

BEVERLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH

**ANNUAL REPORT AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2024**

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER 1031527

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BEVERLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

CHARITY NUMBER 1031527

START OF FINANCIAL YEAR 1st April 2023

END OF FINANCIAL YEAR 31st March 2024

TRUSTEES AT 31 MARCH 2024
Helen Bashford
Richard Bradbury
Natalie Clark
Yvonne South

The existing trustees appoint any new trustees following the provisions laid out in the Charity's governing instrument.

GOVERNING INSTRUMENT Declaration of Trust Dated 11 December 1993.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Report to the trustees/ members of Beverley Community Church on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2022 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of Independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, 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 accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
- have not been met; or

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

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Donna Leppitt

Date: 24th October 2024

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TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Beverley Community Church was established in 1988 as an independent charismatic evangelical church.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The emphasis of the church has always been to achieve growth by new birth rather than relocating the saints. Our desire is to see every member identify and come into the fullness of their gifting whilst developing their character to the image of Christ. We believe Beverley Community Church should be a place where all people are accepted on their path to find faith in God through Jesus Christ regardless of ethnicity, gender, disability or sexual orientation. Our desire is to engender a love for the lost amongst us and we believe that one of the primary functions of the church is to reach out to those who do not yet know Christ.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

When planning its activities the Church has considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit, and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

Beverley Community Church has continued to maintain its focus on the three key areas:

Promoting spiritual wellbeing through pastoral care and teaching for the church and general public.

Local community based projects to benefit the public as described below.

Supporting the wider church community as a member of Churches Together in Beverley and via the Groundlevel Network, of which it is also a member.

During the year one elder resigned as elder and the church is led by the remaining elder, whose company invoices the Church for the management fees. The elder is responsible for the main content of the teaching and this is supplemented by the input of members of the Church.

Pastoral care is provided by the elder, by the Homegroup Leaders and through the church's counselling service.

The Church has held a weekly meeting for worship and teaching on Sunday mornings either at The Beverley Memorial Hall or online via Face Book. These are available to the general public.

This has been supplemented by homegroup meetings both in homes and online.

The Church supports a member of the congregation who provides support to those wishing to get back into the work place and through Community Money Advice to provide financial advice and assistance to those in debt.

The elder represents the Groundlevel Network of Churches at Churches Together England. He is also very active in promoting Christian unity in the locality through facilitating ministers meetings and supporting Churches Together in Beverley. He also assists with the training of emerging leaders within the Ground Level Network

The Church supports a church in India and this year, two visits have been made by the Elder to India to support the local work.

The annual womens' weekend away took place in April 2023 and was well attended.

The Church's counselling centre, The Restoration Centre, has continued to offer prayer and personal counselling to anyone who needs it, and provided funeral services to the bereaved.

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The Elder continues to serve as a Governor at Keldmarsh Primary School.

The Church has continued to sponsor two children through Compassion UK, and has supported the following charities.

Beverley Against Poverty

Beverley Schools Christian Trust

East Yorkshire Foodbank

Beverley Open Doors Community Project

Community Money Advice

The Church continues its association with the Groundlevel Network of Churches which provides mutual support and development. The annual conference in August, now under the name Awaken, returned to its weekend format and was enjoyed by all who attended.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £95,897 together with £16,286 restricted funds while expenditure was £82,384 on unrestricted funds and £20,783 on restricted funds, giving a net increase in unrestricted funds of £13,513 and a decrease in restricted funds of £4,497; a combined increase of £9,016. £42 was transferred to the Restoration Centre restricted fund from General fund to correct a mistake in posting last year, and £2,318 was transferred from the General fund to Restricted funds to cover gift aid not yet claimed but paid over with a gift. This increased restricted funds to £18,188 as shown in the notes.

RESERVES

The Trust has no fixed amount to hold in reserve but considers £20,000 a guide line as an amount to cover running costs for 3 months.,

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing financial statements.

Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

The Trustees for the financial year were:

Helen Bashford

Richard Bradbury

Natalie Clark

Yvonne South

There were no changes in the year.

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TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024 (continued)

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Charities Act 2022 requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the trust and of the surplus of the trust for that period.

In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to:


Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;

Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

Prepare financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the trust will continue in existence.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the trust. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the trust and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees



Yvonne South

Date: 20/10/2024

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted <u>Funds</u> £	Restricted <u>Funds</u> £	Total <u>2024</u> £	Total <u>2023</u> £
RECEIPTS					
a) Voluntary Receipts					
Fundraising			332	332	
Giving under gift aid		52,794	9,720	62,514	78,231
Collections and gifts		17,013	5,306	22,319	31,049
Income tax recovered		19,869		19,869	11,290
Miscellaneous income		4,906	928	5,834	7,647
Rental income		1,315		1,315	2,690
TOTAL RECEIPTS		95,897	16,286	112,183	130,907
PAYMENTS					
Direct charitable expenditure	2a	56,253	20,770	77,023	96,201
Management and administration	2b	26,131	13	26,144	15,907
TOTAL PAYMENTS		82,384	20,783	103,167	112,108
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS		13,513	-4,497	9,016	18,799
Balances brought forward		55,528	20,325	75,853	57,054
Transfer from General Fund		-2,360	2,360	-	-
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD		66,681	18,188	84,869	75,853

The notes on pages 9 to 10 form part of these accounts.

