behalf of the executive committee

March 2017

D J Playfoot Secretary

Independent Examiner's Report to the members of The Gospel Standard Trust

I report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2016, which are set out on pages 15 to 28.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the financial statements present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

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Nicola Wakefield

Relevant professional qualification or body: Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales
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22 March 2017

The Gospel Standard Trust

Statement of financial activities

for the year ended 31 December 2016

	Note	General	Publications	Endowment	2016	2015
		fund	fund	fund	Total	Total
						(details see
				0	0	page 16)
		£	£	£	£	£
Income from						
Subscriptions, legacies						
chapel collections, etc	2	5,579	1,269	-	6,848	67,336
Investments		7,860	4,655	4,829	17,344	18,363
Charitable activities						
Sales of publications	8	3.51	37,767	-	37,767	28,637
Other		6,618			6,618	11,850
Total income		20,057	43,691	4,829	68,577	126,186
Expenditure						
Charitable activities						
Grant-making		67,311	-	-	67,311	48,180
Cost of publications	33		56,333		56,333	47,136
Total expenditure	3	67,311	56,333		123,644	95,316
Transfers between funds		4,829	_	(4,829)	-	-
Surplus on revaluation of						
fixed assets	11	8,450	-	-	8,450	101,340
Net movement						
in funds for the year		(33,975)	(12,642)	_	(46,617)	132,210
Balance brought forward at						
1 January 2016		684,529	369,606	291,573	1,345,708	1,213,498
Balance carried forward						
at 31 December 2016		£650,554	£356,964	£291,573	£1,299,091	£1,345,708

The company's income and expenses all relate to continuing operations.

The company has no recognised gains or losses other than the net movement in funds for the year.

Statement of financial activities

Comparative figures for the year ended 31 December 2015

	Note	General	Publications	Endowment	2015
		fund	fund	fund	Total
		£	£	£	£
Income from					
Subscriptions, legacies					
chapel collections, etc	2	21,218	46,118	· ·	67,336
Investments		8,360	4,737	5,266	18,363
Charitable activities					
Sales of publications	8	- 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	28,637	-	28,637
Other	-036	11,850			11,850
Total income		41,428	79,492	5,266	126,186
Expenditure					
Charitable activities					
Grant-making		48,180	-	-	48,180
Cost of publications			47,136		47,136
Total expenditure	3	48,180	47,136		95,316
Transfers between funds		5,266		(5,266)	anchete no a. a.c.,
Surplus on revaluation of fixed assets	11	101,340	el) - (1.51 <u>0</u> 2		101,340
Net movement in funds for the year		99,854	32,356	<u>.</u>	132,210
Balance brought forward at 1 January 2015	222	584,675	337,250	291,573	1,213,498
Balance carried forward at 31 December 2015	t	£684,529	£369,606	£291,573	£1,345,708

Balance sheet

As at 31 December 2016

	Note	2016	2015
		£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	11	138,640	130,000
Current assets			
Stocks	12	41,846	38,060
Debtors	13	53,264	75,783
Cash at bank and in hand	14	1,087,989	1,122,941
		1,183,099	1,236,784
Creditors: amounts falling due		97 (55)	
within one year	15	22,648	21,076
Net current assets		1,160,451	1,215,708
Net assets		£1,299,091	£1,345,708
Funds			
General Funds	16	650,554	684,529
Publications funds	16	356,964	369,606
Endowment funds	16	291,573	291,573
		£1,299,091	£1,345,708

For the year ended 31 December 2016 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 480 of the Companies Act 2006. Members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The executive committee acknowledge their responsibilities for:

(i) ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006, and

(ii) preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its deficit for the financial year, in accordance with the requirements of section 394 and 395 of the Act and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The financial statements were approved by the executive committee and signed on its behalf by:

H Mercer

2 March 2017

Notes to the financial statements

for the year ended 31 December 2016

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) from the transition date of 31 December 2014. The Gospel Standard Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s). Assets held in trust are not included in the balance sheet, but are set out in a separate schedule attached to the financial statements.

