

BLACKBURN COMMUNITY CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1041251

Details

Other names	BETHANY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP (BLACKBURN) TRUST, COMMUNITY CHURCH BLACKBURN, COMMUNITY CHURCH BLACKBURN (CCB)
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1994-10-05
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: (A) TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION (B) TO RELIEVE PERSONS WHO ARE IN CONDITIONS OF NEED HARDSHIP OR DISTRESS (C) TO ENGAGE IN OTHER CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES OF BENEFIT TO THE SAID COUNTY OR ELSEWHERE AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT

Activities: The primary objective of the church is the advancement of the Christian religion. This objective is met through the weekly meetings held in Wesley Hall Methodist Church, Blackburn and through regular meetings in members' homes and at other local venues. The church also supports mission and relief activities in the UK and overseas.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Other Finance, Provides Services, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** COUNTY OF LANCASHIRE
- Blackburn With Darwen
- Lancashire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£48,921	£50,085	-	-
2023-12-31	£69,710	£78,295	-	-
2022-12-31	£88,797	£98,547	-	-
2021-12-31	£68,434	£63,033	-	-
2020-12-31	£66,581	£66,126	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Gina Maria Berry		
Miriam Hamilton		2021-09-16
Sylvanus Bowlin		2017-09-25

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Year ended 31 December 2024

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BLACKBURN COMMUNITY CHURCH
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

WORKING NAME OF THE CHARITY	Community Church Blackburn
ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	Wesley Hall Feilden Street Blackburn BB2 1LQ
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1041251
GOVERNING DOCUMENT	Declaration of Trust dated 12 September 1994 amended by supplemental deeds in 2001.
TRUSTEES	Gina Berry - Treasurer and Acting Chair Sylvanus Bowlin Miriam Hamilton Alison Hammerton (appointed February 2024) Corlia Gent (appointed February 2024) Geoffrey Shanks (resigned February 2024) Angela Shanks (resigned February 2024)
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Archie McDowall BA CA Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage LONDON EC1Y 8AB

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BLACKBURN COMMUNITY CHURCH
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year.

Objects of the Charity

The primary objective of the Trust is the advancement of the Christian religion. This objective is met through the weekly services held locally at the Wesley Hall in Blackburn. The church also supports mission and relief activities in the UK and overseas.

Our Mission

Community Church Blackburn exists to see lives transformed through the love of Jesus. Our mission is simple and enduring:

Loving God, Loving People, Building God's Kingdom.

Governance

The policy and operating decisions of the charity rest with the Trustees who meet regularly to monitor the activities of the charity.

New Trustees are appointed by the existing Trustees.

Activities and achievements in 2024

Despite facing significant changes in leadership, Community Church Blackburn continued to carry out its mission through a range of worship services, ministries, and community initiatives.

Key Worship Services and Events

- Weekly Sunday worship services with Bible teaching and worship.
- Easter and Christmas outreach services open to the wider community.
- Regular prayer meetings and small group gatherings.

Attendance and Membership

Average weekly attendance remained relatively stable at around 50 people, despite the transition in leadership.

Leadership Transitions

In September 2024, Stephen Norcross (former pastor) left the church. In December 2024, we welcomed a new Pastor, Simon Gimeno, and a new Administrator, Kirsty Gimeno, to join the leadership of the church.

In planning the activities the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

Financial Review

A summary of our financial position for 2024 is as follows:

- Total income: £48,921 (2023: £69,707)
Primary sources: Tithes, offerings, and individual donations.
- Total expenditure: £50,085 (2023: £78,294)
Major areas: Staff salaries, building rental costs, outreach ministry expenses.
- Net deficit: £1,164 (2023: £8,587)

Reserves Policy

The Trustees aim to hold unrestricted cash of no less than £20,000 (2023:£24,000), which equates to about 4 month's usual unrestricted expenditure, so that the charity could continue to operate should income and / or expenditure vary adversely. At the year end the charity held unrestricted cash of £25,312 (2023: £28,317). The Trustees are satisfied that the financial resources of the charity are being managed prudently and in line with its objectives.

Property and Assets

Community Church Blackburn does not currently own any property. We continue to rent and meet at Wesley Hall, Fielden Street, Blackburn, BB2 1LQ, which remains suitable for our worship and community activities.

- No major renovations or asset purchases were made in 2024.

Risk Management

The Trustees actively monitor and review potential risks and take steps to mitigate them where appropriate.

Safeguarding

We maintain up-to-date safeguarding policies, and all staff and volunteers working with children and vulnerable adults are DBS-checked and appropriately trained. A designated Safeguarding Lead is in place and attends regular training.

Health & Safety

Health and safety policies are reviewed annually. Regular checks are made to ensure our venue remains compliant with safety regulations.

Insurance

Adequate insurance is in place to cover public liability, employer's liability, and relevant property-related risks.

Looking Ahead to 2025

Plans and Goals

Despite the leadership transitions in 2024, the Trustees remain committed to the vision and mission of the church. Key goals for 2025 include:

- Supporting the continued integration of new church leadership.
- Strengthening community outreach and discipleship programmes.
- Encouraging member engagement and volunteer participation.

