

# FATHER'S HOUSE, BATH

England & Wales · Charity number 1123848

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Trust

**Registered** 2008-04-23

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

## Contact

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**Address** 6 Hensley Road  
Bath  
BA2 2DR

**Phone** 01225423470

**Website** [www.fathershousebath.org](http://www.fathershousebath.org)

## Activities

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**Objects:** FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC:1 TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT OF BELIEFS APPEARING IN THE SCHEDULE HERETO IN BATH AND IN SUCH OTHER PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES FROM TIME TO TIME MAY THINK FIT AND TO FULFIL SUCH OTHER PURPOSES WHICH ARE EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE ACCORDING TO THE LAW OF ENGLAND AND WALES AND ARE CONNECTED WITH THE CHARITABLE WORK OF THE TRUST.2 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 BATH AND IN SUCH OTHER PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES FROM TIME TO TIME MAY THINK FIT.

**Activities:** Advancement of the Christian faith; relief of sickness and financial hardship.

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Services
- **What:** The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** BATH
- Bath And North East Somerset

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-09-30	£93,755	£83,496	-	-
2023-09-30	£75,467	£66,800	-	-
2022-09-30	£64,945	£66,085	-	-
2021-09-30	£61,129	£66,359	-	-
2020-09-30	£69,537	£70,475	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Jean Freeborn		2020-12-08
Keith Branch		2025-07-29
Mark Richard Brooks		2014-10-14
PETER RAYMOND ALLSOP		

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# Accounts

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As at 30th September 2023, the sum of £19,957 was held in the Trust's bank account and cash reserves none of which was restricted for purpose. (30th September 2022: £10,217 of which £1,046 was restricted in use)

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The Trustees maintain an agreed Reserves minimum sum of £7,500 in the Trust's bank account. This sum is kept under review to ensure it continues to provide suitable and sufficient financial cover for Father's House, noting that the Trust does not have any significant medium or long term liabilities. At the year-end, unrestricted cash reserves were £19,957

**Trustees' Responsibilities**

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

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

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

A Risk Assessment Register is maintained and reviewed regularly at Trustee meetings.

**Approval**

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

Mark Brooks

[Mark Brooks \(Jul 24, 2024 19:10 GMT+1\)](#)

Mark Brooks

Date: Jul 24, 2024

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## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF

### FATHER'S HOUSE, BATH

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Father's House, Bath ('the charity') for the year ended 30 September 2023 on pages 5 to 8 following.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

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

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

#### **Independent examiner's statement**

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

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

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

*Lisa Darby*  
[Lisa Darby \(Jul 25, 2024 17:08 GMT+1\)](#)

Lisa Darby FCA

Stewardship  
1 Lamb's Passage  
LONDON  
EC1Y 8AB

Date: Jul 25, 2024

**FATHER'S HOUSE, BATH**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**  
**YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted General	Restricted Funds	2023 £	2022 £
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Offerings and Donations		64,295	1,200	65,495	57,991
Gift aid receipts		9,650	300	9,950	6,950
		73,945	1,500	75,445	64,941
<i>Other receipts</i>					
Interest received		22	-	22	4
Sale of equipment		1,073	-	1,073	-
Total Receipts		75,040	1,500	76,540	64,945
<b>Payments</b>					
<i>Payments in furtherance of the church's objectives</i>					
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	46,700	-	46,700	38,331
Grants & donations paid to others	3	17,554	2,546	20,100	27,754
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Net Receipts/(Payments) before transfers		10,786	(1,046)	9,740	(1,140)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>		10,786	(1,046)	9,740	(1,140)
Cash funds as at last year end		9,171	1,046	10,217	11,357
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**STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES**  
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<b>B Other monetary assets</b>				
Gift aid tax recovery not yet received	8,465	-	8,465	7,854
Room hire paid in advance	279	-	279	60
	<u>8,465</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,744</u>	<u>7,914</u>
<b>C Liabilities</b>				
Fee for Accounts & Examination	1,110	-	1,110	1,068
Other accrued charges	4,006	-	4,006	2,250
	<u>5,116</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,116</u>	<u>3,318</u>
<b>D Assets retained for charity's own use</b>				
			Fund to which asset belongs	Current Value 2023 £
Music and PA equipment			General	5,948
				<u>5,948</u>

Current values have been estimated by the trustees based on insurance values.

