

**Bearwood Chapel**  
Registered Charity No. 1049009

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
for the year ended  
31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

The Wakeling Partnership  
24 Ethelburt Avenue  
Southampton  
SO16 3DD

## **BEARWOOD CHAPEL TRUST**

### **TRUST INFORMATION – YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2023**

#### **TRUSTEES**

Julian Harms  
Jane Linton  
Zoe Rippengal  
Dagmar Sharples

#### **ELDERS**

Julian Harms  
Ian Millership  
Bob Sharples  
Stephen Sturman

#### **OPERATING ADDRESS**

Bearwood Chapel  
Bearwood Road  
Smethwick  
Warley  
West Midlands B66 4DH

#### **BANKERS**

NatWest Bank Plc  
Sort Code: 60 02 10  
Account No. 93032498

#### **EXAMINER**

The Wakeling Partnership  
24 Ethelburt Avenue  
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#### **REG. CHARITY NO.**

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**Bearwood Chapel Trust**  
**Trustees Report for the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

The Trustees are pleased to present their report on the activities of Bearwood Chapel Trust during 2023 and to confirm that the Trust's main aims, the advancement of the Christian faith and the relief of suffering and hardship, remain unchanged. To enable it to achieve these aims, Bearwood Chapel strives to continue to provide a wide range of services to the community - for which there is unrestricted access. These activities and events were aimed at engaging and supporting the local community and were seen as stepping-stones in the growth and development of the Chapel's work and also in spreading the gospel message in the Bearwood Area.

The Elders continued providing teaching for the congregation with occasional guest speakers. The Chapel was open on Sunday mornings and the service was available for people to join on Zoom from the local area or further afield. Bi-monthly Members' Meetings were held online or at the Chapel for prayer and updates throughout the year.

- ESOL classes continued using the Chapel premises while one other class continued online until the end of the academic year.
- Weekly Life Groups met online and were available for all to join on either Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday evenings.
- A fortnightly Knit & Natter social gathering was held in the Café throughout the year, encouraging local residents, ESOL class attendees and chapel members to drop in for friendship and with drinks and food available. This also supported those new to the UK. There were special activities at Easter and Christmas for adults and their children.
- Various social events were organised including a New Year's Prayer Brunch, Pancake Day, an Easter theatre performance at the Chapel "The Road to the Cross" by Oddments Theatre Company, Coronation Celebration Afternoon Tea and a Christmas Carol Sing-a-long.
- Work parties were held on two or three occasions for general maintenance and cleaning.
- Throughout the year various chapel members were involved in keeping in touch by phone, offering assistance with shopping, giving lifts, visiting in homes and running errands for those who were housebound.

The Elders and Leadership Team continued to provide spiritual and pastoral support. The Leadership Team has been supported by a mentor to review church governance and to assist with preparations for transferring from a Trust to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

A private tenant was renting the first floor flat above the Café. Major repairs were carried out to the roof above the Café and flat; some of the flat's windows were replaced and the exterior walls were rendered.

The Trust continues with its policy of only supporting monetarily those people or organisations that are personally known to them and who are usually involved in overseas or local mission. Those supported by the trust are listed in the accounts. The Trust does not respond to general appeals or requests for financial support.

The Trust acknowledges with thanks the encouragement, support and involvement that it has received from the members of Bearwood Chapel. The financial and practical generosity of members facilitated the upkeep and maintenance of the Chapel buildings.

The Trustees would again like to thank all those who participated in the work of the Trust during the year and also to thank God for the many blessings that have been received.

*Order of the Trustees*



*Date*

17<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

**Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st December 2023**

**Receipts & Payments Account**

		<b><u>2023</u></b>			<b><u>2022</u></b>
	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Designated Funds</b>	<b>General Funds</b>	<b>Total for year</b>	<b>Total for year</b>
<b><u>Receipts</u></b>					
<b>Donations, Legacies and Other Similar Receipts:</b>					
Weekly Offerings & Donations	10,159		26,537	36,696	35,599
Tax Recovered	878	388	4,604	5,870	4,954
<b>Operating Activities to further charitable objects:</b>					
Community Café		1,118		1,118	355
Event Income			443	443	1,440
<b>Investment income receipts:</b>			210	210	72
	<b>£11,037</b>	<b>£1,506</b>	<b>£31,794</b>	<b>£44,337</b>	<b>£42,420</b>
<b><u>Payments:</u></b>					
<b>Payments for generating funds:</b>					
<b>Charitable Payments:</b>					
Grants & Gifts payable	7,230			7,230	7,135
<b>Charitable activities:</b>					
Community Café expenses		955		955	327
Speakers Expenses			600	600	150
Outreach and Events			1,097	1,097	2,175
<b>Support Costs:</b>					
High Street Presence Project	10,711			10,711	5,067
Church Light, Heat & Water			5,709	5,709	3,951
Maintenance, Renovations & Upkeep			7,720	7,720	8,324
Major Repairs Fund		22,985		22,985	
Sundry Expenses			785	785	2,255
<b>Management &amp; Administration:</b>					
Printing Stationery & Postage			1,251	1,251	1,236
Subscriptions and Professional Fees			1,818	1,818	2,235
Bank Charges			18	18	12
Insurance Premiums			1,877	1,877	1,799
	<b>£17,941</b>	<b>£23,940</b>	<b>£20,875</b>	<b>£62,756</b>	<b>£34,666</b>
Transfer between funds		£11,750	(£11,750)	£0	
<b>Net Receipts/Payments</b>	<b>(£6,904)</b>	<b>(£10,684)</b>	<b>(£831)</b>	<b>(£18,419)</b>	<b>£7,754</b>
Balance brought forward as at 1st January 2023	£14,510	£21,550	£8,272	£44,332	£36,578
Balance carried forward at 31st December 2023	<b>£7,606</b>	<b>£10,866</b>	<b>£7,441</b>	<b>£25,913</b>	<b>£44,332</b>

