

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

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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 £
Receipts					
<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
		<u>61,096</u>	<u>3,845</u>	<u>64,941</u>	<u>61,129</u>
<i>Other receipts</i>					
Interest received		4	-	4	-
Total Receipts		<u>61,100</u>	<u>3,845</u>	<u>64,945</u>	<u>61,129</u>
Payments					
<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
Total Payments		<u>60,622</u>	<u>5,463</u>	<u>66,085</u>	<u>66,359</u>
Net Receipts/(Payments) before transfers		478	(1,618)	(1,140)	(5,230)
Transfers between funds		(172)	172	-	-
Net Movement in Funds		<u>306</u>	<u>(1,446)</u>	<u>(1,140)</u>	<u>(5,230)</u>
Cash funds as at last year end		8,865	2,492	11,357	16,587
Cash funds at this year end	A	<u>9,171</u>	<u>1,046</u>	<u>10,217</u>	<u>11,357</u>

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

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES
YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

	Unrestricted General £	Restricted funds £	2022 £	2021 £
A Cash funds				
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 Other monetary assets				
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>
C Liabilities				
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>
D Assets retained for charity's own use				
			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.

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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
	£	£	£	£
2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly				
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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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 £
Restricted funds					
Sundry Mission Support Funds	1,687	3,845	(4,486)	-	1,046
House of Prayer	805	-	(977)	172	-
Total Restricted	<u>2,492</u>	<u>3,845</u>	<u>(5,463)</u>	<u>172</u>	<u>1,046</u>
Unrestricted Funds					
General Funds	8,865	61,100	(60,622)	(172)	9,171
Total unrestricted	<u>8,865</u>	<u>61,100</u>	<u>(60,622)</u>	<u>(172)</u>	<u>9,171</u>
Total Funds	<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.