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

Mark Brooks  
Mark Brooks (Jul 24, 2024 19:10 GMT+1)

Mark Brooks

Date: Jul 24, 2024

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

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**1 Accounting policies**

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

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

	General Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
<b>2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly</b>				
Ministry services (Note 4)	28,280	-	28,280	27,379
Visiting speaker	7,384	-		
Rent for hall	2,405	-	2,405	2,677
Church Activities	3,793	-	3,793	4,558
Conference and training	50	-	50	80
Equipment Costs	283	-	283	219
Repairs & Maintenance	331	-	331	30
Professional costs	1,511	-	1,511	1,457
Other costs	2,662	-	2,662	1,932
	<u>46,700</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>39,316</u>	<u>38,331</u>

**3 Grants & donations paid to others**

Individuals	12,100	1,200	13,300	15,674
Institutions	5,454	300	5,754	12,080
	<u>17,554</u>	<u>2,546</u>	<u>20,100</u>	<u>27,754</u>

The grants to institutions amounting to more than £1,000 in the year were:

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The charity has no employees, being mainly served by volunteers, and under a Provision of Services Agreement, Mr M Brooks who is a trustee received £15,425 (2021/22: £14,934) for leadership and pastoral duties.

Mrs M Brooks, wife of Mr M Brooks, received £12,854 (2021/22: £12,445) for services provided in a leadership and pastoral capacity.

Payments were made to an adult child of M Brooks and her husband, who received £3,550 (2021/22: £3,000) to assist with their support as intercessory missionaries at the International House of Prayer in Kansas City.

Payments were also made to an adult child of M Brooks who received £642 for the provision of church administration services (2021/22: £NIL).

All payments are permitted by the Governing document.

Other than direct reimbursements of expenses made on behalf of the church, no other amounts were paid to any trustee or to any person connected to them.

5 Movement of Funds

	Opening Balance	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Closing Balance £
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Sundry Mission Support Funds	1,046	1,500	(2,546)	-	-
<b>Total Restricted</b>	<u>1,046</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>(2,546)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>					
<i>General Funds</i>	9,171	75,040	(64,254)	-	19,957
<b>Total unrestricted</b>	<u>9,171</u>	<u>75,040</u>	<u>(64,254)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,957</u>
<b>Total Funds</b>	<u>10,217</u>	<u>76,540</u>	<u>(66,800)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,957</u>

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Mrs M Brooks, wife of Mr M Brooks, received £12,854 (2021/22: £12,445) for services provided in a leadership and pastoral capacity.

Payments were made to an adult child of M Brooks and her husband, who received £3,550 (2021/22: £3,000) to assist with their support as intercessory missionaries at the International House of Prayer in Kansas City.

Payments were also made to an adult child of M Brooks who received £642 for the provision of church administration services (2021/22: £NIL).

All payments are permitted by the Governing document.

Other than direct reimbursements of expenses made on behalf of the church, no other amounts were paid to any trustee or to any person connected to them.

**5 Movement of Funds**

	Opening Balance	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Closing Balance £
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Sundry Mission Support Funds	1,046	1,500	(2,546)	-	-
<b>Total Restricted</b>	<u>1,046</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>(2,546)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>					
<i>General Funds</i>	9,171	75,040	(64,254)	-	19,957
<b>Total unrestricted</b>	<u>9,171</u>	<u>75,040</u>	<u>(64,254)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,957</u>
<b>Total Funds</b>	<u>10,217</u>	<u>76,540</u>	<u>(66,800)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,957</u>

**FATHER'S HOUSE, BATH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1123848

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# Accounts

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# Father's House, Bath

Report and Accounts

Year ended 30 September 2022

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**FATHER'S HOUSE, BATH**

**YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022**

**LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	6 Hensley Road BATH BA2 2DR
Charity Registration Number	1123848
GOVERNING DOCUMENT	Declaration of Trust dated February 2008
TRUSTEES	P Allsop M Brooks J Freeborn
BANKERS	The Co-Operative Bank plc CAF Bank Ltd
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Lisa Darby FCA Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage London EC1Y 8AB

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**FATHER'S HOUSE, BATH**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

**YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022**

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year ended 30 September 2022.

**Objects of the charity**

The objects of the trust are:

1. To advance the Christian faith in Bath and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the World as the Trustees from time to time may think fit, and to fulfil such other purposes which are exclusively charitable according to the law of England and Wales and are connected with the charitable work of the Trust.
2. 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 Bath and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the World as the Trustees from time to time may think fit

**Governance**

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

New trustees are appointed by the Trustees.

**Review of Activities**

Father's House Bath is a group of Christians who meet together as a church and who collectively seek to love and serve Jesus Christ, are committed to the love and welfare of each other, and seek to bring a blessing to the areas where they live and work.

Father's House, Bath's main emphasis is the expression of Christian life and activity through: knowing the Father's heart; honouring the word and the spirit; focusing on prayer and worship; expressing God's love and compassion both near and far; receiving a healed heart, and; being a family of God's sons and daughters.

