

# Father's House, Bath

Report and Accounts

Year ended 30 September 2021

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**FATHER'S HOUSE, BATH**

**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.
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 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

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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
Total Receipts		<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
Total Payments		<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**

	Unrestricted General £	Restricted funds £	2021 £	2020 £
<b>A Cash funds</b>				
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

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**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

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

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>					
<b>General Funds</b>	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.