

Annual report:

**Bamber Bridge Pentecostal Church
(Charity number 1092795)**

214-216 Chorley Road, Walton-Le-Dale, Preston, PR5 4RL

Year ending 31st December 2023 (01st Jan'23 - 31 Dec'23)

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Trustees during 2023:

Paul Nuttall – Treasurer
Ahmad Saumtally – Chair & Church Secretary
John Rogerson
David Dobson
John Whitham

Structure

Bamber Bridge Pentecostal Church is an independent Pentecostal Church. Trustees are appointed by the membership of the Church, in line with the characteristics set out in the Bible for Church leadership. In addition to the trustees there is a ministry team, who support the Church in its mission to share the Good News of Christ to the community.

Activities and Objectives

The key objective of the charity is the preaching and teaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ, seeking to display the love of Christ through mission and acts of practical application.

The Church is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our Church and we have been present in our local community for over 50years. Our services and worship put faith into practice through fellowship, prayer, communion, scripture reading, music, praise and worship.

When planning our activities for the year, the Church has considered the Charity Commissions guidance on public benefit and in particular, we strive to serve our community to help people live out their faith through:

- Worship
- Prayer
- Bible teaching
- Developing knowledge and trust in Jesus Christ
- Pastoral care
- Outreach / Mission to the community, local, national and internationally through prayer, practical application and financial giving to help support.
- Community events

Assets owned by the Charity include a Church building and minibus to facilitate this work. It is important that we maintain the fabric of the building and service of the minibus so the Charity pays costs and expenses for the operation and responsible and essential maintenance of its assets. The Building is used as a place of worship and to provide the various activities. The minibus is used for collecting Church members for Sunday Worship and children for youth work each Sunday and Wednesday, for Sunday School, the Children's group and youth work on Wednesday evening.

Achievements and Performance

Worship and Prayer

The Church offers a range of services during the week and over the course of the year for Christian spiritual worship of God the Father through His Son Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. The Sunday Services comprise of a Sunday morning communion service, usually followed by Sunday School and then an evening Gospel Service. Usually, a weekly prayer and bible study is held once per week as well as children's / youth meetings and periodic prayer meetings / outreach. In all services we encourage open audible and quiet individual prayer and worship, as attendees express their living and active Christian faith.

As well as our regular services, we give the opportunity for people who attend the church from the surrounding community to celebrate and thank God at key milestones throughout their own personal life. This ranges from infant dedication to God and blessing (we thank God for the gift of life), believers' baptism (by full immersion), marriage as instituted by God in the bible, exchanging vows with God's blessing and at funeral services giving care to grieving family and friends. This is truly a cradle to grave service that is provided.

Outreach

A key aspect of our outreach is through our Sunday Gospel Service and Children's work. The Church provides a weekly Sunday School and Wednesday youth & children's meeting, where children within the community are invited into the Church to learn about God's love and the teachings of the Bible through song, prayer, bible stories, games and craft activities. As part of this work we offer annual events to celebrate the Children's Youth Work through the, Sunday School anniversary, Christmas, Easter and a family service.

In addition to our weekly Sunday School and Wednesday Youth meetings we have links with some of our local primary and secondary schools to support assemblies, allowing us to talk to the children about who the God of the Bible is and why he is so important to all of us.

Each Christmas we invite members of the local community to a Christmas meal, with the Church youth serving a Christmas meal to elderly adults. This is provided to those who attend as a free gift and blessing.

Pastoral Care

At times, some members of our Church are unable to attend due to sickness or age. Members of our Church seek to provide appropriate prayer and companionship in their own homes to help encourage them and help them in their walk with God.

Healthy and Safe Environment

The church continues to provide a safe environment for all who attend for the services/events mentioned above. We continue to make use of online platforms (mainly zoom) to allow those who are unable to travel or unwell to continue to link into the meetings online. This has been very helpful for them to keep in touch and contact with friends and family.