The leaders and Trustees of Father's House have strictly adhered to all Government advice and instruction as the lockdown eased.

Father's House has sought to continue to operate and function as a church and a community of believers during this period adjusting to the changes in government advice. Father's House Bath leadership made some tentative steps to gather the church community in person for their Sunday morning gatherings, in line with this advice. A pattern of meeting twice in person per month was given to those members who were confident to meet and the leaders gave the opportunity for people to 'Zoom in' to those settings. The remaining Sundays were Zoom only. The leadership continued to provide much needed interaction and contact for all beyond Sunday mornings with other environments which facilitated conversation, interaction and encouragement – vital features in seeking to ensure and safeguard the wellbeing and mental health of all participants. As of August 2022 the leadership introduced the opportunity to meet every Sunday in person and also added the 'Zoom in' option for those still cautious about meeting in person.

We continued to offer opportunities to gather, learn and participate using on-line facilities and services provided by other organisations with an on-line presence.

Despite the challenges throughout the year in meeting together, the finances for Father's House, Bath have remained remarkably resilient during this past year. Income and expenditure remaining stable and more or less to budget. Father's House has therefore continued to provide financial support to a range of individuals and organisations involved in Christian mission and service, locally, within the wider UK and overseas.

Father's House, Bath has worked to maintain its connections with other churches in the city of Bath area and the wider South West region and has fostered links with other Christian groups further afield within the UK.

In all its ministry and activities, Father's House, and the Trust itself, remain reliant on the support and dedication of the volunteers from within the church community. The Trustees readily acknowledge the time, effort and service given and gratefully express their thanks to all those who give their support to the Trust's activities

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

### **Financial Review**

Income for 2021/22 was £64,945 compared to £61,129 in 20/21, and mainly consisted of donations and offerings. Expenditure for 2021/22 was £66,085 compared to £66,359 in 2020/21. £27,754 was paid out in gifts to institutions and individuals, compared to £32,945 in 2020/21.

This resulted in a deficit of £1,140 (compared to a deficit of £5,230 in 2020/21). This is the fourth year in a row there has been a deficit and the trustees are addressing this and have plans in place should income / expenditure vary adversely in future to ensure the financial sustainability of the charity. Since the year-end the finances have been more stable, with unrestricted bank balances in April 2023 of more than £14,000. The sum of £10,217 was held in the Trust's bank account and cash reserves as at 30 September 2022, £1,046 of which is restricted for purpose (2020/21:£2,492).

### **Reserves Policy**

The Trustees maintain an agreed Reserves sum of £5,000 in the Trust's bank account. This sum is kept under review to ensure it continues to provide suitable and sufficient financial cover for Father's House, noting that the Trust does not have any significant medium or long term liabilities. At the year-end, unrestricted cash reserves were £9,171.

### **Trustees' Responsibilities**

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

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

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

A Risk Assessment Register is maintained and reviewed regularly at Trustee meetings.

### **Approval**

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

*Mark Brooks*

Mark Brooks

Date: 18 July 2023

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF

FATHER'S HOUSE, BATH

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Father's House, Bath ('the charity') for the year ended 30 September 2022 on pages 5 to 8 following.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

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

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

### **Independent examiner's statement**

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

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

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

*Lisa Darby*

Lisa Darby FCA

Stewardship  
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Date: 19 July 2023

**FATHER'S HOUSE, BATH**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**  
**YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022**

	Notes	Unrestricted General	Restricted Funds	2022 £	2021 £
<b>Receipts</b>					
<i>Voluntary receipts</i>					
Offerings and Donations		55,111	2,880	57,991	52,088
Gift aid receipts		5,985	965	6,950	9,041
		61,096	3,845	64,941	61,129
<i>Other receipts</i>					
Interest received		4	-	4	-
<b>Total Receipts</b>		61,100	3,845	64,945	61,129
<b>Payments</b>					
<i>Payments in furtherance of the church's objectives</i>					
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	37,125	1,206	38,331	33,414
Grants & donations paid to others	3	23,497	4,257	27,754	32,945
<b>Total Payments</b>		60,622	5,463	66,085	66,359
Net Receipts/(Payments) before transfers		478	(1,618)	(1,140)	(5,230)
Transfers between funds		(172)	172	-	-
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>		306	(1,446)	(1,140)	(5,230)
Cash funds as at last year end		8,865	2,492	11,357	16,587
<b>Cash funds at this year end</b>	A	9,171	1,046	10,217	11,357

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

**FATHER'S HOUSE, BATH**  
**STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES**  
**YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022**

