

BEDFORD PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1054315

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1996-04-09

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: A) TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT IN SUCH WAYS AND IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE CHURCH COUNCIL FROM TIME TO TIME MAY THINK FIT;(B) TO RELIEVE SICKNESS AND FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AND TO PROMOTE AND PRESERVE GOOD HEALTH BY THE PROVISION OF FUNDS, GOODS OR SERVICES OF ANY KIND INCLUDING THROUGH THE PROVISION OF COUNSELLING AND SUPPORT IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE CHURCH COUNCIL FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT; AND(C) TO ADVANCE EDUCATION IN SUCH WAYS AND IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE CHURCH COUNCIL FROM TIME TO TIME MAY THINK FIT

Activities: The advancement of the Christian faith and the extension of the Kingdom of God.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** IN PRACTICE BEDFORD
- Bedford
- Central Bedfordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£134,383	£155,459	-	-
2024-03-31	£148,228	£143,195	-	-
2023-03-31	£171,644	£220,687	-	-
2022-03-31	£179,167	£136,163	-	-
2021-03-31	£110,976	£107,646	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
JOSIAH MASIH	Chair	1997-03-12
Graham Arnold		2022-05-01
Linda Akran		2013-12-15
Paolo Capoluongo		2016-12-11
Simon Gill		2013-06-01

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Accounts

Bedford Pentecostal Church

Charity Registration No: 1054315

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025

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The Trustees serving as at the date of this report:

Mr. Josiah Masih
Mr. Paolo Capoluongo
Miss Linda Akran
Mr. Simon Gill
Mrs. Sue Horwood
Mr. Graham Arnold

The Charity employs one full time Pastor- Josiah Masih, two part-time workers as managers in the 3:16 Charity Shop and a Church cleaner.

The charity's main agents currently are:

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81 High Street
Bedford. MK40 1NY

Independent Examiner: Luke Silver
Accountancy & Taxation Services
25 Ellicombe Close,
Minehead,
Somerset. TA24 6DQ

Property/ Liability insurance: Kingdom Bank Ltd
Through Brokers:
Ansvr Insurance
Ansvr House
St Leonards House
Eastbourne
East Sussex. BN21 3UR

Shop keeper's Insurance Allianz Insurance Plc
57 Ladymead
Guildford
Surrey. GU1 1DB

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Activities:

All Church meetings have been progressing well and there has been a general increase in church attendance.

The weekly prayer and Bible study that took place on zoom in the previous four years have moved to a service back into the church premises and is called the Thursday family fellowship.

An Evangelism team has also started this year and meets on Wednesday evenings for study and training at the church and alternative weeks outreach takes place in the town centre.

Further progression has taken place with the youth work, with the start of the young adult's group that meet on a monthly basis.

The water baptism service took place in October 24. Seventeen people were baptised, this being the highest number in one baptism service and included both teenagers and adults.

We have also been blessed by an allotment that was given to us by the previous members of the Church that moved to Scotland. Products from the allotment are given to the work of the pantry. This is a food store in the Kingsbrook area of Bedford to help families on low income with food. The pantry operates much like a food bank.

In February 25 a new department was created to oversee all the media aspects of the Church.

On a practical side further maintenance work has been carried out to the 3:16 Charity Shop, with the whole of the external building being painted. Some work was also carried out in the 2a Flat that is above the charity shop.

Local Community:

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From time to time, financial support is given to local charities, as well as for projects overseas

The shop continues to serve the local community.

The serving of breakfast continues to take on Sunday morning from 7-8:30am near the local bus station for the homeless.

Christmas Dinner was also served at the Church to Ninety people. Some were homeless and others in difficult situations.

Overseas Ministry

Pakistan, India and Africa are countries where the Church have made connections over the years and continue to do so with ministry support.

A visit was made to Pakistan in November 24. This resulted in the 3:16 Sewing Centre being opened. Young women are trained in the art of sewing; giving them the potential to earn money and provide some support for their families.

A visit to India also took place in February 25, which involved some ministry, and visits to projects we have supported in the past years.

One Hundred and four Christmas Shoe boxes was sent in December 25 to Children round the world.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities:

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and with current charity law in the form of 'Accounting by Charities', the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), in order to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and its financial results for the year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- Make judgement and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- Prepare the financial statements on the 'going concern' basis.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the

charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with relevant law. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud or any other irregularities.

By order of the Trustees

Josiah Masih (Trustee/ Chairman of the Church Council)

BEDFORD PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

ROISE STREET

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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

AND

INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

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Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Accrual Accounts

Report to the trustees/members of Bedford Pentecostal Church

Registered Charity Number 1054315

On the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2025

Set out on the following pages

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;
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 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 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 2011 Act; and
 - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to 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 *L A Silver*

Date: 1 December 2025

Luke Silver, HNC Business & Finance
Accountancy Practitioner

Accountancy & Taxation Services
25 Ellicombe Close, Minehead, Somerset. TA24 6DQ

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees & Church Council

Introduction

Thank you for submitting the accounts for independent examination. They have been well maintained and the treasurer and others responsible are to be commended for their hard work. Therefore I will keep my comments to a minimum.

Charity Law and Financial Regulations

The independent examination has been carried out in accordance with the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 1995 (Statutory Instruments No 2724) and the Accounting by Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP).

Signing of Accounts

I shall be obliged if you will please forward a copy of the signature page for my records after the accounts have been signed by a representative appointed by the Trustees and Church Council. A spare copy is enclosed.

Conclusion

There are no other matters I feel need to be brought to your attention.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for further clarification or for further assistance.

Luke Silver

Date: 1 December 2025

BEDFORD PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
REPORT OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

ACTIVITIES REVIEW

The financial results are set out in the enclosed accounts.