All operations are continuing operations.

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

ASSETS	2024	2023
	£	£
Current assets		
Cash funds	683	369
TSB bank account	56,925	62,146
Paypal	27,261	13,338
	84,869	75,853

Represented by:

Unrestricted funds	66,681	55,478
Restricted funds	18,188	20,375
	84,869	75,853

Other assets

End of year tax claim	15,592	20,376
Music amplification equipment etc as valued for insurance purposes	8,921	8,921
	24,513	29,297

LIABILITIES

Independent Examiner's Fee	870	870
Hall hire	1,400	920
Chosen Women held over	3,901	1,220
	6,171	3,010

TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Charity Law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which comply with the regulations set out in the Charities Act 2022. The trustees have elected to take advantage of the provisions that apply to small charities and have prepared a Receipts and Payments Account and Statement of Assets and Liabilities which are set out on pages 7 and 8.

Approved by the Trustees on the 20th October 2024 and

Signed on their behalf by

Helen Bashford, Trustee.



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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The accounts have been prepared under the "Receipts and Payments" basis as prescribed by the Charity Commissioners, and they meet the appropriate legal requirements.

2 PAYMENTS

a) Direct Charitable Expenditure

Hall hire	11,200	-	11,200	11,196
Young people	152	-	152	64
Chosen women & Men alive	6,571	-	6,571	6,548
Gifts and missions	5,835	3,105	8,940	24,977
Evangelism	-	-	-	1,789
Social events	1,595	-	1,595	-
Visiting speakers	-	-	-	150
Beverley Open Doors Community Project	-	732	732	3,247
Debt advisory service	-	2,142	2,142	7,680
Street Angels	-	921	921	244
Fees	30,900	11,589	42,489	36,406
Foreign travel	-	2,101	2,101	3,794
Restoration Centre	-	180	180	106
	56,253	20,770	77,023	96,201

b) Management & Administration

PA & equipment	1,976	-	1,976	-
Equipment repair & hire	17	-	17	9
Tapes, books, CDs, DVDs	471	-	471	592
Sundries	1,434	13	1,447	1,604
Licences	396	-	396	-
Insurance	773	-	773	745
Refreshments	1,510	-	1,510	1,087
Webb fees	534	-	534	450
Independent Examination	870	-	870	-
Office expenses	11,298	-	11,298	6,831
Subscriptions	805	-	805	767
Telephone	996	-	996	1,036
Postage, stationery & photocopying	749	-	749	276
Travel	2,206	-	2,206	1,133
Bank charges	470	-	470	480
Courses & conferences	1,626	-	1,626	897
	26,131	13	26,144	15,907

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4 RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Opening Balance			Transfer	Closing Balance
	<u>2023</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>From General</u>	<u>2024</u>
	£	£	£		£
Street angels	0	9	0	(9)	0
East Yorkshire Foodbank	137	871	(692)	0	316
Hampers Christmas and Easter	0	1,593	(1,217)	0	376
Gift passed on +gift aid	0	9,271	(11,589)	2,318	0
Community fund	0	4,170	(3,808)	9	371
Fundraising	215	332	(547)	0	0
Restoration Centre	873	0	(180)	42	735
Hardship fund	5,000	40	(649)	0	4,391
India	14,100	0	(2,101)	0	11,999
	<u>20,325</u>	<u>16,286</u>	<u>(20,783)</u>	<u>2,360</u>	<u>18,188</u>

Description of Restricted Funds

Street Angels: the purpose of this fund is to provide support for vulnerable people out socialising in Beverley on a Saturday night, or on other occasions such as race days and is amalgamated with the community fund.

East Yorkshire Foodbank: Donations given to church to be forwarded to the Foodbank.

Hampers: these are funds donated to provide Christmas and Easter hampers for needy people in Beverley.

Restoration Centre: Donations plus funeral fees to be used to further the work of the restoration centre.

India: Money given to cover the cost of travel to India to support churches there.

Hardship fund: this is a gift given to the trust to help anyone who is struggling financially.

Community fund: money from the charity Beverley Open Doors Community Project which closed this year, now covering street angels and the toddler group, Oranges & Lemons.

Fundraising: proceeds from a monthly craft stall to go towards India travel costs.

5. TRUSTEES AND OTHER RELATED PARTIES

Management fees of £42,489 were paid to a company of which Richard Bradbury is Director, (36,406 - 2023).

£11,589 of this was a gift including tax, (£5,506 - 2023) Mr Bradbury was not present in the Trustees' meetings when fees were discussed.

No other payments were made to trustees or any other persons connected with them during this financial period.

No material transaction took place between the organisation and a trustee or any person connected with them. (2023 - none).

A total of £24,552 was donated to the charity by the trustees and related parties. (£13,559 - 2023)

6 RISK ASSESSMENT

The Trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining the free reserves stated, combined with the review of the controls over key financial systems, carried out on an annual basis, will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions.

The Trustees have also examined other operational and business risks which they face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

7 RESERVES POLICY

The Trustees consider that, in general, £20,000 is an adequate sum to keep in reserve. This covers the basic costs of running the Trust for three months.