<b>A Cash funds</b>	Unrestricted General £	Restricted funds £	2022 £	2021 £
Held at Bank	9,171	1,046	10,217	11,357
	<u>9,171</u>	<u>1,046</u>	<u>10,217</u>	<u>11,357</u>
<b>B Other monetary assets</b>				
Gift aid tax recovery not yet received	7,499	355	7,854	6,951
Room hire paid in advance	60	-	60	900
	<u>7,499</u>	<u>355</u>	<u>7,914</u>	<u>7,851</u>
<b>C Liabilities</b>				
Fee for Accounts & Examination	1,068	-	1,068	1,044
Other accrued charges	2,250	-	2,250	155
	<u>3,318</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,318</u>	<u>1,199</u>
<b>D Assets retained for charity's own use</b>				
			Fund to which asset belongs	Current Value 2022 £
Music and PA equipment			General	5,948
				<u>5,948</u>

Current values have been estimated by the trustees based on insurance values.

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

*Mark Brooks*

Mark Brooks

Date: 18 July 2023

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

**FATHER'S HOUSE, BATH**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022**

**1 Accounting policies**

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

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

	General Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£
<b>2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly</b>				
Ministry services (Note 4)	27,150	229	27,379	26,444
Rent for hall	1,897	780	2,677	1,600
Church Activities	4,558	-	4,558	2,261
Conference and training	80	-	80	75
Equipment Costs	219	-	219	-
Repairs & Maintenance	30	-	30	-
Professional costs	1,457	-	1,457	1,423
Other costs	1,735	197	1,932	1,611
	<u>37,125</u>	<u>1,206</u>	<u>38,331</u>	<u>33,414</u>

**3 Grants & donations paid to others**

Individuals	13,447	2,227	15,674	16,374
Institutions	10,050	2,030	12,080	16,571
	<u>23,497</u>	<u>4,257</u>	<u>27,754</u>	<u>32,945</u>

The grants to institutions amounting to more than £1,000 in the year were:

	2022 £	2021 £
Bath Youth For Christ	1,200	1,200
Genesis Trust	1,450	1,650
St Luke's - House of Prayer	780	1,200
Tutela Africa	5,800	7,200
Mercy in Action - Action Pantry	500	1,300
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FATHER'S HOUSE, BATH

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

4 Transactions with related parties

The charity has no employees, being mainly served by volunteers, and under a Provision of Services Agreement, Mr M Brooks who is a trustee received £14,934 (2021: £14,424) for leadership and pastoral duties.

Mrs M Brooks, wife of Mr M Brooks, received £12,445 (2021: £12,020) for services provided in a leadership and pastoral capacity.

Payments were also made to an adult child of M Brooks and her husband, who received £3,000 (2021: £3,000) to assist with their support as intercessory missionaries at the International House of Prayer in Kansas City.

All payments are permitted by the Governing document.

Other than direct reimbursements of expenses made on behalf of the church, no other amounts were paid to any trustee or to any person connected to them.

5 Movement of Funds

	Opening Balance	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Closing Balance £
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Sundry Mission Support Funds	1,687	3,845	(4,486)	-	1,046
House of Prayer	805	-	(977)	172	-
<b>Total Restricted</b>	<u>2,492</u>	<u>3,845</u>	<u>(5,463)</u>	<u>172</u>	<u>1,046</u>
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>					
<b>General Funds</b>	8,865	61,100	(60,622)	(172)	9,171
<b>Total unrestricted</b>	<u>8,865</u>	<u>61,100</u>	<u>(60,622)</u>	<u>(172)</u>	<u>9,171</u>
<b>Total Funds</b>	<u>11,357</u>	<u>64,945</u>	<u>(66,085)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,217</u>

The House of Prayer Fund includes donations received specifically to support the ongoing work of the House of Prayer set up by the charity.

**FATHER'S HOUSE, BATH**

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**YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021**

**LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	6 Hensley Road BATH BA2 2DR
Charity Registration Number	1123848
GOVERNING DOCUMENT	Declaration of Trust dated February 2008
TRUSTEES	P Allsop A S Briggs (until 8 December 2020) M Brooks J Freeborn (from 8 December 2020)
BANKERS	The Co-Operative Bank plc CAF Bank Ltd
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Mary Evans Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage London EC1Y 8AB

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# **FATHER'S HOUSE, BATH**

## **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

### **FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 SEPTEMBER 2021**

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year ending 30 September 2021.

#### **Objects of the charity**

The objects of the trust are:

1. To advance the Christian faith in Bath and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the World as the Trustees from time to time may think fit, and to fulfil such other purposes which are exclusively charitable according to the law of England and Wales and are connected with the charitable work of the Trust.
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#### **Governance**

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

New trustees are appointed by the Trustees.