The principal activity throughout the year under review was that of the advancement of the Christian faith and the extension of the Kingdom of God.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Josiah Masih 6 Harrington Drive, Bedford MK41 8DB Tel: 01234 325446

Linda Akran Flat 44 Oliver Court, Union Street, Bedford. MK40 2UU

Simon Gill 2 St Paul Road, Bedford. MK40 4NT Tel: 07838 377263

Paolo Capoluongo, 40 Putnoe Street, Bedford Mk41 8HN. Tel 07443 008010

Graham Arnold 32 Chiltern Avenue, Bedford MK41 9EH

Susan Horwood 6 Lincoln Road, Shortstown, Bedford, MK42 0UX

STATEMENT

We certify that the books, vouchers and information produced to enable the independent examination of our accounts to be conducted contain a full and correct record of our financial transactions and activities to the best of our knowledge and belief.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TRUSTEES



Please print name: JOSIAH MASIH

Date: 02/12/25

Bedford Pentecostal Church

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted 2025 £	Restricted 2025 £	Total 31.03.25 £	Total 31.03.24 £
<u>Incoming Resources</u>					
Incoming Resources from donors	2	100,282	0	100,282	106,739
Other Income	3	10,772	0	10,772	11,713
3 - 16 Charity Shop	4	22,640	0	22,640	29,125
Investment Income	5	689	0	689	651
Total Incoming Resources		134,383	0	134,383	148,228
<u>Resources Expended</u>					
<u>Charitable Activities</u>					
Pastoral & Ministry Costs	6	64,754	0	64,754	61,650
Church Family Costs	7	12,047	0	12,047	12,535
Departments	8	150	0	150	0
3 - 16 Charity Shop	9	23,548	0	23,548	31,344
Total Charitable Activities		100,499	0	100,499	105,529
<u>Support Costs</u>					
Establishment Costs	10	46,591	0	46,591	33,325
Administrative Costs	11	8,369	0	8,369	4,341
Total Support Costs		54,960	0	54,960	37,666
Total Expenditure		155,459	0	155,459	143,195
Net Movement in Funds		(21,076)	0	(21,076)	5,033
Fund Balances b/fwd at 01.04.24		438,246	69,068	507,314	502,281
Fixed Assets		0	0	0	0
Transfers		0	0	0	0
Fund Adjustment		0	0	0	0
Fund Balances c/fwd at 31.03.25		417,170	69,068	486,238	507,314

Bedford Pentecostal Church

<u>Balance Sheet</u>	Notes	2024 / 25		2023 / 24	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Building Premises			270,000		270,000
Contents			52,000		52,000
Building Purchase			110,000		110,000
Current Assets					
Debtors			0		0
Cash at Bank	12		54,238		75,314
Current Liabilities					
Kingdom Bank Mortgage			0		0
Net Current Assets			<u>54,238</u>		<u>75,314</u>
Net Assets			<u><u>486,238</u></u>		<u><u>507,314</u></u>
Accumulated Fund					
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	
		£	£	£	
Balance brought forward		438,246	69,068	507,314	
Funds Generated by Operations		(21,076)	0	(21,076)	
Balance Carried Forward		<u><u>417,170</u></u>	<u><u>69,068</u></u>	<u><u>486,238</u></u>	

Bedford Pentecostal Church
Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31st March 2025

1.Accounting Policies

(a) These accounts have been prepared on a accruals basis and include income which has been received or that is receivable at the year end.

(b) The recommendations of charities SORP have been followed in the preparation of these accounts.

	Unrestricted 2025 £	Restricted 2025 £	Total 31.03.25 £	Total 31.03.24 £
2. Income - Church Giving				
Offerings	18,275	0	18,275	26,163
Tithes (Standing Order)	82,007	0	82,007	80,576
CAF / GA Donations	0	0	0	0
HMRC: Gift Aid Rebate	0	0	0	0
Donations	0	0	0	0
Total Income - Church Giving	100,282	0	100,282	106,739
3. Income - Other Income				
Flat Rent	8,554	0	8,554	7,828
Flat Bills & Expenses	1,628	0	1,628	2,572
Weddings & Funerals	0	0	0	100
Miscellaneous	590	0	590	1,213
Total Income - Other Income	10,772	0	10,772	11,713
4. 3 - 16 Charity Shop				
Counter Sales	22,566	0	22,566	29,125
Miscellaneous Income	74	0	74	0
HMRC Furlough	0	0	0	0
Bank Interest	0	0	0	0
	22,640	0	22,640	29,125
5. Income - Investment				
Interest	689	0	689	651
Total Income	134,383	0	134,383	148,228

Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31st March 2025 (continued)

	Unrestricted 2025 £	Restricted 2025 £	Total 31.03.25 £	Total 31.03.24 £
<u>Expenditure</u>				
6. Pastoral & Ministry Costs				
Ministry Remuneration	50,601	0	50,601	48,479
Pensions	11,465	0	11,465	8,800
AoG Subs / Gifts	1,638	0	1,638	1,638
Ministry Expenses	900	0	900	2,383
Ministry Gifts	150	0	150	350
Total Pastoral & Ministry Costs	64,754	0	64,754	61,650
7. Church Family Costs				
Books and Study Materials	420	0	420	528
Sound / Music Equipment	4,630	0	4,630	273
Conferences / Training	2,234	0	2,234	4,883
Flower Gallery	0	0	0	325
Evangelism / Outreach	2,967	0	2,967	5,504
Communion Costs	430	0	430	494
Missionary Work	615	0	615	300
Ministry Costs	751	0	751	200
Youth & Juniors	0	0	0	0
Sunday School	0	0	0	28
Total Church Family Costs	12,047	0	12,047	12,535
8. Departments				
Departmental Expenditure	0	0	0	0
Mens Activities	0	0	0	0
Ladies Activities	150	0	150	0
Total Departments	150	0	150	0

Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31st March 2025 (continued)