Freehold property

This comprises a share in a chapel pastor's house. No depreciation is being provided from 2015 as the property has been revalued and will be revalued each year.

Furniture and office equipment

Depreciation is calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of office equipment over three years on a straight line basis.

Stocks

Stocks, which are of publications, are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost comprises the direct cost of publications with no addition for overheads. Provision for depreciation has been made in accordance with note 9 in determining net realisable value.

Income

Interest income is accounted for on an accruals basis whilst legacies are accounted for as income either upon receipt or where receipt is virtually certain.

Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Notes to the financial statements

for the year ended 31 December 2016

1 Accounting policies continued

Grants payable

Grants payable are payments made in furtherance of the charitable objectives of the charity. Grants are recognised upon an obligation being created in accordance with FRS12.

Charitable activities

Costs of charitable activities includes grants made and direct costs in relation to publications, and an apportionment of overhead and support costs.

Support costs

Support costs have been allocated as a direct cost or allocated between charitable activities and governance. The analysis of overhead and support costs is shown in note 5.

Governance costs

Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs include costs related to a statutory independent examination together with trustees' expenses and an apportionment of overhead and support costs.

Funds held and their purpose

The General fund is used principally for the support of Gospel Standard chapels by way of grants and loans. The committee considers individually each application for assistance and provides a grant or loan or both depending on circumstances. The Publications fund is used for the publishing and distribution of Christian books. Legacies, donations and proceeds from chapel sales received specifically for either of those two funds are credited accordingly, otherwise such income is allocated under the discretion of the committee. The Endowment fund cannot be spent and the income is to be used for the general purposes of the Trust.

Notes to the financial statements

for the year ended 31 December 2016

		General Publications		Total	Total	
		fund	fund	2016	2015	
		£	£	£	£	
2	Subscriptions, legacies,					
	chapel collections, etc					
	Donations	210	1,119	1,329	5,848	
	Legacies		-		56,172	
	Subscriptions	4,868	Manifest 1 - 1 to	4,868	4,811	
	Chapel collections	501	150	651	505	
		£5,579	£1,269	£6,848	£67,336	

During the year 18% of income (2015: 8%) arose from sources outside the United Kingdom.

3	Expenditure					
		Grants	Direct	Support	Total	Total
	1	(see note 4)	costs	costs	2016	2015
		and the supplier		see note 5)		
		£	£	£	£	£
	Charitable activities					
	Grantmaking	36,973	Suited Ag	21,640	58,613	39,410
	Cost of publications (see note 8)	ton stations a constant	26,449	29,596	56,045	46,896
	Governance (see notes 5 & 6)		3,637	5,349	8,986	9,010
		£36,973	£30,086	£56,585	£123,644	£95,316

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for the year ended 31 December 2016

		General 1	Publications	Total	Total
		fund	fund	2016	2015
		£	£	£	£
4	Grants (all to institutions except as	200	~		
	To assist with books and publication				
	Hope Chapel, Shaw's Corner, Redhi				
	re Bible Doctrines in Pakistan	500	-	500	-
	Gospel Standard Library	133	-	133	159
	To assist with chapel repairs and in	provements	:		
	Providence Chapel, Gravesend	8,000	, -	8,000	-
	Mount Zion Chapel, Leatherhead	4,000		4,000	-
	Zoar Chapel, Handcross	5,000	= 0	5,000	
	Zoar Chapel, Dicker	14,000	-8	14,000	-
	Zion Chapel, Brabourne Lees	1,340	- 9	1,340	_
	Rehoboth Chapel, Sible				
	Hedingham	-	-0	₩ 0	2,750
	Zoar Chapel, Romford	_			3,000
	Grants paid	32,973	-	32,973	5,909
	Grants authorised (all to institution	s)			
	but unpaid as at:				
	31 December 2016	14,000	-	14,000	10,000
	31 December 2015	(10,000)	-	(10,000)	(2,750)
	Total grants	£36,973	£-	£36,973	£13,159
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5	Support costs	Staff costs	Other	Total 2016	Total 2015
			(see below)	icromente e la	
	Charitable activities	£	£	£	£
	Grantmaking	-	21,640	21,640	26,251
	Cost of publications	13,740	15,856	29,596	27,481
	Governance	2	5,349	5,349	5,701
		£13,740	£42,845	£56,585	£59,433
	Other costs comprise:			2016	2015
	- III			£	£
	Advertising			288	278
	Rent, rates and insurance			14,002	13,985
	Light and heat			63	65
	Postage and telephone			834	986
	Stationery and printing			2,622	1,971
	Travelling			349	225
	Royalties			-	and an expension in
	Legal expenses			9,294	12,957
	Office services and sundry			14,072	15,820
	Depreciation			95	and the second
	Committee expenses			1,226	942
				£42,845	£47,229
					rusas fatos.
6	Governance			2016	2015
				£	£
	Independent examiner's fees			1,584	2,129
	Legal and professional expens	ses		1,545	1,000
	AGM expenses			508	180
	Committee expenses			1,226	942
	Office services			4,123	4,759
				£8,986	£9,010