Challenges

The resignation of the previous church leader in September 2024 brought a period of change and uncertainty. However, the leadership team, Trustees, and church community have remained unified. The appointment of new leadership has been a positive and hopeful development as we move forward.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

Approval

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Gina Berry

[Gina Berry \(Oct 29, 2025 14:17:13 GMT\)](#)

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Gina Berry - Treasurer and Acting Chair

Date: Oct 29, 2025

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF BLACKBURN COMMUNITY CHURCH**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Blackburn Community Church (the charity) for the year ended 31 December 2024 on pages 6 to 8 following.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Archie McDowall BA CA
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Date: Oct 29, 2025

BLACKBURN COMMUNITY CHURCH
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Receipts					
<i>Voluntary receipts</i>					
Gifts and offerings		36,904	50	36,954	50,673
Grants		-	-	-	474
Gift aid tax recovered		8,909	-	8,909	11,919
		<u>45,813</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>45,863</u>	<u>63,066</u>
<i>Other receipts</i>					
Income from events including NewDay		158	-	158	4,475
Refunds		573	-	573	-
Bank interest		486	1,842	2,328	2,167
Total receipts		<u>47,030</u>	<u>1,892</u>	<u>48,921</u>	<u>69,707</u>
Payments					
<i>Payments in furtherance of the church's objectives</i>					
Premises	2	10,896	-	10,896	12,450
Ministry	3	30,682	-	30,682	49,694
Grants paid	4	4,920	50	4,970	6,139
Office and other expenses	5	3,537	-	3,537	3,333
		<u>50,035</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>50,085</u>	<u>71,615</u>
Purchase of fixed assets (a marquee)	D	-	-	-	6,679
Total payments		<u>50,035</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>50,085</u>	<u>78,294</u>
Net (payments)/receipts before transfers		(3,005)	1,842	(1,164)	(8,587)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>(3,005)</u>	<u>1,842</u>	<u>(1,164)</u>	<u>(8,587)</u>
Cash funds at 1 January		28,317	105,003	133,320	141,907
Cash funds at 31 December	A	<u>25,312</u>	<u>106,845</u>	<u>132,157</u>	<u>133,320</u>

The notes on page 8 form part of these accounts.

BLACKBURN COMMUNITY CHURCH
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 £	2023 £
A Cash funds				
Cash at bank	25,312	106,845	132,157	133,320
	25,312	106,845	132,157	133,320
B Other monetary assets				
Gift aid due	-	-	-	413
	-	-	-	413
C Liabilities				
Accounts preparation and examination fees	1,140	-	1,140	1,116
Payroll creditors	-	-	-	455
	1,140	-	1,140	1,571
D Assets retained for charity's own use				
		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost	Current Value
Marquee tent purchased in 2023		Unrestricted	6,679	5,250

The current value of the marquee has been estimated by the trustees. The charity also owns and insures some other items of moveable equipment used in its meetings. These assets belong to unrestricted funds and the market value of these assets at the year end is not significant.

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Gina Berry
[Gina Berry \(Oct 29, 2025 14:17:13 GMT\)](#)

 Gina Berry - Chair

Oct 29, 2025

 Date

The notes on page 8 form part of these accounts.

BLACKBURN COMMUNITY CHURCH
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1 Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

Unrestricted funds are funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

	General Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £	
2 Premises					
Rent	8,146	-	8,146	10,197	
Equipment	1,988	-	1,988	1,572	
Insurance	762	-	762	680	
	<u>10,896</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,896</u>	<u>12,450</u>	
3 Ministry					
Employment costs	25,914	-	25,914	29,843	
Staff expenses including travel	260	-	260	632	
Children's and youth work including New Day event	774	-	774	11,068	
Training	95	-	95	1,875	
Outreach	306	-	306	1,972	
Website and internet	647	-	647	909	
Worship and PA costs	844	-	844	1,130	
Gifts to visiting speakers	900	-	900	435	
Other meeting costs including catering	942	-	942	1,829	
	<u>30,682</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,682</u>	<u>49,694</u>	
4 Grants paid					
Grants to Kairos Housing after it became an independent charity	-	50	50	-	
Other grants made to help relieve poverty	2,600	-	2,600	3,728	
Gifts to support UK and overseas mission	2,320	-	2,320	2,411	
	<u>4,920</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>4,970</u>	<u>6,139</u>	
5 Office and other expenses					
Independent examiner's fee for preparing and examining the accounts	1,116	-	1,116	1,080	
Other professional services	986	-	986	1,093	
Other costs	1,435	-	1,435	1,160	
	<u>3,537</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,537</u>	<u>3,333</u>	
6 Restricted funds					
	At 1.1.24 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	At 31.12.24 £
Building fund	105,003	1,842	-	-	106,845
Kairos housing fund	-	50	(50)	-	-
	<u>105,003</u>	<u>1,892</u>	<u>(50)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>106,845</u>

The restricted **Building fund** was created from donations given to help the charity secure suitable premises.

The restricted **Kairos housing fund** has been created from donations and grants received towards providing housing for asylum seekers and refugees.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Ajay Rajani FCIE Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage LONDON EC1Y 8AB

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Governance

The policy and operating decisions of the charity rest with the Trustees who meet regularly to monitor the activities of the charity.

New Trustees are appointed by the existing Trustees.