	Unrestricted 2025 £	Restricted 2025 £	Total 31.03.25 £	Total 31.03.24 £
9.3 - 16 Charity Shop				
Rent & Rates	484	0	484	442
Refuse Collections	571	0	571	673
Water	302	0	302	466
Electricity	3,007	0	3,007	5,073
Gas	0	0	0	0
Shop Overheads	0	0	0	332
Insurances	0	0	0	0
Telephone	771	0	771	511
Salaries	15,373	0	15,373	20,012
Pensions	2,221	0	2,221	2,015
Licences	0	0	0	344
Security	0	0	0	670
Building Repairs / Services	0	0	0	0
Furniture / Equipment	0	0	0	0
Bank Charges	252	0	252	237
Refreshments	202	0	202	169
Sundry Expenses	365	0	365	400
Total 3 - 16 Charity Shop	23,548	0	23,548	31,344
10. Establishment Costs				
Electricity	1,759	0	1,759	1,941
Gas	2,875	0	2,875	2,571
Water	396	0	396	488
General Overheads	8,118	0	8,118	5,805
Insurance	2,496	0	2,496	2,461
Repairs & Renewals	22,548	0	22,548	641
Furniture & Equipment	1,864	0	1,864	1,627
Security	1,767	0	1,767	698
Catering Costs	3,228	0	3,228	3,246
Cleaning Materials	0	0	0	209
Salary Cleaner	1,540	0	1,540	1,540
Capital Building Expenditure	0	0	0	12,098
Capital Building Purchase	0	0	0	0
Total Establishment Costs	46,591	0	46,591	33,325

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	Unrestricted 2025 £	Restricted 2025 £	Total 31.03.25 £	Total 31.03.24 £
11. Administrative Costs				
Salaries	3,293	0	3,293	0
Stationery / Copying / Printing / Postage	34	0	34	223
Child Protection Services	350	0	350	247
Equipment / Software	1,147	0	1,147	1,438
Copyright Licences	1,809	0	1,809	93
Data Protection	0	0	0	35
Telephone & Internet	214	0	214	43
Professional Fees	678	0	678	632
Publicity	0	0	0	0
Bank Charges	644	0	644	709
Miscellaneous	200	0	200	921
Total Administrative Costs	8,369	0	8,369	4,341
	£	£	£	£

12. Cash in Hand & Bank	2025 £	2024 £
Natwest Current Account	7,053	22,943
Natwest Business Reserve Account	45,119	49,430
Natwest Current Account No: 62139886	2,066	2,974
Cash in Hand	0	(33)
Mastercard	0	0
	54,238	75,314

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Activities: All Church meetings have been progressing well, and the Sunday Evening service is beginning to increase in attendance.

The Tuesday Morning Prayer fellowship which is followed by coffee and chat has been immense blessing to all that attend.

The weekly prayer and Bible study continue to take place on zoom which makes it easier for some of the elderly to be part of the meeting.

The kids in the church have really developed with the new start of the kid's club and youth club that takes place on a monthly basis.

I am pleased to say the church overall is growing in attendance and we are thankful to God's blessing upon Bedford Pentecostal Church.

The highlight of year was the 60th celebration of the church building which took place in November 2023. People were invited that had been associated with the church over the past six decades, along with the current congregation and some local church ministers. This event was also attended by the Mayor of Bedford Tom Wootton and his wife.

Some of the things that had taken place over the sixty years of the church were celebrated. The radio work, television broadcast, the purchase of the Haven in Park Avenue (home for the Elderly retired ministers and missionaries- which is now part of Pilgrims Friend Society as Dorothea Court). The purchase of the Blarney Stone Pub across the road which is now the 3:16 charity shop. Also, projects that had taken place overseas in Uganda and Montana over the years, and the Italian and Asian fellowships that started from this church.

The whole event was well appreciated by all that attended, and we are so blessed with all that has taken place at the church over the last sixty years. In celebration of this event we produced some memorabilia, mugs and coasters which were given out to all those that attended. We finished the day with a lovely spread of food which was enjoyed by all.

At the Christmas carol service, we had a nativity play which was produced to a very high standard, with sound plus lighting and with the characters that took part presented at the end as if a film had been shown. This was well received by the congregation, and probably the best nativity play that we have had at the Church.

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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

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SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TRUSTEES



Please print name: JOSIAH MASIH

Date: 16/12/24

Bedford Pentecostal Church

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted 2024 £	Restricted 2024 £	Total 31.03.24 £	Total 31.03.23 £
<u>Incoming Resources</u>					
Incoming Resources from donors	2	106,739	0	106,739	115,895
Other Income	3	11,713	0	11,713	30,984
3 - 16 Charity Shop	4	29,125	0	29,125	25,632
Investment Income	5	651	0	651	236
Total Incoming Resources		148,228	0	148,228	172,747
<u>Resources Expended</u>					
<u>Charitable Activities</u>					
Pastoral & Ministry Costs	6	61,650	0	61,650	59,402
Church Family Costs	7	12,535	0	12,535	7,837
Departments	8	0	0	0	477
3 - 16 Charity Shop	9	31,344	0	31,344	26,145
Total Charitable Activities		105,529	0	105,529	93,861
<u>Support Costs</u>					
Establishment Costs	10	33,325	0	33,325	120,849
Administrative Costs	11	4,341	0	4,341	5,977
Total Support Costs		37,666	0	37,666	126,826
Total Expenditure		143,195	0	143,195	220,687
Net Movement in Funds		5,033	0	5,033	(47,940)
Fund Balances b/fwd at 01.04.23		433,213	69,068	502,281	550,221
Fixed Assets		0	0	0	0
Transfers		0	0	0	0
Fund Adjustment		0	0	0	0
Fund Balances c/fwd at 31.03.24		438,246	69,068	507,314	502,281

Bedford Pentecostal Church

<u>Balance Sheet</u>	Notes	2023 / 24		2022 / 23	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Building Premises			270,000		270,000
Contents			52,000		52,000
Building Purchase			110,000		110,000
Current Assets					
Debtors			0		0
Cash at Bank	12		75,314		70,281
Current Liabilities					
Kingdom Bank Mortgage			0		0
Net Current Assets			<u>75,314</u>		<u>70,281</u>
Net Assets			<u><u>507,314</u></u>		<u><u>502,281</u></u>
Accumulated Fund					
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	
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Balance brought forward		433,213	69,068	502,281	
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Bedford Pentecostal Church
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for the year ended 31st March 2024