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2016

7 Employees and executive committee

The total remuneration paid to key management personnel amounted to £13,833 (2015 £12,204). These amounts include one member of the executive committee who received remuneration and reimbursed expenses in the year. Seven other members of the committee received reimbursement of expenses (four in 2015). The details that follow include amounts relating to trustee activities.

		2016		2015
	Number	£	Number	£
Remuneration & expenses	1	2,498	1	1,455
Travel expenses	6	1,117	3	878
Postage, telephone & adverts	1	219	1	64

Donations made by members of the executive committee, apart from varied amounts for their subscriptions, amounted to £nil (2015 £nil).

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for the year ended 31 December 2016

		Note	2016		2015
			£		£
8	Publications fund				
	Sales of publications				
	United Kingdom and elsewhere		28,441		19,389
	USA		9,326	bake bayes	9,248
			37,767		28,637
	Less: Direct costs		The transfer	_	
	Cost of sales	9	23,584		14,301
	Change in stock depreciation	9	(1,814)		656
	Distribution costs		3,590		3,958
	Advertising		1,089	ale di male	500
			26,449		19,415
	Balance after direct costs		£11,318	Wales Raid	£9,222
	Less: other costs				
	Support costs	5	29,596		27,481
	Governance		288	of the part of	240
			29,884	1 - Te - 1 - 10 10 10 10 10 10 10	27,721
			(18,566)		(18,499)
	Add: Donations, legacies, interest etc		5,924		50,855
	Transfer from General fund				
	Operating (deficit)/surplus		(12,642)		32,356
	Book subsidy fund, no movements in year	r	-		-
	Net (outgoings)/income - page 15		£(12,642)	page 16	£32,356

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for the year ended 31 December 2016

		Note	2016	2015
			£	£
9	Publications fund - cost of publicatio	ns		
	Stock at 1 January 2016 at cost		126,901	125,111
	Purchases		25,556	16,091
			152,457	141,202
	Stock at 31 December 2016 at cost		(128,873)	(126,901)
	Cost of sales	8	£23,584	£14,301
				0
	Provision for depreciation of stock			00.105
	1 January 2016		88,841	88,185
	31 December 2016		87,027	88,841
	Increase/(decrease)	8	£(1,814)	£656
10	Book subsidy fund (within the public	cations f	und, page 24)	
	Balance at 1 January and			210.522
	31 December 2016		£19,522	£19,522
	There were no movements during the y	ear.		

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11	Tangible fixed assets	Freehold	Furniture	Total
	which are all used for charitable	land and	and	
	purposes	buildings	equipment	
	T 26.5	£	£	£
	Cost or valuation			
	At 1 January 2016	130,000	6,331	136,331
	Increase on revaluation	8,450	-	8,450
	Addition	J. Jackson	285	285
	At 31 December 2016	£138,450	£6,616	£145,066
	Depreciation			
	At 1 January 2016	32416 (p-to	6,331	6,331
	Charge for the year		95	95
	At 31 December 2016	£-	£6,426	£6,426
	Net book value			
	At 31 December 2015	£130,000	£-	£130,000
	At 31 December 2016	£138,450	£190	£138,640

Freehold land and buildings relate to a share in a chapel pastor's house. In accordance with Charities SORP (FRS 102) the Trust's one-third share has been revalued by the directors at the estimated net realisable value at 31 December 2016 based on sales of other properties in the area. The estimated value relating to the land is £50,000.