Other activities

To provide fellowship within the church family, outreach and service to the community, the Church has several other activities that it normally undertakes during a typical year. Our usual activities are as follows:-

- Week holiday in Bassenfell Cumbria for the church, youth and children (the charity pays for all food costs for the entire trip and provides transportation). This is particularly helpful to families who struggle to pay/afford.
- Bank Holiday walks with transport provided for those that require it.
- Mini bus is used on Sundays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays for the meetings to pick up people on who do not have access to their own or public transport so easily.

- Sunday School trip which is fully funded by the church including Coach Transport, Food & Admission to venue. This is open to Sunday School Children and their families.
- Youth summer barbecue, again all costs covered by the church charity.
- Craft Day for all children and youth organised during School Holidays materials and food provided by church charity.
- Occasional monthly ladies meeting which includes a day trip and Christmas meal funded by the Church.
- Trip to Blackpool lights for youth and Church members. A trip to Blackpool, for an evening walk through the illuminations followed by a visit to McDonalds, transport and food snack all paid for by the church charity.
- Christmas meal provided for approx. 50 guests – all paid for by the church charity.
- Sunday School & Children's Club Christmas Parties with gifts for each child attending.
- Supported all transportation costs for older youth visiting bible conference in Scotland, which normally spans over a weekend in October.

Building maintenance

Maintenance to the building during 2023 has been minimal. We have carried out minor improvements including some internal painting and general cleaning / tidy up and the church remains in a good state of repair. In 2023, we replaced the gas combi boiler as the old one was problematic.

Mission and Evangelism

Helping those in need is a demonstration of our faith.

The total gifts donated by the Church during 2023:-

Mission Gifts paid in 2023 equals £9,967.00 (nine thousand, nine hundred and sixty seven pounds).

All income recited is paid on an entirely voluntary basis via the church members through the church offering.

Future Church Planning

The Church continues to operate from its present location and building on Chorley Road, to carry the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the community in which it has been for over 50years. The Church continues to grow and the trustees and church as a whole agree how to best manage the finances and where the need is most. God has blessed us with good and healthy finances which we hope to use in the coming years to continue to operate as we have been doing, blessing our community and others further a-field as well as to consider building development/growth to either purchase new, a new site, or to develop the existing site we are on. We commit this The LORD God in prayer and see how he will lead us in the coming years.

Mr A Saumtally



Chair and Church Secretary

For and on behalf of the Trustees

BAMBER BRIDGE PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

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	2023	2023	2023	2023	2022
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Investment Funds		
	£	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Church offerings	49069	1657		50726	42105
Donations HOPE		0		0	0
Interest received			2025	2025	205
HMRC - Gift Aid Tax	10793			10793	9051
Hall hire	0			0	0
Total incoming resources	<u>59862</u>	<u>1657</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>63544</u>	<u>51361</u>
EXPENDITURE					
Direct charitable expenditure:					
Childrens welfare	2272			2272	2141
Missionary Gifts	8310			8310	5350
Donations to appeals		1657		1657	0
Management and administration:					
Advertising	70			70	57
Catering	2592			2592	1169
Cleaning	2891			2891	2620
Insurance	1054			1054	940
Ministry	1740			1740	1030
Motor & travel	3912			3912	4189
Pastoral	0			0	0
Accountancy	550			550	550
Repairs & maintenance	2449			2449	1096
Stationery & books	31			31	34
Computer costs	1056			1056	1391
Sundries	1126			1126	1018
Sundries - church holiday contribution	3430			3430	2996
Fire Conference	0			0	675
Telephone	216			216	270
Utilities	3990			3990	2756
Professional Fees - Building	2274			2274	2754
Premises expenses	95			95	64
Hall Hire	0			0	0
Depreciation:				0	0
Fixtures & Equip	739			739	869
Computers	997			997	997
Motor Vehicles	304			304	405
HOPE expenditure				0	4500
Total expenditure	<u>40099</u>	<u>1657</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>41756</u>	<u>37872</u>
Net incoming resources	19763	0	2025	21789	13489
TRANSFER OF FUNDS	0		0	0	0
NET INCOMING RESOURCES after transfer of funds	19763	0	2025	21789	13489
FUND BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD	242971	88	182378	425435	411946
Property revaluation adjustment	0			0	0
FUND BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD	<u>262734</u>	<u>88</u>	<u>184403</u>	<u>447224</u>	<u>425435</u>