Review of the Year

Community Church Blackburn (CCB) is a church of around 50 adults and their families. During 2023, the church met in person at Wesley Hall Methodist Church, in members' homes and some meetings were held by Zoom or in a Zoom/in person hybrid mode.

The church continued to employ a full-time pastor however the part time administrator left in Jan 2023 due to other employment and was not replaced.

Kairos Housing (providing accommodation for refugees and asylum seekers) which started as a ministry from Community Church Blackburn and operated within the charitable structure of the church has now become a fully separate charity.

In August 2023 Community Church Blackburn hosted and enabled around 120 young people to attend a week's festival called Newday to hear the good news of Jesus. To assist in this and future years the Trustees agreed it was wise to purchase a professional Marquee as an asset which involved an outlay of £6,679.

Community Church Blackburn has played a significant role over the year in leading church unity and ecumenical initiatives in Blackburn with Darwen.

In planning the activities the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

Financial Review

Receipts for the year were £69,707 (2022: £88,797) and expenditure was £78,294 (2022: £98,547). As a result the deficit for the year was £8,587 (2022: a deficit of £9,750) and the cash held by the charity decreased by that amount to £133,320. Of this cash £105,003 was held for restricted purposes leaving £28,317 for the charity's day to day activities.

In the second half of the previous year Kairos Housing became a separate charity and, this year, there were almost no transactions for Kairos Housing. As a result this year both income and expenditure have fallen significantly. Ignoring Kairos, income was £69,214 compared with £71,882 in 2022, expenditure was £78,121 compared with £73,279 in 2022, and the deficit was £8,907 compared with £1,397 in 2022. This year the charity spent £6,679 on a marquee; without this exceptional expenditure, this year's deficit would have been £2,228.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees aim to hold unrestricted cash of no less than £24,000, which equates to about 4 month's usual unrestricted expenditure, so that the charity could continue to operate should income and / or expenditure vary adversely. At the year end the charity held unrestricted cash of £28,317 and the charity is complying with its reserves policy.

Trustees' Responsibilities

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We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

Approval

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Gina Berry

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Gina Berry - Chair

Date: Oct 22, 2024

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Date: Oct 23, 2024

BLACKBURN COMMUNITY CHURCH
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Receipts					
<i>Voluntary receipts</i>					
Gifts and offerings		49,528	1,144	50,673	51,308
Grants		-	474	474	5,506
Gift aid tax recovered		11,919	-	11,919	19,816
		<u>61,448</u>	<u>1,618</u>	<u>63,066</u>	<u>76,629</u>
<i>Other receipts</i>					
Income from events including NewDay		4,475	-	4,475	3,845
Rental income		-	-	-	7,814
Bank interest		539	1,628	2,167	508
Total receipts		<u>66,462</u>	<u>3,246</u>	<u>69,707</u>	<u>88,797</u>
Payments					
<i>Payments in furtherance of the church's objectives</i>					
Premises	2	12,450	-	12,450	17,778
Ministry	3	49,520	173	49,694	61,891
Grants paid	4	4,554	1,585	6,139	15,048
Office and other expenses	5	3,333	-	3,333	3,830
		<u>69,857</u>	<u>1,758</u>	<u>71,615</u>	<u>98,547</u>
Purchase of fixed assets (a marquee)	D	6,679	-	6,679	-
Total payments		<u>76,536</u>	<u>1,758</u>	<u>78,294</u>	<u>98,547</u>
Net receipts/(payments) before transfers		(10,074)	1,487	(8,587)	(9,750)
Transfers between funds		(497)	497	-	-
Net movement in funds		(10,571)	1,984	(8,587)	(9,750)
Cash funds at 1 January		38,888	103,019	141,907	151,657
Cash funds at 31 December	A	<u>28,317</u>	<u>105,003</u>	<u>133,320</u>	<u>141,907</u>

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BLACKBURN COMMUNITY CHURCH
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 £	2022 £
A Cash funds				
Cash at bank	28,317	105,003	133,320	141,907
	<u>28,317</u>	<u>105,003</u>	<u>133,320</u>	<u>141,907</u>
B Other monetary assets				
Gift aid due	413	-	413	894
	<u>413</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>413</u>	<u>894</u>
C Liabilities				
Accounts preparation and examination fees	1,116	-	1,116	1,080
Payroll creditors	455	-	455	555
	<u>1,571</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,571</u>	<u>1,635</u>
D Assets retained for charity's own use				
		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost	Current Value
Marquee tent purchased in 2023		Unrestricted	<u>6,679</u>	<u>5,900</u>

The current value of the marquee has been estimated by the trustees. The charity also owns and insures some other items of moveable equipment used in its meetings. These assets belong to unrestricted funds and the market value of these assets at the year end is not significant.