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	Unrestricted 2024 £	Restricted 2024 £	Total 31.03.24 £	Total 31.03.23 £
2. Income - Church Giving				
Offerings	26,163		26,163	29,598
Tithes (Standing Order)	80,576		80,576	86,297
CAF / GA Donations	0	0	0	0
HMRC: Gift Aid Rebate	0	0	0	0
Donations	0	0	0	0
Total Income - Church Giving	106,739	0	106,739	115,895
3. Income - Other Income				
Flat Rent	7,828	0	7,828	7,841
Flat Bills & Expenses	2,572	0	2,572	2,464
Weddings & Funerals	100	0	100	0
Miscellaneous	1,213	0	1,213	20,679
Total Income - Other Income	11,713	0	11,713	30,984
4. 3 - 16 Charity Shop				
Counter Sales	29,125	0	29,125	24,845
Miscellaneous Income	0	0	0	787
HMRC Furlough	0	0	0	0
Bank Interest	0	0	0	0
	29,125	0	29,125	25,632
5. Income - Investment				
Interest	651	0	651	236
Total Income	148,228	0	148,228	172,747

Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31st March 2024 (continued)

	Unrestricted 2024 £	Restricted 2024 £	Total 31.03.24 £	Total 31.03.23 £
<u>Expenditure</u>				
6. Pastoral & Ministry Costs				
Ministry Remuneration	48,479	0	48,479	47,939
Pensions	8,800	0	8,800	7,871
AoG Subs / Gifts	1,638	0	1,638	1,638
Ministry Expenses	2,383	0	2,383	1,604
Ministry Gifts	350	0	350	350
Total Pastoral & Ministry Costs	61,650	0	61,650	59,402
7. Church Family Costs				
Books and Study Materials	528	0	528	87
Sound / Music Equipment	273	0	273	1,829
Conferences / Training	4,883	0	4,883	1,751
Flower Gallery	325	0	325	0
Evangelism / Outreach	5,504	0	5,504	2,020
Communion Costs	494	0	494	353
Missionary Work	300	0	300	0
Ministry Costs	200	0	200	194
Youth & Juniors	0	0	0	1,588
Sunday School	28	0	28	15
Total Church Family Costs	12,535	0	12,535	7,837
8. Departments				
Departmental Expenditure	0	0	0	0
Mens Activities	0	0	0	0
Ladies Activities	0	0	0	477
Total Departments	0	0	0	477

Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31st March 2024 (continued)

	Unrestricted 2024 £	Restricted 2024 £	Total 31.03.24 £	Total 31.03.23 £
9. 3 - 16 Charity Shop				
Rent & Rates	442	0	442	867
Refuse Collections	673	0	673	431
Water	466	0	466	627
Electricity	5,073	0	5,073	3,000
Gas	0	0	0	0
Shop Overheads	332	0	332	1,150
Insurances	0	0	0	0
Telephone	511	0	511	751
Salaries	20,012	0	20,012	17,443
Pensions	2,015	0	2,015	1,010
Licences	344	0	344	0
Security	670	0	670	670
Building Repairs / Services	0	0	0	0
Furniture / Equipment	0	0	0	130
Bank Charges	237	0	237	66
Refreshments	169	0	169	0
Sundry Expenses	400	0	400	0
Total 3 - 16 Charity Shop	31,344	0	31,344	26,145
10. Establishment Costs				
Electricity	1,941	0	1,941	924
Gas	2,571	0	2,571	3,598
Water	488	0	488	309
General Overheads	5,805	0	5,805	7,172
Insurance	2,461	0	2,461	2,263
Repairs & Renewals	641	0	641	1,278
Furniture & Equipment	1,627	0	1,627	770
Security	698	0	698	1,861
Catering Costs	3,246	0	3,246	3,250
Cleaning Materials	209	0	209	171
Salary Cleaner	1,540	0	1,540	1,120
Capital Building Expenditure	12,098	0	12,098	98,133
Capital Building Purchase	0	0	0	0
Total Establishment Costs	33,325	0	33,325	120,849

Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31st March 2023 (continued)

	Unrestricted 2024 £	Restricted 2024 £	Total 31.03.24 £	Total 31.03.23 £
11. Administrative Costs				
Salaries	0	0	0	140
Stationery / Copying / Printing / Postage	223	0	223	252
Child Protection Services	247	0	247	331
Equipment / Software	1,438	0	1,438	2,043
Copyright Licences	93	0	93	1,566
Data Protection	35	0	35	35
Telephone & Internet	43	0	43	95
Professional Fees	632	0	632	632
Publicity	0	0	0	65
Bank Charges	709	0	709	199
Miscellaneous	921	0	921	619
Total Administrative Costs	4,341	0	4,341	5,977
	£	£	£	£

12. Cash in Hand & Bank	2024 £	2023 £
Natwest Current Account	22,943	7,916
Natwest Business Reserve Account	49,430	57,912
Natwest Current Account No: 62139886	2,974	4,196
Cash in Hand	(33)	257
Mastercard	0	0
	75,314	70,281

BEDFORD PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1054315

Accounts

Bedford Pentecostal Church

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ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2023

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**Bedford Pentecostal Church
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Registered Charity Number 1054315

Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

Reference and administration information:

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The 3:16 Charity Shop
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The Trustees serving as at the date of this report:

Mr. Josiah Masih
Mr. Paolo Capoluongo
Miss Linda Akran
Mr. Simon Gill
Mrs. Sue Horwood
Mr. Graham Arnold

The Charity employs one full time Pastor- Josiah Masih and three part-time workers as managers in the 3:16 Charity Shop.