#### **Review of Activities**

Father's House Bath is a group of Christians who meet together as a church and who collectively seek to love and serve Jesus Christ, are committed to the love and welfare of each other, and seek to bring a blessing to the areas where they live and work.

Father's House, Bath's main emphasis is the expression of Christian life and activity through: knowing the Father's heart; honouring the word and the spirit; focusing on prayer and worship; expressing God's love and compassion both near and far; receiving a healed heart, and; being a family of God's sons and daughters.

Naturally the difficult and unique challenges of Covid 19 & other variants persisted into this year. Father's House has sought to continue to operate and function as a church and a community of believers during this period adjusting to the changes in government advice. The leaders of Father's House continued to establish face-to-face on-line meetings (using zoom) which provided an almost immediate alternative to public meetings and enabled Father's House to continue to meet and provide much needed interaction and contact for all. In place of collective worship – an important feature of hitherto public meetings – time was given to

create an on-line environment which facilitated conversation, interaction and encouragement – vital features in seeking to ensure and safeguard the wellbeing and mental health of all participants. From August of this year the leaders have begun to tentatively explore opening up a few settings where people could meet together in person and for those that wanted to could Zoom in to these.

We continued to offer opportunities to gather, learn and participate using on-line facilities and services provided by other organisations with an on-line presence.

The leaders and Trustees of Father's House have strictly adhered to all Government advice and instruction as the lockdown eased. A critical part of this will be a risk-assessment to ensure all factors are properly and fully considered and that the safety of all – particularly those falling into any of the categories of vulnerable individuals - can be reasonably guaranteed.

Despite the challenges throughout the year in meeting together, the finances for Father's House, Bath have remained remarkably resilient during this past year. Income and expenditure remaining stable and more or less to budget. Father's House has therefore continued to provide financial support to a range of individuals and organisations involved in Christian mission and service, locally, within the wider UK and overseas.

Father's House, Bath has worked to maintain its connections with other churches in the city of Bath area and the wider South West region and has fostered links with other Christian groups further afield within the UK.

In all its ministry and activities, Father's House, and the Trust itself, remain reliant on the support and dedication of the volunteers from within the church community. The Trustees readily acknowledge the time, effort and service given and gratefully express their thanks to all those who give their support to the Trust's activities

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

Following Alan Briggs resignation as a trustee we formally welcomed Jean Freeborn in as a trustee at the trustees meeting 8 December 2020.

## **Financial Review**

Income for 2020/21 was £61,129 compared to £69,537 in 2019/20, and mainly consisted of donations and offerings.

Expenditure for 2020/21 was £66,359 compared to £70,475 in 2019/20.

£32,945 was paid out in gifts to institutions and individuals, compared to £29,310 in 2019/20.

This resulted in a deficit of £5,230 (compared to a deficit of £938 in 2019/20). This is the third year in a row there has been a deficit and the trustees are addressing this and have plans in place should income / expenditure vary adversely in future to ensure the financial sustainability of the charity. Since the year-end the finances have been more stable, with unrestricted bank balances in early July 2022 of more than £10,000.

The sum of £11,357 was held in the Trust's bank account as at 30 September 2021, of which £8,865 was unrestricted.

### **Reserves Policy**

The Trustees maintain an agreed Reserves sum of £5,000 in the Trust's bank account. This sum is kept under review to ensure it continues to provide suitable and sufficient financial cover for Father's House, noting that the Trust does not have any significant medium or long term liabilities. At the year-end, unrestricted cash reserves were just over £8,800.

In light of COVID-19 and the recent Omicron variant, the trustees are monitoring income and expenditure and, if it becomes necessary, will take measures to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 and other variants on the charity's free reserves.

### **Trustees' Responsibilities**

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

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

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

A Risk Assessment Register is maintained and reviewed regularly at Trustee meetings.

### **Approval**

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

Mark Brooks

Date: 19 July 2022

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF

### FATHER'S HOUSE, BATH

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Father's House, Bath ('the charity') for the year ended 30 September 2021 on pages 6 to 9 following.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

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

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

#### **Independent examiner's statement**

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

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

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

Mary Evans

Stewardship  
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Date: 20 July 2022

**FATHER'S HOUSE, BATH**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**  
**YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021**