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Gina Berry
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Gina Berry - Chair

Oct 22, 2024

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
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	General Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
2 Premises				
Rent	10,197	-	10,197	9,203
Building upkeep, maintenance and utilities	-	-	-	6,159
Equipment	1,572	-	1,572	1,809
Insurance	680	-	680	607
	<u>12,450</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,450</u>	<u>17,778</u>
3 Ministry				
Employment costs	29,670	173	29,843	46,822
Staff expenses including travel	632	-	632	617
Children's and youth work including New Day event	11,068	-	11,068	8,161
Training	1,875	-	1,875	1,325
Outreach	1,972	-	1,972	540
Website and internet	909	-	909	1,071
Worship and PA costs	1,130	-	1,130	2,060
Gifts to visiting speakers	435	-	435	290
Other meeting costs including catering	1,829	-	1,829	1,005
	<u>49,520</u>	<u>173</u>	<u>49,694</u>	<u>61,891</u>

This year's employment costs relate to the church minister. The previous year's employment costs also included the church minister's wife (who was employed as church administrator) and a facilitator for the Kairos Housing project; the employment of both of these individuals ended in December 2022.

4 Grants paid

Grants to Kairos Housing after it became an independent charity	-	-	-	6,860
Other grants made to help relieve poverty	2,143	1,585	3,728	4,159
Gifts to support UK and overseas mission	2,411	-	2,411	4,029
	<u>4,554</u>	<u>1,585</u>	<u>6,139</u>	<u>15,048</u>

5 Office and other expenses

Independent examiner's fee for preparing and examining the accounts	1,080	-	1,080	1,050
Other professional services	1,093	-	1,093	752
Other costs	1,160	-	1,160	2,027
	<u>3,333</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,333</u>	<u>3,830</u>

6 Restricted funds

	At 1.1.23 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	At 31.12.23 £
Building fund	103,019	1,628	-	357	105,003
Kairos housing fund	-	493	(173)	(320)	-
Turkey earthquake fund	-	1,125	(1,585)	460	-
	<u>103,019</u>	<u>3,246</u>	<u>(1,758)</u>	<u>497</u>	<u>105,003</u>

The restricted **Building fund** was created from donations given to help the charity secure suitable premises.

The restricted **Kairos housing fund** has been created from donations and grants received towards providing housing for asylum seekers and refugees. This year's transfer from the fund returns a loan received last year from unrestricted funds so that this fund wasn't in deficit on 31 December 2022.

The restricted **Turkey earthquake fund** was created from donations received to help those affected by the earthquake in Turkey.

BLACKBURN COMMUNITY CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1041251

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Year ended 31 December 2022

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BLACKBURN COMMUNITY CHURCH
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

WORKING NAME OF THE CHARITY	Community Church Blackburn
ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	Wesley Hall Feilden Street Blackburn BB2 1LQ
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1041251
GOVERNING DOCUMENT	Declaration of Trust dated 12 September 1994 amended by supplemental deeds in 2001.
TRUSTEES	Angela Shanks - Chair Gina Berry - Treasurer Sylvanus Bowlin Miriam Hamilton Geoffrey Shanks
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Ajay Rajani FCIE Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage LONDON EC1Y 8AB

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BLACKBURN COMMUNITY CHURCH
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year.

Objects of the Charity

The primary objective of the Trust is the advancement of the Christian religion. This objective is met through the weekly services held locally at the Wesley Hall in Blackburn. The church also supports mission and relief activities in the UK and overseas.

Governance

The policy and operating decisions of the charity rest with the Trustees who meet regularly to monitor the activities of the charity.

New Trustees are appointed by the existing Trustees.

Review of the Year

Community Church Blackburn (CCB) is a church of around 50 adults and their families. During 2022, the church met in person at Wesley Hall Methodist Church, in members homes and some meetings were held by Zoom or in a Zoom/in person hybrid mode. The church continued to employ a full time pastor and a part time administrator. Kairos Housing (providing accommodation for refugees and asylum seekers) has now become a separate charity.

In planning the activities the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

Financial Review

Receipts for the year were £88,797 (2021: £68,434). Expenditure for the year was £98,547 (2021: £63,033). As a result the deficit for the year was £9,750 (2021: a surplus of £5,401) and the cash held by the charity decreased by that amount to £141,907. Of this cash £103,019 was held for restricted purposes leaving £38,888 for the charity's day to day activities.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees aim to hold unrestricted cash of no less than £30,000, which equates to about 6 month's usual unrestricted expenditure, so that the charity could continue to operate should income and / or expenditure vary adversely. At the year end the charity held unrestricted cash of £38,888 and the charity is complying with its reserves policy.

Trustees' Responsibilities

Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

Approval

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Angela Shanks

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Angela Shanks

Date: 12 September 2023

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF BLACKBURN COMMUNITY CHURCH**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Blackburn Community Church (the charity) for the year ended 31 December 2022 on pages 4 to 6 following.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Ajay Rajani