The charity's main agents currently are:

Bankers: National Westminster Bank
81 High Street
Bedford. MK40 1NY

Independent Examiner: Luke Silver
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Property/ Liability insurance: Kingdom Bank Ltd
Through Brokers:
Ansva Insurance
Ansva House
St Leonards House
Eastbourne
East Sussex. BN21 3UR

Shop keeper's Insurance Allianz Insurance Plc
57 Ladymead
Guildford
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Structure and Management:

Bedford Pentecostal Church has been affiliated with Assemblies of God in England since 1927 and was registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales in April 1996.

The church operates with model constitution with trust deed, which mentions, management of the Church by the church council, membership, appointment of Church officers, Pastoral office, records and accounts and an Annual General Meeting to be held where reports by Church officers are presented to the Congregation.

The Trustees/ Elders meet regularly to make decisions and discuss the general aspects of the management of the Church, they take responsibility to ensure all necessary working procedures and policies are in place with regular reviews to conform to ongoing legal requirements.

The Trustees believe that this report and accompanying accounts comply with the current charity law, taking into consideration the implications of SORP 2005, and the Charities Act 2011.

Objectives and Activities:

The objectives of the Church are for the benefit of the public:

- To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Church Council from time to time may think fit.
- To relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind including through the provision of counselling and support in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Church Council from time to time think fit.
- To advance education in such ways and such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Church Council from time to time may think fit.

The activities of the Church are based on three pillars:

- Church Environment
- Local Community
- Overseas Ministry

Church Environment: The church mission statement is to give every man, woman and child the opportunity of understanding the gospel and to provide an environment where they can grow and develop in ministry for the glory of God.

Various meetings in the church take place to provide the following: Worship Service, Sunday School, Youth group, Men's and Ladies Fellowship, Bible study and Prayer meetings.

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To accommodate some of the different cultures - there are house groups that meet for fellowship in the Punjabi and Italian languages.

Activities: All Church meetings have been progressing well and some additional areas have been added like the young adult's group.

The weekly prayer and Bible Study continue to take place on zoom, which makes it easier for some of the elderly to be part of this meeting.

The Queens Platinum Jubilee was celebrated in the summer with a BBQ for The community.

In March 23 we finally had our trip to Israel after it was postponed for two Years. Twenty-nine from the church went and was very much enjoyed by all. The Church continues to support the activities in the community and also working alongside Hope in Bedfordshire.

Further Maintenance work was carried out to the building. The heating system have been replaced, the church painted, new sound desk built and new camera's installed for live streaming.

Local Community:

Every Wednesday morning, we are involved in Christian witness in the town centre and good relationships have been developed with the market stores and the general public.

The 3:16 Charity shop: The shop is managed by two part- time managers and supported by ten volunteer workers. The opening hours are 10am - 4.00pm, Monday - Saturday. In addition to sale of items, the shop provides support to the local Community, and items are at times given free to the less fortunate.

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Please print name: JOSIAH MASIH

Date: 14/11/23

Bedford Pentecostal Church

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

	Notes	Unrestricted 2023 £	Restricted 2023 £	Total 31.03.23 £	Total 31.03.22 £
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Incoming Resources from donors	2	114,792	1,103	115,895	173,788
Other Income	3	30,984	0	30,984	22,364
3 - 16 Charity Shop	4	25,632	0	25,632	23,643
Investment Income	5	236	0	236	6
Total Incoming Resources		171,644	1,103	172,747	219,801
<u>Resources Expended</u>					
<u>Charitable Activities</u>					
Pastoral & Ministry Costs	6	59,402	0	59,402	54,559
Church Family Costs	7	7,837	0	7,837	4,734
Departments	8	477	0	477	250
3 - 16 Charity Shop	9	26,145	0	26,145	20,103
Total Charitable Activities		93,861	0	93,861	79,646
<u>Support Costs</u>					
Establishment Costs	10	120,849	0	120,849	50,275
Administrative Costs	11	5,977	0	5,977	6,242
Total Support Costs		126,826	0	126,826	56,517
Total Expenditure		220,687	0	220,687	136,163
Net Movement in Funds		(49,043)	1,103	(47,940)	83,638
Fund Balances b/fwd at 01.04.22		482,256	67,965	550,221	453,348
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Transfers		0	0	0	0
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Offerings	28,495	1,103	29,598	78,475
Tithes (Standing Order)	86,297	0	86,297	95,313
CAF / GA Donations	0	0	0	0
HMRC: Gift Aid Rebate	0	0	0	0
Donations	0	0	0	0
Total Income - Church Giving	114,792	1,103	115,895	173,788
3. Income - Other Income				
Flat Rent	7,841	0	7,841	7,133
Flat Bills & Expenses	2,464	0	2,464	1,726
Weddings & Funerals	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	20,679	0	20,679	13,505
Total Income - Other Income	30,984	0	30,984	22,364
4. 3 - 16 Charity Shop				
Counter Sales	24,845	0	24,845	18,259
Miscellaneous Income	787	0	787	5,384
HMRC Furlough	0	0	0	0
Bank Interest	0	0	0	0
	25,632	0	25,632	23,643
5. Income - Investment				
Interest	236	0	236	6
Total Income	171,644	1,103	172,747	219,801

Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31st March 2023 (continued)

	Unrestricted 2023 £	Restricted 2023 £	Total 31.03.23 £	Total 31.03.22 £
<u>Expenditure</u>				
6. Pastoral & Ministry Costs				
Ministry Remuneration	47,939	0	47,939	43,214
Pensions	7,871	0	7,871	8,175
AoG Subs / Gifts	1,638	0	1,638	1,638
Ministry Expenses	1,604	0	1,604	1,332
Ministry Gifts	350	0	350	200
Total Pastoral & Ministry Costs	59,402	0	59,402	54,559
7. Church Family Costs				
Books and Study Materials	87	0	87	0
Sound / Music Equipment	1,829	0	1,829	130
Conferences / Training	1,751	0	1,751	156
Flower Gallery	0	0	0	75
Evangelism / Outreach	2,020	0	2,020	3,062
Communion Costs	353	0	353	0
Missionary Work	0	0	0	1,200
Ministry Costs	194	0	194	111
Youth & Juniors	1,588	0	1,588	0
Sunday School	15	0	15	0
Total Church Family Costs	7,837	0	7,837	4,734
8. Departments				
Departmental Expenditure	0	0	0	0
Mens Activities	0	0	0	0
Ladies Activities	477	0	477	250
Total Departments	477	0	477	250

Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31st March 2023 (continued)

	Unrestricted 2023 £	Restricted 2023 £	Total 31.03.23 £	Total 31.03.22 £
9. 3 - 16 Charity Shop				
Rent & Rates	867	0	867	216
Refuse Collections	431	0	431	462
Water	627	0	627	552
Electricity	3,000	0	3,000	2,325
Gas	0	0	0	59
Shop Overheads	1,150	0	1,150	0
Insurances	0	0	0	8
Telephone	751	0	751	784
Salaries	17,443	0	17,443	14,330
Pensions	1,010	0	1,010	797
Licences	0	0	0	108
Security	670	0	670	100
Building Repairs / Services	0	0	0	0
Furniture / Equipment	130	0	130	0
Bank Charges	66	0	66	12
Sundry Expenses	0	0	0	350
Total 3 - 16 Charity Shop	26,145	0	26,145	20,103
10. Establishment Costs				
Electricity	924	0	924	861
Gas	3,598	0	3,598	1,355
Water	309	0	309	215
General Overheads	7,172	0	7,172	40
Insurance	2,263	0	2,263	2,002
Repairs & Renewals	1,278	0	1,278	467
Furniture & Equipment	770	0	770	0
Security	1,861	0	1,861	1,641
Catering Costs	3,250	0	3,250	768
Cleaning Materials	171	0	171	450
Salary Cleaner	1,120	0	1,120	0
Capital Building Expenditure	98,133	0	98,133	37,830
Capital Building Purchase	0	0	0	3,103
Mortgage Repayment	0	0	0	1,543
Total Establishment Costs	120,849	0	120,849	50,275

Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31st March 2023 (continued)

	Unrestricted 2023 £	Restricted 2023 £	Total 31.03.23 £	Total 31.03.22 £
11. Administrative Costs				
Salaries	140	0	140	1,531
Stationery / Copying / Printing / Postage	252	0	252	606
Child Protection Services	331	0	331	129
Equipment / Software	2,043	0	2,043	818
Copyright Licences	1,566	0	1,566	1,176
Data Protection	35	0	35	51
Telephone & Internet	95	0	95	106
Professional Fees	632	0	632	580
Publicity	65	0	65	0
Bank Charges	199	0	199	0
Miscellaneous	619	0	619	1,245
Total Administrative Costs	5,977	0	5,977	6,242
	£	£	£	£

12. Cash in Hand & Bank	2023 £	2022 £
Natwest Current Account	7,916	28,943
Natwest Business Reserve Account	57,912	84,417
Natwest Current Account No: 62139886	4,196	4,709
Cash in Hand	257	152
Mastercard	0	0
	70,281	118,221

BEDFORD PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1054315

Accounts

Bedford Pentecostal Church

Charity Registration No: 1054315

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2022

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**Bedford Pentecostal Church
Roise Street
Bedford MK40 1JE**

Registered Charity Number 1054315

Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

Reference and administration information:

The name of the Charity is Bedford Pentecostal Church; it is registered with the Charity Commission under the charity registration number 1054315.

The Church Buildings are situated at:
Bedford Pentecostal Church
Roise Street
Bedford
MK40 1JE

The 3:16 Charity Shop
2 Roise Street
Bedford
MK40 1JE

The Trustees serving as at the date of this report:

Mr. Josiah Masih
Mr. Paolo Capoluongo
Miss Linda Akran
Mr. Simon Gill

The Charity employs one full time Pastor- Josiah Masih and three part-time workers as managers in the 3:16 Charity Shop.

The charity's main agents currently are:

Bankers: National Westminster Bank
81 High Street
Bedford. MK40 1NY

Independent Examiner: Luke Silver
Accountancy & Taxation Services
12 Oliver Street
Pontypridd
Mid Glamorgan CF37 2RD

Property/ Liability insurance: Kingdom Bank Ltd
Through Brokers:
Ansva Insurance
Ansva House
St Leonards House
Eastbourne
East Sussex. BN21 3UR

Shop keeper's Insurance Allianz Insurance Plc
57 Ladymead
Guildford
Surrey. GU1 1DB

Structure and Management:

Bedford Pentecostal Church has been affiliated with Assemblies of God in England since 1927, and was registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales in April 1996.

The church operates with model constitution with trust deed, which mentions, management of the Church by the church council, membership, appointment of Church officers, Pastoral office, records and accounts and an Annual General Meeting to be held where reports by Church officers are presented to the Congregation.

The Trustees/ Elders meet regularly to make decisions and discuss the general aspects of the management of the Church, they take responsibility to ensure all necessary working procedures and policies are in place with regular reviews to conform to ongoing legal requirements.

The Trustees believe that this report and accompanying accounts comply with the current charity law, taking into consideration the implications of SORP 2005, and the Charities Act 2011.

Objectives and Activities:

The objectives of the Church are for the benefit of the public:

- To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Church Council from time to time may think fit.
- To relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind including through the provision of counselling and support in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Church Council from time to time think fit.
- To advance education in such ways and such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Church Council from time to time may think fit.

The activities of the Church are based on three pillars:

- Church Environment
- Local Community
- Overseas Ministry

Church Environment: The church mission statement is to give every man, woman and child the opportunity of understanding the gospel and to provide a church where they can grow and develop in ministry for the glory of God.

Various meetings in the church take place to provide the following: Worship Service, Kids Club, Youth group, Men's and Ladies Fellowship, Bible study and Prayer meetings.