	Notes	Unrestricted General	Restricted Funds	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Receipts</b>					
<i>Voluntary receipts</i>					
Offerings and Donations		45,067	7,022	52,088	60,186
Gift aid receipts		8,177	864	9,041	9,351
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<u>53,244</u>	<u>7,886</u>	<u>61,129</u>	<u>69,537</u>
<b>Payments</b>					
<i>Payments in furtherance of the church's objectives</i>					
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	33,305	109	33,414	41,165
Grants & donations paid to others	3	26,661	6,285	32,945	29,310
<b>Total Payments</b>		<u>59,965</u>	<u>6,394</u>	<u>66,359</u>	<u>70,475</u>
Net Receipts/(Payments) before transfers		(6,722)	1,492	(5,230)	(938)
Transfers between funds		0	-	-	-
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>		<u>(6,722)</u>	<u>1,492</u>	<u>(5,230)</u>	<u>(938)</u>
Cash funds as at last year end		15,587	1,000	16,587	17,525
<b>Cash funds at this year end</b>	A	<u>8,865</u>	<u>2,492</u>	<u>11,357</u>	<u>16,587</u>

The notes on pages 8 - 9 form part of these accounts.

**FATHER'S HOUSE, BATH**  
**STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES**  
**YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021**

<b>A Cash funds</b>	Unrestricted General £	Restricted funds £	2021 £	2020 £
Held at Bank	8,865	2,492	11,357	16,587
	<u>8,865</u>	<u>2,492</u>	<u>11,357</u>	<u>16,587</u>
<b>B Other monetary assets</b>				
Gift aid tax recovery not yet received	6,950	965	7,916	9,041
Room hire paid in advance	900	-	900	-
	<u>6,950</u>	<u>965</u>	<u>8,816</u>	<u>9,041</u>
<b>C Liabilities</b>				
Fee for Accounts & Examination	1,044	-	1,044	1,020
Other accrued charges	155	-	155	-
	<u>1,199</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,199</u>	<u>1,020</u>
<b>D Assets retained for charity's own use</b>			Fund to which asset belongs	Current Value 2021 £
Music and PA equipment			General	5,000
				<u>5,000</u>

Current values have been estimated by the trustees.

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

Mark Brooks

Date: 19 July 2022

The notes on pages 8 - 9 form part of these accounts.

**FATHER'S HOUSE, BATH**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021**

**1 Accounting policies**

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

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

	General Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£
<b>2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly</b>				
Ministry services (Note 4)	26,444	-	26,444	26,400
Rent for hall	1,600	-	1,600	6,377
Church Activities	2,261	-	2,261	2,541
Conference and training	75	-	75	2,822
Professional costs	1,423	-	1,423	1,641
Other costs	1,502	109	1,611	1,384
	<u>33,305</u>	<u>109</u>	<u>33,414</u>	<u>41,165</u>

**3 Grants & donations paid to others**

Individuals	13,540	2,835	16,374	15,100
Institutions	13,121	3,450	16,571	14,209
	<u>26,661</u>	<u>6,285</u>	<u>32,945</u>	<u>29,310</u>

The grants to institutions amounting to more than £1,000 in the year were:

	2021 £	2020 £
Bath Youth For Christ	1,200	1,200
Genesis Trust	1,650	1,200
St Luke's - House of Prayer	1,200	1,200
Tutela Africa	7,200	7,200
Mercy in Action - Action Pantry	1,300	-

**4 Transactions with related parties**

The charity has no employees, being mainly served by volunteers, and under a Provision of Services Agreement, Mr M Brooks who is a trustee received £14,424 (2020: £14,400) for leadership and pastoral duties.

Mrs M Brooks, wife of Mr M Brooks, received £12,020 (2020: £12,000) for services provided in a leadership and pastoral capacity.

Payments were also made to an adult child of M Brooks and her husband, who received £3,000 (2020: £3,000) to assist with their support as intercessory missionaries at the International House of Prayer in Kansas City.

All payments are permitted by the Governing document.

Other than direct reimbursements of expenses made on behalf of the church, no other amounts were paid to any trustee or to any person connected to them.

FATHER'S HOUSE, BATH

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YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

5 Movement of Funds

	Opening Balance	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Closing Balance £
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Sundry Mission Support Funds	1,000	5,772	(5,085)	-	1,687
House of Prayer	-	2,114	(1,309)	-	805
<b>Total Restricted</b>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>7,886</u>	<u>(6,394)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,492</u>
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>					
<i>General Funds</i>	15,587	53,244	(59,965)	-	8,865
<b>Total unrestricted</b>	<u>15,587</u>	<u>53,244</u>	<u>(59,965)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,865</u>
<b>Total Funds</b>	<u>16,587</u>	<u>61,129</u>	<u>(66,359)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,357</u>

The House of Prayer Fund includes donations received specifically to support the ongoing work of the House of Prayer set up by the charity.

