

Father's House, Bath

Report and Accounts

Year ended 30 September 2023

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FATHER'S HOUSE, BATH
YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023
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 2023

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year ended 30 September 2023.

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.

Father's House this year started to meet more regularly for its main Sunday morning gatherings and also enjoyed a new venue for these times together. This venue also affords space for our children's ministry. We meet most Sunday's as a church family but still enjoy the benefits that Zoom taught us during the previous Covid year. The option of Zooming into the Sunday morning therefore remains. There are also a number of midweek gatherings that are Zoom only, and these are ideal for those who live outside of the city, or even further afield and even from other countries.

We have started to be able to provide training and conferences in person again. In particular we have enjoyed the ministry of Susan Wright who has been amongst us several times during the year. There have been two weekend in person conferences and two online 6 weeks series. Susan Wright ministers in inner healing and trauma recovery and we had a growing number of people being trained and ministered to. This relationship with Susan Wright will continue to be helpful to us as a community and be helpful to those in the wider community too.

The finances for Father's House, Bath have remained 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 2022/23 was £76,540 compared to £64,945 in 21/22, and mainly consisted of donations and offerings. Expenditure for 2022/23 was £66,800 compared to £66,085 in 2021/22. This resulted in a surplus of £9,740 compared

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)

Reserves Policy

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

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
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Lisa Darby FCA

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Date: Jul 25, 2024

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

	Notes	Unrestricted General	Restricted Funds	2023 £	2022 £
Receipts					
<i>Voluntary receipts</i>					
Offerings and Donations		64,295	1,200	65,495	57,991
Gift aid receipts		9,650	300	9,950	6,950
		<u>73,945</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>75,445</u>	<u>64,941</u>
<i>Other receipts</i>					
Interest received		22	-	22	4
Sale of equipment		1,073	-	1,073	-
Total Receipts		<u>75,040</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>76,540</u>	<u>64,945</u>
Payments					
<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
Total Payments		<u>64,254</u>	<u>2,546</u>	<u>66,800</u>	<u>66,085</u>
Net Receipts/(Payments) before transfers		10,786	(1,046)	9,740	(1,140)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net Movement in Funds		<u>10,786</u>	<u>(1,046)</u>	<u>9,740</u>	<u>(1,140)</u>
Cash funds as at last year end		9,171	1,046	10,217	11,357
Cash funds at this year end	A	<u>19,957</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,957</u>	<u>10,217</u>

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

FATHER'S HOUSE, BATH
STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES
YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

	Unrestricted General £	Restricted funds £	2023 £	2022 £
A Cash funds				
Held at Bank	19,957	-	19,957	10,217
	<u>19,957</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,957</u>	<u>10,217</u>
B Other monetary assets				
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>
C Liabilities				
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>
D Assets retained for charity's own use				
			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

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FATHER'S HOUSE, BATH
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

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
	£	£	£	£
2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly				
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:

	2023 £	2022 £
Bath Youth For Christ	1,200	1,200
Genesis Trust	1,200	1,450
Tutela Africa	4,400	5,800

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