Ajay Rajani FCIE
Stewardship
1 Lamb's Passage
LONDON
EC1Y 8AB

Date: 13 September 2023

BLACKBURN COMMUNITY CHURCH
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Receipts					
<i>Voluntary receipts</i>					
Gifts and offerings		48,377	2,930	51,308	48,626
Grants		-	5,506	5,506	8,750
Gift aid tax recovered		19,152	664	19,816	11,058
		<u>67,529</u>	<u>9,101</u>	<u>76,629</u>	<u>68,434</u>
<i>Other receipts</i>					
Income from events		3,845	-	3,845	-
Rental income		-	7,814	7,814	-
Bank interest		508	-	508	-
Total receipts		<u>71,882</u>	<u>16,915</u>	<u>88,797</u>	<u>68,434</u>
Payments					
<i>Payments in furtherance of the church's objectives</i>					
Premises	2	11,619	6,159	17,778	5,744
Ministry	3	51,608	10,283	61,891	49,104
Grants paid	4	7,141	7,907	15,048	4,612
Office and other expenses	5	2,911	919	3,830	3,573
Total payments		<u>73,279</u>	<u>25,268</u>	<u>98,547</u>	<u>63,033</u>
Net receipts/(payments) before transfers		(1,397)	(8,353)	(9,750)	5,401
Transfers between funds		(564)	564	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>(1,961)</u>	<u>(7,789)</u>	<u>(9,750)</u>	<u>5,401</u>
Cash funds at 1 January		40,849	110,808	151,657	146,256
Cash funds at 31 December	A	<u>38,888</u>	<u>103,019</u>	<u>141,907</u>	<u>151,657</u>

The notes on page 6 form part of these accounts.

BLACKBURN COMMUNITY CHURCH
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 £	2021 £
A Cash funds				
Cash at bank	38,888	103,019	141,907	151,657
	<u>38,888</u>	<u>103,019</u>	<u>141,907</u>	<u>151,657</u>
B Other monetary assets				
Gift aid due	894	-	894	8,731
Refunds due	-	-	-	65
	<u>894</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>894</u>	<u>8,796</u>
C Liabilities				
Accounts preparation and examination fees	1,080	-	1,080	1,050
Venue hire	-	-	-	130
Payroll creditors	555	-	555	522
	<u>1,635</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,635</u>	<u>1,702</u>

D Assets retained for charity's own use

The charity owns and insures some items of moveable equipment used in its meetings. These assets belong to unrestricted funds; the market value of these assets at the year end was not significant.

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Angela Shanks

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Angela Shanks

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Date 12 September 2023

The notes on page 6 form part of these accounts.

BLACKBURN COMMUNITY CHURCH
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1 Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

Unrestricted funds are funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

	General Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £	
2 Premises					
Rent	9,203	-	9,203	3,527	
Building upkeep, maintenance and utilities	-	6,159	6,159	575	
Equipment	1,809	-	1,809	1,067	
Insurance	607	-	607	575	
	<u>11,619</u>	<u>6,159</u>	<u>17,778</u>	<u>5,744</u>	
3 Ministry					
Employment costs	36,769	10,053	46,822	40,074	
Staff expenses including travel	446	171	617	486	
Children's and youth work including New Day event	8,161	-	8,161	1,810	
Training	1,325	-	1,325	2,238	
Outreach	540	-	540	2,093	
Website and internet	1,013	58	1,071	262	
Worship and PA costs	2,060	-	2,060	1,519	
Gifts to visiting speakers	290	-	290	489	
Other meeting costs including catering	1,005	-	1,005	133	
	<u>51,608</u>	<u>10,283</u>	<u>61,891</u>	<u>49,104</u>	
The employment costs referred to above are in respect of the church's minister, his wife (who is employed as church administrator) and a facilitator for the Kairos Housing project.					
4 Grants paid					
Grants to Kairos Housing after it became an independent charity	-	6,860	6,860	-	
Other grants made to help relieve poverty	3,112	1,047	4,159	2,183	
Gifts to support UK and overseas mission	4,029	-	4,029	2,429	
	<u>7,141</u>	<u>7,907</u>	<u>15,048</u>	<u>4,612</u>	
5 Office and other expenses					
Independent examiner's fee for preparing and examining the accounts	1,050	-	1,050	1,020	
Other professional services	332	-	332	559	
Other costs	1,528	919	2,447	1,994	
	<u>2,911</u>	<u>919</u>	<u>3,830</u>	<u>3,573</u>	
6 Restricted funds					
	At 1.1.22	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	At 31.12.22
	£	£	£	£	£
Building fund	103,019	-	-	-	103,019
Kairos housing fund	7,789	16,915	(25,268)	564	-
	<u>110,808</u>	<u>16,915</u>	<u>(25,268)</u>	<u>564</u>	<u>103,019</u>

The restricted **Building fund** was created from donations given to help the charity secure suitable premises.

The restricted **Kairos housing fund** has been created from donations and grants received towards providing housing for asylum seekers and refugees.

BLACKBURN COMMUNITY CHURCH

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BLACKBURN COMMUNITY CHURCH
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	Wesley Hall Feilden Street Blackburn BB2 1LQ
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1041251
GOVERNING DOCUMENT	Declaration of Trust dated 12 September 1994 amended by supplemental deeds in 2001.
TRUSTEES	Angela Shanks - Chair Gina Berry - Treasurer Sylvanus Bowlin Miriam Hamilton (appointed 16 September 2021) Geoffrey Shanks
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Ajay Rajani FCIE Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage LONDON EC1Y 8AB

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BLACKBURN COMMUNITY CHURCH
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year.

Objects of the Charity

The primary objective of the Trust is the advancement of the Christian religion. This objective is met through the weekly services held locally at the Wesley Hall in Blackburn. The church also supports mission and relief activities in the UK and overseas.

Governance

The policy and operating decisions of the charity rest with the Trustees who meet regularly to monitor the activities of the charity.