**FATHER'S HOUSE, BATH**

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# Father's House, Bath

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Year ended 30 September 2020

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**FATHER'S HOUSE, BATH**

**YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020**

**LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	52 Church Street Bathford BATH, BA1 7RR
Charity Registration Number	1123848
GOVERNING DOCUMENT	Declaration of Trust dated February 2008
TRUSTEES	P Allsop A S Briggs (8 December 2020) M Brooks J Freeborn (from 8 December 2020)
BANKERS	The Co-Operative Bank plc CAF Bank Ltd
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Mary Evans Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage London EC1Y 8AB

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# **FATHER'S HOUSE, BATH**

## **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

### **FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 SEPTEMBER 2020**

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year ending 30 September 2020.

#### **Objects of the charity**

The objects of the trust are:

1. To advance the Christian faith in Bath and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the World as the Trustees from time to time may think fit, and to fulfil such other purposes which are exclusively charitable according to the law of England and Wales and are connected with the charitable work of the Trust.
2. 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 Bath and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the World as the Trustees from time to time may think fit.

#### **Governance**

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

New trustees are appointed by the Trustees.

#### **Review of Activities**

Father's House Bath is a group of Christians who meet together as a church and who collectively seek to love and serve Jesus Christ, are committed to the love and welfare of each other, and seek to bring a blessing to the areas where they live and work.

Father's House, Bath's main emphasis is the expression of Christian life and activity through: knowing the Father's heart; honouring the word and the spirit; focusing on prayer and worship; expressing God's love and compassion both near and far; receiving a healed heart, and; being a family of God's sons and daughters.

Naturally the latter part of this year has brought many difficult and unique challenges as Father's House has sought to continue operate and function as a church and a community of believers during the covid-19 pandemic. The first five months of the year (Oct-2019 to Feb-2020) were much the same as previous years, with multiple activities and expressions of Christian faith and life exhibited across many different meetings and gatherings during the course of each week. When the first national lockdown was declared in March

2020, all public meetings came to an abrupt end for the period of the lockdown and indeed for the remainder of the year.

The leaders of Father's House worked swiftly to establish face-to-face on-line meetings (using zoom) which provided an almost immediate alternative to public meetings and enabled Father's House to continue to meet and provide much needed interaction and contact for all. In place of collective worship – an important feature of hitherto public meetings – time was given to create an on-line environment which facilitated conversation, interaction and encouragement – vital features in seeking to ensure and safeguard the wellbeing and mental health of all participants.

These on-line meetings – which replaced all weekend and various mid-week meetings – were augmented by other opportunities to gather, learn and participate using on-line facilities and services provided by other organisations with an on-line presence.

The leaders and Trustees of Father's House have strictly adhered to all Government advice and instruction during this year - as evidenced by the cessation of all physical gatherings – and will continue to do so until it is considered safe, sensible and viable to consider physical gathering once again. A critical part of this will be a risk-assessment to ensure all factors are properly and fully considered and that the safety of all – particularly those falling into any of the categories of vulnerable individuals - can be reasonably guaranteed.

Despite the inability to physically meet together, the finances for Father's House, Bath have remained remarkably resilient during this past year; with both income and expenditure remaining stable and more or less to budget. Father's House has therefore continued to provide financial support to a range of individuals and organisations involved in Christian mission and service, locally, within the wider UK and overseas.

Father's House, Bath has worked hard to maintain its connections with other churches in the Bath area and the wider South West region and has fostered links with other Christian groups further afield within the UK.

In all its ministry and activities, Father's House, and the Trust itself, remain reliant on the support and dedication of the volunteers from within the church community. The Trustees readily acknowledge the time, effort and service given and gratefully express their thanks to all those who give their support to the Trust's activities

In planning the activities the Trustees have given consideration to the guidance provided by the Charity Commission on 'Public benefit'.

## **Financial Review**

Income for 2019/20 was £69,537, compared to £74,279 in 2018/19, and mainly consisted of donations and offerings.

Expenditure for 2019/20 was £70,475, compared to £77,564 in 2018/19.

£29,310 was paid out in gifts to institutions and individuals, compared to £34,022 in 2018/19.

The sum of £16,587 was held in the Trust's bank account as at 30 September 2020, of which £15,587 was unrestricted.

### **Reserves Policy**

The Trustees maintain an agreed Reserves sum of £5,000 in the Trust's bank account. This sum is kept under review to ensure it continues to provide suitable and sufficient financial cover for Father's House, noting that the Trust does not have any significant medium or long term liabilities. At the year-end, unrestricted cash reserves were just over £15,500.

In light of COVID-19, the trustees are monitoring income and expenditure and, if it becomes necessary, will take measures to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on the charity's free reserves.