**Bearwood Chapel, Warley, West Midlands**  
**Reg Charity No. 1049009**

**Statement of Assets & Liabilities at 31st December 2023**

<b>Assets &amp; Liabilities</b>	<b><u>2023</u></b>	<b><u>2022</u></b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current Asset Investments</b>		
Kingdom Bank	10,939	17,746
<b>Cash at Bank and in Hand</b>		
National Westminster Current Account	14,410	26,186
Community Café National Westminster Account	510	343
Community Café Cash	<u>54</u>	<u>57</u>
	14,974	26,586
	<u>£25,913</u>	<u>£44,332</u>
<b>Representing Balances on the following Accounts:</b>		
<b>Unrestricted and Designated Funds:</b>		
General Fund	7,441	8,272
<b>Designated Funds:</b>		
Community Café	563	400
Major Repair Fund	<u>10,303</u>	<u>21,150</u>
	10,866	21,550
<b>Restricted Funds:</b>		
General Missionary Fund (including Rachel Newby Fund)	4,003	4,833
High Street Presence Project	1,603	7,677
Reserve Fund	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>
	7,606	14,510
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>£25,913</u>	<u>£44,332</u>

**Non-Monetary Assets:**

Property (including shop and flat) at 445/445a Bearwood Road, Smethwick, B66 4DH - Purchase price £115,000

Fixtures, furniture & equipment at the Church premises is currently insured for £76,873. Further fixtures, furniture & equipment is insured for £106,623 at the Community Café.


The church building is held by the trustees.

**LIABILITIES**

There are no outstanding liabilities.

These accounts were approved by the Trustees on:

16<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

Signed on their behalf by:   
Position: Trustee  
Date: 17<sup>th</sup> October 2024



**Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023**

**1) Accounting Policies**

These accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis.

**2) Trading**

The Church has not had a trading activity in pursuit of its charitable objects.

**3) Status**

Bearwood Chapel Trust is an unincorporated charity registered with the Charity Commission ( number 1049009.)  
The trust also has two subsidiary charities which were registered on 12th August 2004. These are The Swaine Bourne Bequest and Trust Property Administered ICW Bearwood Gospel Hall.

**4) Donations**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Rachel Newby	5,680	5,685
Birmingham City Mission	500	500
A & J Farahat	500	500
P Willmott	400	450
Other Individuals	150	
	<u>£7,230</u>	<u>£7,135</u>
Charged to General Fund		
Charged to General Missionary Fund inc R Newby (Restricted Fund)	7,230	7,135
	<u>£7,230</u>	<u>£7,135</u>

**5) Restricted Funds**

The balances on restricted funds consisted of the following funds:

	<b>Opening balance</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expense</b>	<b>t/fr</b>	<b>Closing balance</b>
General Missionary Fund inc. Rachel Newby	4,833	6,400	7,230		4,003
High Street Presence Project	7,677	4,637	10,711		1,603
Reserve Fund	2,000	0	0		2,000
	<u>£14,510</u>	<u>£11,037</u>	<u>£17,941</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>£7,606</u>

The Toddlers Fund and Monday Group were closed in the year. The balances were transferred to General Funds as comprised of subscriptions and therefore not Restricted income.

**6) Trustees Remuneration and Expenses**

None of the Trustees were remunerated. Two trustees (or members of their family) were reimbursed £2,801 for expenses incurred by them.

**7) Designated Funds**

The balances on restricted funds consisted of the following funds:

	<b>Opening balance</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expense</b>	<b>t/fr</b>	<b>Closing balance</b>
Community Café	400	1,118	955		563
Major Repair Fund	21,150	388	22,985	11,750	10,303
	<u>£21,550</u>	<u>£1,506</u>	<u>£23,940</u>	<u>11,750</u>	<u>£10,866</u>

## **Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts**

Report to the trustees of Bearwood Chapel Trust

Registered charity number 1049009

On accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

### **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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to 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 Commissioners. 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 you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

### **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 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 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.

Signed



Date 15/10/24

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