The Congregation consists of people of different cultures – English, Asian, African, West Indian, Italian, Philippines, Hungarian, Romanian, Iranian, and Portuguese that are united together in fellowship because of one faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

To accommodate some of the different cultures - there are house groups that meet for fellowship in the Punjabi and Italian languages.

Activities: This year has been largely spent building and putting into place activities that had stopped over the covid period. Slowly most of the meetings have all started again. The weekly prayer and Bible study continue to take place on zoom. In addition, two special worship/prayer evenings took place during the year.

A visit also took place from Compassion Uk -and the Church made further commitment in sponsoring children in third world countries. Also Dr. Andrew Fox, a Bible teacher visited us from USA.

Sadly, the Israel tour from the Church had to be postponed due to additional restrictions and requirements still in place for travel. We are hoping and looking forward for this to take place next year.

The Church continues to support the activities in the community and also working along with Hope in Bedfordshire.

Further maintenance work was carried out to the Church building. New energy sufficient lighting has been installed, new chairs purchased for the minor hall and window blinds replaced in the main sanctuary.

Local Community:

Every Wednesday morning, we are involved in Christian witness in the town centre and good relationships have been developed with the market stores and the general public.

The 3:16 Charity shop: The shop is managed by three part- time managers and supported by volunteer workers. The opening hours are 10am - 4.00pm, Monday - Saturday. Previously located at 1 North Parade, Greyfriars. The current premises is on Roise Street was bought in 2012. This was a closed down Public House which has been completely gutted out and refurbished. It was opened in May 2014, by Richard Fuller, M.P. for Bedford and Kempston. In addition to sale of items, the shop provides support to the local Community, and items are at times given free to the less fortunate.

In January 2016 we opened a coffee area in the rear part of the shop for customers and the public and we are hoping that this will add an additional asset to the work of the shop.

From time to time, financial support is given to local charities, as well as for projects overseas

The shop continues to serve the local community.

Overseas Ministry

Pakistan, India and Africa are countries where the Church have made connections over the years and continue to do so with ministry support.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities:

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and with current charity law in the form of 'Accounting by Charities', the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), in order to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and its financial results for the year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- Make judgement and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- Prepare the financial statements on the 'going concern' basis.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with relevant law. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud or any other irregularities.

By order of the Trustees

Josiah Masih (Trustee/ Chairman of the Church Council)

BEDFORD PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

ROISE STREET

BEDFORD

MK40 1JE

Registered Charity: 1054315

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

AND

INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

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Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Accrual Accounts

Report to the trustees/members of Bedford Pentecostal Church

Registered Charity Number 1054315

On the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2022

Set out on the following pages

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;
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 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 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 2011 Act; and
 - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to 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 *L A Silver*

Date: 25 November 2022

Luke Silver, HNC Business & Finance
Accountancy Practitioner

Accountancy & Taxation Services
25 Ellicombe Close, Minehead, Somerset. TA24 6DQ

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees & Church Council

Introduction

Thank you for submitting the accounts for independent examination. They have been well maintained and the treasurer and others responsible are to be commended for their hard work. Therefore I will keep my comments to a minimum.

Charity Law and Financial Regulations

The independent examination has been carried out in accordance with the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 1995 (Statutory Instruments No 2724) and the Accounting by Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP).

Signing of Accounts

I shall be obliged if you will please forward a copy of the signature page for my records after the accounts have been signed by a representative appointed by the Trustees and Church Council. A spare copy is enclosed.

Conclusion

There are no other matters I feel need to be brought to your attention.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for further clarification or for further assistance.

Luke Silver

Date: 25 November 2022

BEDFORD PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
REPORT OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

ACTIVITIES REVIEW

The financial results are set out in the enclosed accounts.

The principal activity throughout the year under review was that of the advancement of the Christian faith and the extension of the Kingdom of God.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

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Linda Akran Flat 44 Oliver Court, Union Street, Bedford. MK40 2UU

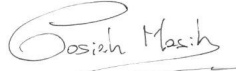
Simon Gill 2 St Paul Road, Bedford. MK40 4NT Tel: 07838 377263

Paolo Capoluongo, 40 Putnoe Street, Bedford Mk41 8HN. Tel 07443 008010

STATEMENT

We certify that the books, vouchers and information produced to enable the independent examination of our accounts to be conducted contain a full and correct record of our financial transactions and activities to the best of our knowledge and belief.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TRUSTEES



Please print name: JOSIAH MASIH

Date: 30/11/22

Bedford Pentecostal Church

**Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31st March 2022**

	Notes	Unrestricted 2022 £	Restricted 2022 £	Total 31.03.22 £	Total 31.03.21 £
<u>Incoming Resources</u>					
Incoming Resources from donors	2	133,154	40,634	173,788	86,638
Other Income	3	22,364	0	22,364	10,507
3 - 16 Charity Shop	4	23,643	0	23,643	13,816
Investment Income	5	6	0	6	15
Total Incoming Resources		179,167	40,634	219,801	110,976
<u>Resources Expended</u>					
<u>Charitable Activities</u>					
Pastoral & Ministry Costs	6	54,559	0	54,559	51,841
Church Family Costs	7	4,734	0	4,734	3,519
Departments	8	250	0	250	123
3 - 16 Charity Shop	9	20,103	0	20,103	26,025
Total Charitable Activities		79,646	0	79,646	81,508
<u>Support Costs</u>					
Establishment Costs	10	50,275	0	50,275	21,493
Administrative Costs	11	6,242	0	6,242	4,645
Total Support Costs		56,517	0	56,517	26,138
Total Expenditure		136,163	0	136,163	107,646
Net Movement in Funds		43,004	40,634	83,638	3,330
Fund Balances b/fwd at 01.04.21		426,017	27,331	453,348	450,018
Fixed Assets		0	0	0	0
Transfers		0	0	0	0
Fund Balances c/fwd at 31.03.22		469,021	67,965	536,986	453,348