New Trustees are appointed by the existing Trustees.

Review of the Year

Community Church Blackburn (a church of around 50 adults and their families) met on-line and/or physically (at Wesley Hall Methodist Church and at members' homes) during 2021, in response to government guidance, which changed throughout the year as the COVID pandemic evolved. The church continued to employ a full time pastor and a part time administrator. The church also supported the development of Kairos, a project providing support and housing to a small number of refugees and asylum seekers in Blackburn. In 2022 a new charity has been established to run the Kairos project.

In planning the activities the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

Financial Review

Receipts for the year were £68,434 (2020: £66,581). Expenditure for the year was £63,033 (2020: £66,126). As a result the surplus for the year was £5,401 (2020: £456) and the cash held by the charity increased by that amount to £151,657. Of this cash £110,808 was held for restricted purposes leaving £40,849 for the charity's day to day activities.

As explained in the 2020 accounts, the charity did not have a bank account between mid September 2019 and early February 2020. In the period between September 2019 and 31 December 2019, the charity's supporters made payments totalling £15,294 for the charity so that it could continue to operate; these supporters were reimbursed in 2020 once the new bank account had been opened. Some supporters who make regular donations electronically held onto the donations they would have made during the period to 31 December 2019 until the new bank account had been opened; these donations totalled £10,445. These receipts and payments were not included in the 2019 Receipts and Payments Account but were included in the 2020 Receipts and Payments Account and are included in the comparatives disclosed for 2020 in these accounts. If these receipts and payments had been included in the 2019 Receipts and Payment Account then:

- a) the income for 2020 would have been £56,136.
- b) the expenditure for 2020 would have been £50,832.
- c) the cash surplus for 2020 would have been £5,304.

BLACKBURN COMMUNITY CHURCH
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES CONTINUED

Reserves Policy

The Trustees aim to hold unrestricted cash of no less than £30,000, which equates to about 6 month's usual unrestricted expenditure, so that the charity could continue to operate should income and / or expenditure vary adversely. At the year end the charity held unrestricted cash of £40,849 and the charity is complying with its reserves policy.

Trustees' Responsibilities

Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

Approval

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Angela Shanks

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Angela Shanks

Date: 25 September 2022

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF BLACKBURN COMMUNITY CHURCH**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Blackburn Community Church (the charity) for the year ended 31 December 2021 on pages 5 to 7 following.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Ajay Rajani

Ajay Rajani FCIE
Stewardship
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Date: 26 September 2022

BLACKBURN COMMUNITY CHURCH
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Receipts					
<i>Voluntary receipts</i>					
Gifts and offerings		44,929	3,697	48,626	55,250
Grants		-	8,750	8,750	-
Gift Aid tax recovered		11,058	-	11,058	11,331
Total receipts		<u>55,987</u>	<u>12,447</u>	<u>68,434</u>	<u>66,581</u>
Payments					
<i>Payments in furtherance of the church's objectives</i>					
Premises	2	5,169	575	5,744	7,814
Ministry	3	46,242	2,862	49,104	42,121
Grants paid	4	4,272	340	4,612	11,302
Office and other expenses	5	2,692	881	3,573	4,889
Total payments		<u>58,375</u>	<u>4,658</u>	<u>63,033</u>	<u>66,126</u>
Net receipts/(payments) before transfers		(2,388)	7,789	5,401	456
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>(2,388)</u>	<u>7,789</u>	<u>5,401</u>	<u>456</u>
Cash funds at 1 January		43,237	103,019	146,256	145,801
Cash funds at 31 December	A	<u>40,849</u>	<u>110,808</u>	<u>151,657</u>	<u>146,256</u>

The notes on page 7 form part of these accounts.

BLACKBURN COMMUNITY CHURCH
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021 £	2020 £
A Cash funds				
Cash at bank	40,849	110,808	151,657	146,256
	<u>40,849</u>	<u>110,808</u>	<u>151,657</u>	<u>146,256</u>
B Other monetary assets				
Gift aid due	8,366	365	8,731	8,294
Refunds due	65	-	65	506
	<u>8,431</u>	<u>365</u>	<u>8,796</u>	<u>8,800</u>
C Liabilities				
Accounts preparation and examination fees	1,050	-	1,050	1,020
Venue hire	130	-	130	-
Payroll taxes	522	-	522	345
	<u>1,702</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,702</u>	<u>1,365</u>

D Assets retained for charity's own use

The charity owns and insures some items of moveable equipment used in its meetings. These assets belong to unrestricted funds; the market value of these assets at the year end was not significant.

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Angela Shanks

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Angela Shanks

Date: 25 September 2022

The notes on page 7 form part of these accounts.