### **Trustees' Responsibilities**

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

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

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

A Risk Assessment Register is maintained and reviewed regularly at Trustee meetings.

### **Approval**

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

Mark Brooks

Date: 29 June 2021

Independent Examiner's Report  
To the Trustees of  
Father's House Bath

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Father's House Bath (the Trust) for the year ended 30 September 2020 on pages 6 to 9 following.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

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

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

**Independent examiner's statement**

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Mary Evans

Stewardship  
1 Lamb's Passage  
London  
EC1Y 8AB

Date: 2 July 2021

**FATHER'S HOUSE, BATH**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**  
**YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020**

	Notes	Unrestricted General	Restricted Funds	2020 £	2019 £
<b>Receipts</b>					
<i>Voluntary receipts</i>					
Offerings and Donations		53,040	7,146	60,186	63,896
Gift aid receipts		8,696	655	9,351	10,383
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>61,736</b>	<b>7,801</b>	<b>69,537</b>	<b>74,279</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
<i>Payments in furtherance of the church's objectives</i>					
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	38,037	3,128	41,165	43,542
Grants & donations paid to others	3	21,090	8,220	29,310	34,022
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>59,127</b>	<b>11,348</b>	<b>70,475</b>	<b>77,564</b>
Net Receipts/(Payments) before transfers		2,609	(3,547)	(938)	(3,285)
Transfers between funds		(3,947)	3,947	-	-
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>		<b>(1,338)</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>(938)</b>	<b>(3,285)</b>
Cash funds as at last year end		16,925	600	17,525	20,811
<b>Cash funds at this year end</b>	A	<b>15,587</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>16,587</b>	<b>17,525</b>

The notes on pages 8 - 9 form part of these accounts.

**FATHER'S HOUSE, BATH**  
**STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES**  
**YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020**

<b>A Cash funds</b>	Unrestricted General £	Restricted funds £	2020 £	2019 £
Held at Bank	15,587	1,000	16,587	17,525
	<u>15,587</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>16,587</u>	<u>17,525</u>
<b>B Other monetary assets</b>				
Gift aid tax recovery not yet received	8,177	864	9,041	9,351
	<u>8,177</u>	<u>864</u>	<u>9,041</u>	<u>9,351</u>
<b>C Liabilities</b>				
Fee for Accounts & Examination	1,020	-	1,020	960
Other accrued charges	-	-	-	1,548
	<u>1,020</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,020</u>	<u>2,508</u>

**D Assets retained for charity's own use**

	Fund to which asset belongs	Current Value 2020 £
Music and PA equipment	General	<u>6,500</u>
		<u>6,500</u>

Current values have been estimated by the trustees.

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

Mark Brooks

Date: 29 June 2021

The notes on pages 8 - 9 form part of these accounts.

**FATHER'S HOUSE, BATH**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020**

**1 Accounting policies**

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

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

	General Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£	£	£
<b>2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly</b>				
Ministry services (Note 4)	26,400	-	26,400	26,400
Rent for hall	5,913	464	6,377	9,425
Church Activities	2,431	110	2,541	2,489
Conference and training	461	2,361	2,822	2,138
Equipment Costs	-	-	-	257
Professional costs	1,641	-	1,641	1,243
Other costs	1,191	193	1,384	1,591
	<b>38,037</b>	<b>3,128</b>	<b>41,165</b>	<b>43,542</b>

**3 Grants & donations paid to others**

Individuals	10,950	4,150	15,100	20,272
Institutions	10,140	4,070	14,209	13,751
	<b>21,090</b>	<b>8,220</b>	<b>29,310</b>	<b>34,022</b>

The grants to institutions amounting to more than £1,000 in the year were:

	2020 £	2019 £
Bath Youth For Christ	1,200	1,200
Genesis Trust	1,200	2,502
Glory Waves	-	1,200
St Luke's - House of Prayer	1,200	1,200
Tutela Africa	7,200	4,800

**4 Transactions with related parties**

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FATHER'S HOUSE, BATH

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020

5 Movement of Funds

	Opening Balance	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Closing Balance £
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Sundry Mission Support Funds	600	2,700	(2,300)	-	1,000
House of Prayer	-	5,101	(9,048)	3,947	-
<b>Total Restricted</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>7,801</b>	<b>(11,348)</b>	<b>3,947</b>	<b>1,000</b>
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>					
<i>General Funds</i>	16,925	61,736	(59,127)	(3,947)	15,587
<b>Total unrestricted</b>	<b>16,925</b>	<b>61,736</b>	<b>(59,127)</b>	<b>(3,947)</b>	<b>15,587</b>
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>17,525</b>	<b>69,537</b>	<b>(70,475)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>16,587</b>

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