Bedford Pentecostal Church

<u>Balance Sheet</u>	Notes	2021 / 22		2020 / 21	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Building Premises			270,000		270,000
Contents			52,000		52,000
Building Purchase			110,000		110,000
Current Assets					
Debtors			0		0
Cash at Bank	12		118,221		59,725
Current Liabilities					
Kingdom Bank Mortgage			0		25,142
Net Current Assets			<u>118,221</u>		<u>34,583</u>
Net Assets			<u><u>550,221</u></u>		<u><u>466,583</u></u>
Accumulated Fund					
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	
		£	£	£	
Balance brought forward		439,252	27,331	466,583	
Funds Generated by Operations		43,004	40,634	83,638	
Balance Carried Forward		<u><u>482,256</u></u>	<u><u>67,965</u></u>	<u><u>550,221</u></u>	

Bedford Pentecostal Church
Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31st March 2022

1.Accounting Policies

(a) These accounts have been prepared on a accruals basis and include income which has been received or that is receivable at the year end.

(b) The recommendations of charities SORP have been followed in the preparation of these accounts.

	Unrestricted 2022 £	Restricted 2022 £	Total 31.03.22 £	Total 31.03.21 £
2. Income - Church Giving				
Offerings	37,841	40,634	78,475	28,308
Tithes (Standing Order)	95,313	0	95,313	56,132
CAF / GA Donations	0	0	0	0
HMRC: Gift Aid Rebate	0	0	0	0
Donations	0	0	0	2,198
Total Income - Church Giving	133,154	40,634	173,788	86,638
3. Income - Other Income				
Flat Rent	7,133	0	7,133	7,776
Flat Bills & Expenses	1,726	0	1,726	1,717
Weddings & Funerals	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	13,505	0	13,505	1,014
Total Income - Other Income	22,364	0	22,364	10,507
4. 3 - 16 Charity Shop				
Counter Sales	18,259	0	18,259	4,361
Miscellaneous Income	5,384	0	5,384	495
HMRC Furlough	0	0	0	8,960
Bank Interest	0	0	0	0
	23,643	0	23,643	13,816
5. Income - Investment				
Interest	6	0	6	15
Total Income	179,167	40,634	219,801	110,976

Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31st March 2022 (continued)

	Unrestricted 2022 £	Restricted 2022 £	Total 31.03.22 £	Total 31.03.21 £
<u>Expenditure</u>				
6. Pastoral & Ministry Costs				
Ministry Remuneration	43,214	0	43,214	41,938
Pensions	8,175	0	8,175	6,377
AoG Subs / Gifts	1,638	0	1,638	1,688
Ministry Expenses	1,332	0	1,332	1,788
Ministry Gifts	200	0	200	50
Total Pastoral & Ministry Costs	54,559	0	54,559	51,841
7. Church Family Costs				
Books and Study Materials	0	0	0	180
Sound / Music Equipment	130	0	130	0
Conferences / Training	156	0	156	0
Flower Gallery	75	0	75	84
Evangelism / Outreach	3,062	0	3,062	0
Communion Costs	0	0	0	755
Missionary Work	1,200	0	1,200	2,500
Ministry Costs	111	0	111	0
Total Church Family Costs	4,734	0	4,734	3,519
8. Departments				
Departmental Expenditure	0	0	0	26
Mens Activities	0	0	0	0
Ladies Activities	250	0	250	97
Total Departments	250	0	250	123

Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31st March 2022 (continued)

	Unrestricted 2022 £	Restricted 2022 £	Total 31.03.22 £	Total 31.03.21 £
9. 3 - 16 Charity Shop				
Rent & Rates	216	0	216	77
Refuse Collections	462	0	462	820
Water	552	0	552	610
Electricity	2,325	0	2,325	2,178
Gas	59	0	59	0
Insurances	8	0	8	162
Telephone	784	0	784	741
Salaries	14,330	0	14,330	13,957
HMRC: Tax & National Insurance	0	0	0	127
Pensions	797	0	797	782
Licences	108	0	108	0
Security	100	0	100	0
Building Repairs / Services	0	0	0	0
Furniture / Equipment	0	0	0	0
Bank Charges	12	0	12	295
Kingdom Bank Mortgage	0	0	0	6,276
Sundry Expenses	350	0	350	0
Total 3 - 16 Charity Shop	20,103	0	20,103	26,025
10. Establishment Costs				
Electricity	861	0	861	797
Gas	1,355	0	1,355	727
Water	215	0	215	470
General Overheads	40	0	40	1,069
Insurance	2,002	0	2,002	1,872
Repairs & Renewals	467	0	467	2,226
Furniture & Equipment	0	0	0	355
Security	1,641	0	1,641	1,265
Catering Costs	768	0	768	245
Cleaning Materials	450	0	450	36
Capital Building Expenditure	37,830	0	37,830	6,431
Capital Building Purchase	3,103	0	3,103	0
Mortgage Repayment	1,543	0	1,543	6,000
Total Establishment Costs	50,275	0	50,275	21,493

Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31st March 2022 (continued)

	Unrestricted 2022 £	Restricted 2022 £	Total 31.03.22 £	Total 31.03.21 £
11. Administrative Costs				
Salaries	1,531	0	1,531	0
Stationery / Copying / Printing / Postage	606	0	606	78
Child Protection Services	129	0	129	194
Equipment / Software	818	0	818	857
Copyright Licences	1,176	0	1,176	1,454
Data Protection	51	0	51	35
Telephone & Internet	106	0	106	823
Professional Fees	580	0	580	784
Miscellaneous	1,245	0	1,245	420
Total Administrative Costs	6,242	0	6,242	4,645

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12. Cash in Hand & Bank

	2022 £	2021 £
Natwest Current Account	28,943	16,869
Natwest Business Reserve Account	84,417	42,051
Natwest Current Account No: 62139886	4,709	692
Cash in Hand	152	113
Mastercard	0	0
	118,221	59,725