BLACKBURN COMMUNITY CHURCH
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1 Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

Unrestricted funds are funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

	General Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
2 Premises				
Insurance	575	-	575	747
Rent	3,527	-	3,527	5,413
Building upkeep and maintenance	-	575	575	-
Equipment	1,067	-	1,067	1,655
	<u>5,169</u>	<u>575</u>	<u>5,744</u>	<u>7,814</u>

3 Ministry

Employment costs	37,474	2,600	40,074	36,113
Staff expenses and training	310	-	310	259
Children's and youth work	1,810	-	1,810	94
Travelling expenses	176	-	176	178
Training	2,238	-	2,238	402
Outreach	2,093	-	2,093	3,121
Website and email costs	-	262	262	781
Worship and PA costs	1,519	-	1,519	734
Gifts to visiting speakers	489	-	489	300
Events and catering	133	-	133	139
	<u>46,242</u>	<u>2,862</u>	<u>49,104</u>	<u>42,121</u>

The employment costs referred to above are in respect of the church's minister, his wife (who is employed as church administrator) and a facilitator for the Kairos Housing project.

4 Grants paid

Relief of poverty	1,843	340	2,183	5,391
Gifts to support UK and overseas mission	2,429	-	2,429	5,911
	<u>4,272</u>	<u>340</u>	<u>4,612</u>	<u>11,302</u>

5 Office and other expenses

Independent examiner's fee for preparing and examining the accounts	1,020	-	1,020	2,816
Other professional services	559	-	559	938
Other costs	1,113	881	1,994	1,134
	<u>2,692</u>	<u>881</u>	<u>3,573</u>	<u>4,889</u>

6 Restricted funds

	At 1.1.21 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	At 31.12.21 £
Building fund	103,019	-	-	-	103,019
Kairos housing fund	-	12,447	(4,658)	-	7,789
	<u>103,019</u>	<u>12,447</u>	<u>(4,658)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>110,808</u>

The restricted **Building fund** was created from donations given to help the charity secure suitable premises.

The restricted **Kairos housing fund** has been created from donations and grants received towards providing housing for asylum seekers and refugees.

BLACKBURN COMMUNITY CHURCH

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BLACKBURN COMMUNITY CHURCH
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	7 Hawkshaw Avenue Darwen BB3 0HU
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1041251
GOVERNING DOCUMENT	Declaration of Trust dated 12 September 1994 amended by supplemental deeds in 2001.
TRUSTEES	Angela Shanks - Chair Gina Berry - Treasurer Sylvanus Bowlin Miriam Hamilton (from 6 June 2021) Geoffrey Shanks
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Ajay Rajani FCIE Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage LONDON EC1Y 8AB

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BLACKBURN COMMUNITY CHURCH
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year.

Objects of the Charity

The primary objective of the Trust is the advancement of the Christian religion. This objective is met through the weekly services held locally at the Wesley Hall in Blackburn. The church also supports mission and relief activities in the UK and overseas.

Governance

The policy and operating decisions of the charity rest with the Trustees who meet regularly to monitor the activities of the charity.

New Trustees are appointed by the existing Trustees.

Review of the Year

Community Church Blackburn (a church of around 50 adults with their families) had to stop its physical gatherings in March 2020 in response to measures introduced to help stop the spread of Covid-19. From March 2020 the church met almost entirely on-line. Meeting online gave us opportunity to share our faith and vision much more widely as people from all over the world joined the on-line services.

The church employed an administrator to assist the leadership team.

The church continued to support a number of local refugees and other people in need both in the UK and overseas.

In planning the activities the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

Financial Review

Receipts for the year were £66,581 (2019: £42,837). Expenditure for the year was £66,126 (2019: £34,452). As a result the surplus for the year was £456 (2019: £8,385) and the cash held by the charity increased by that amount to £146,256. Of this cash £103,019 was held for restricted purposes leaving £43,237 for the charity's day to day activities.

As explained in note 2 'Exceptional factors' in the accounts that follow, the charity did not have a bank account between mid September 2019 and early February 2020. In the period between September 2019 and 31 December 2019, the charity's supporters made payments totalling £15,294 for the charity so that it could continue to operate; these supporters were reimbursed when once the new bank account had been opened. Some supporters who make regular donations electronically held onto the donations they would have made during the period to 31 December 2019 until the new bank account had been opened; these donations totalled £10,445. These receipts and payments were not been included in the 2019 Receipts and Payments Account but have been included in the 2020 Receipts and Payments Account. If these receipts and payments had been included in the 2019 Receipts and Payment account then:

- a) the income for 2019 would have been £53,282 and the income for 2020 would have been £56,136.
- b) the expenditure for 2019 would have been £49,746 and the expenditure for 2020 would have been £50,832.
- c) the cash surplus for 2019 would have been £3,536 and the cash surplus for 2020 would have been £5,304.

To date the outbreak of Covid-19 has not affected the charity's net income significantly nonetheless the Trustees are continuing to monitor income and expenditure closely; if it becomes necessary, steps will be taken to mitigate the financial impact.

BLACKBURN COMMUNITY CHURCH
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES CONTINUED

Reserves Policy

The Trustees aim to hold unrestricted cash of no less than £25,000, which equates to about 6 month's usual unrestricted expenditure, so that the charity could continue to operate should income and / or expenditure vary adversely. At the year end the charity held unrestricted cash of £43,237 and the charity is complying with its reserves policy.

