

Bedford Pentecostal Church

Charity Registration No: 1054315

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2023

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

Registered Charity Number 1054315

Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

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

Property/ Liability insurance: Kingdom Bank Ltd
Through Brokers:
Ansvar Insurance
Ansvar 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 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.

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: 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 finely 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.

The coffee area in the rear part of the shop is progressing well and we now have volunteers helping to run this area.

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.

This year we also started serving breakfast every Sunday morning from 7- 8:30am near the local bus station for the homeless.

Christmas Dinner was also served at the Church to seventy-five 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.

One Hundred and nine Christmas Shoe boxes was sent in December 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

BEDFORD

MK40 1JE

Registered Charity: 1054315

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

AND

INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

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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 2023

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: 8 November 2023

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: 8 November 2023

BEDFORD PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
REPORT OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

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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Simon Gill 2 St Paul Road, Bedford. MK40 4NT

Paolo Capoluongo, 40 Putnoe Street, Bedford MK41 8HN

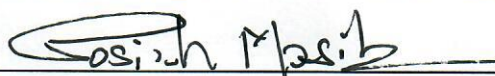
Graham Arnold, 32 Chiltern Avenue, Bedford MK41 9EH

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: 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 £
<u>Incoming Resources</u>					
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
Fixed Assets		0	0	0	0
Transfers		0	0	0	0
Fund Adjustment		0	0	0	13,235
Fund Balances c/fwd at 31.03.23		433,213	69,068	502,281	550,221

Bedford Pentecostal Church

<u>Balance Sheet</u>	Notes	2022 / 23		2021 / 22	
		£	£	£	£
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		70,281		118,221
Current Liabilities					
Kingdom Bank Mortgage			0		0
Net Current Assets			70,281		118,221
Net Assets			502,281		550,221
Accumulated Fund					
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	
		£	£	£	
Balance brought forward		482,256	67,965	550,221	
Funds Generated by Operations		(49,043)	1,103	(47,940)	
Balance Carried Forward		433,213	69,068	502,281	

Bedford Pentecostal Church
Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31st March 2023

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 2023 £	Restricted 2023 £	Total 31.03.23 £	Total 31.03.23 £
2. Income - Church Giving				
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