	Revaluation surplus for share in chapel pastor's house	2016 £	2015 £
	Increase on revaluation Depreciation written back	8,450	92,300 9,040
	Total to page 15	£8,450	£101,340
		2016 £	2015 £
12	Stocks Goods for resale	£41,846	£38,060

Notes to the financial statements

for the year ended 31 December 2016

		2016	2015
		£	£
13	Debtors		
	Due within one year	Š	
	Trade debtors	5,588	3,967
	Other debtors	19,021	47,799
	Interest free loans to chapels	12,300	4,200
	Interest free loans to Ministers	1,200	1,200
	VAT	828	296
	Prepayments	427	1,821
		39,364	59,283
	Due after more than one year		
	Interest free loans to chapels	12,100	13,500
	Interest free loans to Ministers	1,800	3,000
		£53,264	£75,783
14	Cash at bank and in hand		
	Cash at bank and in hand	30,705	63,232
	NSB Investment account	3,799	2,786
	COIF Fund deposit account	21,000	41,000
	Other Investment accounts	1,032,485	1,015,923
		£1,087,989	£1,122,941
15	Creditors		
	Grants approved	14,000	10,000
	Accruals	5,022	8,726
	Other creditors	3,626	2,350
		£22,648	£21,076
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Notes to the financial statements

for the year ended 31 December 2016

16 Analysis of net assets between funds

Total 2016
£
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17 Taxation

The Trust is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities only by virtue of section 505 Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

18 Capital commitments

At 31 December 2016 the Trust had authorised no capital expenditure commitments.

Assets held in trust

31 December 2016

Pages 29 and 30 do not form part of the financial statements

		Rent and Interest	Distributions	Balances with Deposit Takers
1	Bath Chapel ch	arity		
	2016 2015	116 2.455	135 2.264	4,256 4,275
		£100 per annum. Distribut tyear on renewal of the lea	tions in 2015 relate to trustee ase.	A1 = 19
2	Mount Zion, Bo	ournemouth		
	2016 2015	13,413 12,974	9,000 9,720	749,257 744,844
	The chapel was sold to 2015 included £720 f		re being made to the church.	Distributions for
3	Zion Chapel, El	ly		
	2016 2015	606 403	- 640	66,768 66,162
	In 2011 the trustees p	assed a resolution to remo	ve the restriction on the distr	ribution of the capital.
4	Rehoboth Strict	Baptist Chapel, Go	oodshawfold	
	2016	1,735	3,703	71,001
	2015	1,692	1,164	68,969
	incurred in 2016 to m	ake gravestones safe. As d	e income to maintain the gra a result expenses have again ch is repayable from future su	exceeded income.
5	Ebenezer Chap	el, Luton		
	2016	-	2,500	159
	2015	209	10,000	2,659
	These funds are being	held on behalf of the chur	·ch.	
6	Rehoboth Chap	el, New Barnet		
	2016	-	I The Action Control of the Control	-
	2015	-	1,830	=

The chapel was sold in March 2013 for £380,000. After legal fees and agents' commission the Trust received £367,551 on behalf of the trustees. Distributions of £225,000 were made in 2013 and the remaining funds distributed in 2014 and 2015 to beneficiary chapels etc. Distributions stated above include trustees' expenses.

Assets held in trust

31 December 2016

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Rent and Interest	Distributions	Balances with Deposit Takers
ottingham		
110	3,314	217,782
		30,000
	Interest lottingham	Interest Distributions Tottingham

Church funds were received in November 2015 to be held on behalf of the trustees. The sale of the chapel was completed in November 2016 for the price of £198,187 subject to selling costs. Distributions relate to insurance and other professional fees.

8 Albert Street Chapel, Oxford

2016	3,784	3,563	16,565
2015	3,729	676	16,344

The chapel is let for £750 a quarter plus insurance. Distributions in 2016 are for insurance and for professional fees relating to renewal of the lease.