BAMBER BRIDGE PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2023

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		2023	2022
	NOTES	£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	4	175931	177971
Investments	5	184403	182378
Total fixed assets		360334	360349
CURRENT ASSETS			
Bank		79617	55856
Cash		2235	3285
Debtors - HMRC Gift Aid tax refund		8120	6782

Prepayments		<u>917</u>	<u>1313</u>
Total current assets		90888	67235
SHORT TERM CREDITORS			
Accruals	2	<u>4000</u>	<u>2150</u>
Net current assets		86889	65085
NET ASSETS		<u>447224</u>	<u>425435</u>
 RESTRICTED FUNDS	3	88	88
DESIGNATED INCOME FUNDS	3	184403	182378
UNRESTRICTED INCOME FUNDS	3	<u>262734</u>	<u>242971</u>
		<u>447224</u>	<u>425435</u>

BAMBER BRIDGE PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP and Regulations (2011)

Gifts

These are included in the accounts only when distributed by the charity.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are included at cost or valuation less accumulated depreciation.

Depreciation is provided at the following rates in order to write off assets over their estimated useful lives:

Freehold buildings	-	n/a
Computer equipment	-	20% on cost
Other fixtures and equipment	-	15% on written down value
Motor vehicles	-	25% on written down value

2. EXPENDITURE

These include:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Accruals		
Independent Examination fee	550	550
Mission Gifts	3450	1600
Christmas Expenditure & cleaning	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>4000</u>	<u>2150</u>

3. DESIGNATED AND UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

The charity maintains a designated investment fund. Such funds are held in a bank investment.

The purpose of this fund is to enable the charity to acquire another building or extend the current one and to replace a motor vehicle.

Fund movements

	General fund	Restricted funds	Investment fund (designated)	Total
	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources	59862	1657	2025	63545
Expenditure	-40099	-1657	0	-41756
Transfers	0		0	0
Asset revaluation	0			0
Net movement	19764	0	2025	21789
Opening balance	242971	88	182378	425435
Closing balance	262735	88	184403	447224

Transfers continue to be made for the purposes referred to above.

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4. TANIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold land & buildings £	Fixtures & equipment £	Computers £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost or valuation:					
At 1st January 2023	170000	28637	4984	24654	228275
Disposals					0
Revaluation	0				0
Additions		0	0		0
As at 31st December 2023	170000	28637	4984	24654	228275

Depreciation:

At 1st January 2023		23712	3152	23440	50304
Disposal / Revaluation					0
Charge for year		739	997	304	2040
At 31st December 2023	0	24451	4149	23744	52344

Net book value:

At 31st December 2023	170000	4186	835	910	175931
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At 1st January 2023	170000	4925	1832	1214	177971
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Cost or valuation includes:

At cost		27762	4984	24654	57400
At valuation	170000	875			170875
	170000	28637	4984	24654	228275

Valuations are based on those carried out by Charles Parker Bennett in Novemeber 2019

5. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENT (designated fund)

	2023 £	2022 £
Bank deposit (U.K.)		
Balance at 1st January 2023	182378	182173
Deposits	0	0
Withdrawals	0	0
Interest	2025	205
Balance at 31st December 2023	184403	182378

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the "Bamber Bridge Pentecostal Church"

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st December 2023, which are set out on pages 1 to 7.

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 Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from 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

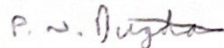
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(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 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.



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Date: 15th March 2024