Trustees' Responsibilities

Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

Approval

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Angela Shanks

Date: 25 October 2021

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF BLACKBURN COMMUNITY CHURCH**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Blackburn Community Church (the charity) for the year ended 31 December 2020 on pages 5 to 8 following.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Ajay Rajani FCIE
Stewardship
1 Lamb's Passage
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Date: 25 October 2021

BLACKBURN COMMUNITY CHURCH
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Receipts					
<i>Voluntary receipts</i>					
Gifts and offerings		55,250	-	55,250	34,687
Gift Aid tax recovered		11,331	-	11,331	7,996
		<u>66,581</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>66,581</u>	<u>42,682</u>
<i>Other receipts</i>					
Interest received		-	-	-	155
Total receipts	2	<u>66,581</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>66,581</u>	<u>42,837</u>
Payments					
<i>Payments in furtherance of the church's objectives</i>					
Premises	3	7,814	-	7,814	5,527
Ministry	4	42,121	-	42,121	26,803
Grants paid	5	11,302	-	11,302	1,398
Office and other expenses	6	4,889	-	4,889	724
Total payments	2	<u>66,126</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>66,126</u>	<u>34,452</u>
Net receipts/(payments) before transfers		456	-	456	8,385
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>456</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>456</u>	<u>8,385</u>
Cash funds at 1 January		42,782	103,019	145,801	137,416
Cash funds at 31 December	A	<u>43,237</u>	<u>103,019</u>	<u>146,256</u>	<u>145,801</u>

The notes on pages 7 to 8 form part of these accounts.

BLACKBURN COMMUNITY CHURCH
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2020 £	2019 £
A Cash funds					
Cash at bank	2	43,237	103,019	146,256	143,653
Cash held by charity at year end	2	-	-	-	2,147
		<u>43,237</u>	<u>103,019</u>	<u>146,256</u>	<u>145,801</u>
B Other monetary assets					
Gift aid due		8,294	-	8,294	8,486
Refunds due		506	-	506	-
Regular donations held over	2	-	-	-	10,445
		<u>8,800</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,800</u>	<u>18,931</u>
C Liabilities					
Accounts preparation and examination fees		1,020	-	1,020	1,380
Reimbursements due to supporters	2	-	-	-	15,294
Payroll taxes		345	-	345	-
		<u>1,365</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,365</u>	<u>16,674</u>
D Assets retained for charity's own use					

The charity owns and insures some items of moveable equipment used in its meetings. These assets belong to unrestricted funds; the market value of these assets at the year end was not significant.

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Angela Shanks

Date: 25 October 2021

The notes on pages 7 to 8 form part of these accounts.

BLACKBURN COMMUNITY CHURCH
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1 Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

Unrestricted funds are funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

2 Exceptional factors that affect the results reported by the charity

In September 2019 the charity's bank accounts with HSBC were closed and the charity received a cheque for £143,653, which was reported as the charity's closing bank balance on 31 December 2019 (see note A 'Cash Funds' in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities'). The charity was unable to open a new bank account (with CAF) until February 2020. In the period between the closure of the HSBC bank accounts and 31 December 2019:

(a) the charity received cash from weekly collections totalling £2,147, which was reported as the charity's closing cash balance at 31 December 2019 (see note A 'Cash Funds' in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities); this cash was subsequently banked in 2020 when the new bank account was opened.

(b) supporters who make regular donations electronically held on to their donations until the new bank account had been opened; these donations totalled £10,445 and were included in the charity's other monetary assets at 31 December 2019 (see note B 'Other monetary assets' in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities). These donations were received when the charity opened its new bank account and have been included in the income reported for 2020 in the Receipts and Payments Account.

(c) supporters made payments for the charity so that it could continue to operate; these payments totalled £15,294 and were included in the charity's liabilities at 31 December 2019 (see note C 'Liabilities' in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities'). Supporters were reimbursed when the charity opened its new bank account and these payments have been included in the expenditure reported for 2020 in the Receipts and Payments Account.

	General Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
3 Premises				
Insurance	747	-	747	618
Rent	5,413	-	5,413	4,766
Equipment	1,655	-	1,655	144
	<u>7,814</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,814</u>	<u>5,527</u>
4 Ministry				
Employment costs	36,113	-	36,113	17,085
Staff expenses and training	259	-	259	249
Children's and youth work	94	-	94	4,557
Travelling expenses	178	-	178	468
Training	402	-	402	332
Outreach	3,121	-	3,121	961
Website and email costs	781	-	781	97
Worship and PA costs	734	-	734	28
Gifts to visiting speakers	300	-	300	270
Events and catering	139	-	139	2,757
	<u>42,121</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>42,121</u>	<u>26,803</u>
5 Grants paid				
Relief of poverty	5,391	-	5,391	618
Gifts to support UK and overseas mission	5,911	-	5,911	780
	<u>11,302</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,302</u>	<u>1,398</u>
6 Office and other expenses				
Independent examiner's fee for preparing and examining the accounts	2,816	-	2,816	270
Other professional services	938	-	938	210
Other costs	1,134	-	1,134	244
	<u>4,889</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,889</u>	<u>724</u>

The employment costs referred to above are in respect of the church's minister who is the charity's only employee.

BLACKBURN COMMUNITY CHURCH
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

7 Restricted funds

	At 1.1.20	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	At 31.12.20
	£	£	£	£	£
Building fund	103,019	-	-	-	103,019
	<u>103,019</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>103,019</u>

The restricted **Building fund** was created from donations given to help the charity secure suitable premises.