9 Zion Chapel, Prestwood

2016	296	2,438	156,045
2015	1,004	76,621	158,187

The chapel was sold in August 2014 for £242,000. After legal fees and agents' commission the Trust received £231,468 on behalf of the trustees. The permanent endowment comprises £150,000, which the Charity Commission authorised from the sale proceeds, plus an earlier legacy of £8,000. The fund of £158,000 is to provide income for the upkeep of the retained burial ground. Distributions in 2015 include £74,000 of the sale proceeds and residual church funds paid to the Gospel Standard Aid and Poor Relief Society and a balance of £1,605 is payable in 2017. Excess maintenance costs have to be recovered from future income.

10 Zoar Chapel, Romford

2016	10.	The state of	6,049
2015	FROM E		6,381

The balance held relates to church funds which are administered on behalf of the church.

11 The Ebenezer Chapel Smallfield charity

2016	3,413	8,237	178,065
2015	3,415	223	182,889

The chapel and cottage were sold in December 2009 and the proceeds are held by the trustees as a permanent endowment. Of these funds £166,000 plus undistributed income is invested through The Gospel Standard Trust. The distributions are for grants to chapels and include insurance.

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Trustees Report for 2016

This has been a quieter year, overall, but we are thankful once again to prove the faithfulness and goodness of the Lord in maintaining the work of the Library. It continues to provide, not only books to borrow, but also information for research in varying spheres.

There has been a slight decrease in borrowers to 60 and the total number of books which have been loaned is down by over 20% to 387. The Newsletter has continued twice a year with introductions to more of the Puritans, some specific doctrines and also comments on some of the new books in the Library.

The number of Accessions to the library is 64 this year and in addition there are 34 duplicates, quite a few of which have been books donated to the Library. As previously we are grateful to the Gospel Standard Trust Publications, The Huntingtonian Press, Dr M J Hyde and others for donations of new publications.

We are grateful to continue receiving donations of books over the year; some of these are additions to the Library and sale of the remainder has remained about the same. It is always good when books go where they are appreciated rather than being discarded.

Early in the year we had on loan the manuscript file of the late Mrs Rowland of Bromley. This has brief historical notes of Strict Baptist chapels in the UK including many not connected with the Gospel Standard. It also contains many references to the periodicals where the information has been obtained. Muriel has typed all of this on the computer but checking the facts will need to be done since there are some discrepancies and no updates have been made since 1992. Marion Pont at Tenterden has agreed to help in this task. It is a mine of information for research purposes.

Indices have also been prepared of the sermons in the Gospel Banner, the Sower and the Zion's Witness and we trust that these may be of benefit in the future.

Photographs of Ministers and Chapels are also now listed and filed so can be readily available.

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Trustees Report for 2016 continued

Donations to the Library have decreased and expenditure has again exceeded income; also return on the money invested continues to go down.

The Library in Sheboygan, affiliated to us, is not used as much as it was hoped and the borrowers are mainly from their own congregation; but we trust that it will be of greater benefit in the future.

Repair and rebinding of books continues as necessary and when time permits.

We acknowledge the Lord's continued help to our Librarians, and pray that He will yet go before them and the Trustees to give wisdom and guidance in all the concerns and decisions which may be made in the coming year.

Chairman: J H Cottington

Date: February 28th 2017

The Gospel Standard Baptist Library Fund is governed by Deed of Trust dated 24 May 1949 as amended by the Charity Commission Scheme of 25 November 1971. The trustees for the time being have the power to appoint new trustees who, apart from The Gospel Standard Trust, must be members of a Gospel Standard Church and at least two-thirds of the trustees shall be members of the Committee of The Gospel Standard Aid and Poor Relief Society.

Trustees:

J H Cottington, G W Hyde, M J Hyde, F A Ince, B E Izzard, B P Mercer, T J Rosier, J A Kingham (representing The Gospel Standard Trust).

Statement of financial activities

for the year ended 31 December 2016

for the year ended 31 December 2010			
	2016	2015	
Income and expenditure	£	£	
Incoming resources			
Book sales	893	916	1
Gospel Standard Trust Grants	133	159	
Distribution from the Rehoboth Chapel, New Barnet			
sale proceeds	-	696	
Donations and subscriptions	355	276	
Donations received under Gift Aid	868	1,020	
Gift aid receipts	214	248	
Interest received	39	46	
Total incoming resources	2,502	3,361	_
1.00			
Resources expended			
Direct charitable expenditure			_
Book purchases	34	61	
Bookbinding and picture framing	-	65	- 1
Rates and insurance	1,084	999	- 1
Water gas & electricity	669	588	
Telephone	218	349	- 1
Postage and carriage	301	405	- 1
Office stationery and sundries	54	248	- 1
Office equipment repairs and renewals	195	143	
Advertising	165	138	
Trustees travel & other expenses	361	388	
Librarians' travel & other expenses	3,257	3,101	
Subscriptions and donations	90	100	
Depreciation - building	1,436	1,436	
Total resources expended	7,864	8,021	
Net (Outgoing) resources for the year	(5,362)	(4,660)
Fund balance at 1 January 2016	33,427	38,087	
Fund balance at 31 December 2016	£28,065	£33,427	

Accounting Policy Note: Depreciation is being provided on the cost of the Library building and extension on a straight line basis at 3% per annum.

Balance sheet

As at 31 December 2016

2016	2015
£	£
23,675	23,675
24,192	24,192
47,867	47,867
(29,334)	(27,898)
18,533	19,969
- But the rest he	Consider tell
9	44
347	314
8,205	11,166
1,026	1,934
9,587	13,458
55	-
9,532	13,458
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Gospel Standard Trust Publications

A SELECTION OF BOOKS			Price
	ex	xcluding p	ostage
Doctrinal and Devotional			£
Consider Him	R Hawker		4.50
Contemplations on the God of Israel	W Huntington		8.00
Through Baca's Vale	J C Philpot		13.00
Ears From Harvested Sheaves	J C Philpot		11.00
The Doctrines of Grace	K Matrunola		4.50
Gospel Standard on DVD 1835-2014		*********	37.00
Baptism	J Norcott		5.75
Pilgrim's Progress (illustrated)	J Bunyan		18.00
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Hymns on Various Passages of Scripture	Thomas Kelly		12.00
The Nazarene's Songs	William Gadsby		15.00
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Bible Doctrines - Simply Explained	B A Ramsbottom		2.50
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The Friendly Companion on DVD 1875-2014			30.00
Miracles of Jesus Series: Miracles, Parables, People Jesus Met,			
Birth of Jesus, Resurrection of Jesus, Crucifixion of Jesus,	B A Ramsbottom	each from	3.95
Paul Follower of Jesus, Peter Disciple of Jesus		to	4.75
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Sketches - Elijah and Elisha	M Philpott		2.50
History and Biography			
Sing Aloud in Jesus' Name (Lesser Known Hymnwriters)	B A Ramsbottom		3.50
Six Remarkable Ministers	B A Ramsbottom		8.95

Some Scots Worthies

J R Broome

4.50

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A SELECTION OF BOOKS CONTINUED Price excluding postage

		01	0
History and Biography continued			£
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Some Eighteenth Century Hymnwriters	J R Broome		4.25
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The Dairyman's Daughter	L Richmond		6.50
History of the Gospel Standard Magazine	B A Ramsbottom		6.50
William Gadsby	B A Ramsbottom		12.00
With Mercy & With Judgement	M Hyde		13.00
The Hidden Pathway (Elsie Dawson)	G D Buss		6.95
Remembered Mercies Recorded	George Rose		16.00
Gadsby's - the Story of a Hymnbook 1814-2014	M Hyde		12.00
Forty Years in the Wilderness	John Chandler		12.00
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When God Works (Thomas Bradbury)	Ed. J Kingham		9.50
A Prodigal made a Blessing (Joseph Hart, Life and Hymns)	Compiled by J Kingham		8.50
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Marian Martyrs, Geneva Exiles	J R Broome	each	2.00
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