

# BUXTON CHURCH IN THE PEAK

England & Wales · Charity number 1124548

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Charitable company

**Company number** [06563119](#)

**Registered** 2008-06-17

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** A TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT OF BELIEFS IN THE SCHEDULE HERETO ATTACHED IN SUCH WAYS AND IN SUCH PARTS OF BUXTON, THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES FROM TIME TO TIME MAY THINK FIT;B 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 SUCH PARTS OF BUXTON, THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES FROM TIME TO TIME MAY THINK FIT;C TO PROVIDE OR ASSIST IN THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE NEEDS OF SUCH FACILITIES BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE, INFIRMITY OR DISABILITY, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR SOCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE.

**Activities:** Buxton Church in the Peak (previous Charity no 1089068) became incorporated in 2008, and was registered as a new Charity (new no 1124548) on 17/6/08. However, until 31/12/08 the charity's affairs and bank accounts operated under the old number; From 01/01/09 the Charity operated under the new number.

## Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, DERBYSHIRE.
- Kenya
- Derbyshire

## Finances

| Period end | Income  | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|---------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2024-12-31 | £18,956 | £26,963     | -      | -         |
| 2023-12-31 | £32,609 | £39,533     | -      | -         |
| 2022-12-31 | £45,424 | £56,464     | -      | -         |
| 2021-12-31 | £69,102 | £56,491     | -      | -         |
| 2020-12-31 | £52,678 | £64,357     | -      | -         |

## Trustees

| Name                     | Role  | Appointed  |
|--------------------------|-------|------------|
| <b>Dr Peter Williams</b> | Chair | 2025-03-24 |
| Christopher John Cookman |       | 2025-03-24 |
| Ian Harold Cowin         |       | 2025-03-24 |
| Karen Errett             |       | 2025-03-24 |
| Neal John Garratt        |       | 2025-03-24 |
| PAUL HAY                 |       | 2025-03-24 |
| Phillip Hardy            |       | 2025-03-24 |
| Stephen Young            |       | 2025-03-24 |

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# Accounts

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**Annual Report and  
Accounts**

**Charity No. 1124548**

**Company No. 6563119**

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**year ending  
31st December 2023**

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# Buxton Church in the Peak

## Directors' Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

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## 1. Reference and Administrative Details

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| Charity name:                                      | <b>Buxton Church in the Peak</b>   |
| Registered Charity Number:                         | <b>1124548</b>   |
| Company Limited by Guarantee<br>Registered Number: | <b>6563119</b>   |
| Charity's Registered Office:                       | <b>The Source</b><br><b>7, Terrace Road, Buxton, Derbyshire, SK17 6DR</b><br>Tel: 01298 71975 (church office)<br>Email: <a href="mailto:buxtoncitp7@gmail.com">buxtoncitp7@gmail.com</a> |
| Directors (Trustees):                              | Mr Jon Parsons<br>Mrs Jo Parsons<br>Mr Charles Oakley<br>Mr Simon Graham<br>Mr Julian Hayes<br>Mr Matt Baker<br>Dr Helen Bradbrook   |
| Company Secretary:                                 | Mr Charles Oakley<br>116, Macclesfield Road, Buxton, SK17 9AD<br>Tel: 01298 23935<br>Email: <a href="mailto:chas_oakley@yahoo.co.uk">chas_oakley@yahoo.co.uk</a>                         |
| Finance Director:                                  | Mr Jon Parsons (acting)  |
| Bankers:   | The Co-Operative Bank  |

## 2. Structure, Governance and Management

### Introduction

The Directors of Buxton Church in the Peak are pleased to present their Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023.

The Directors confirm that the annual report and financial statements of the charitable company comply with current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charity's governing document, the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in March 2005 and the requirement to report on "Public Benefit."

### Governing Document and Constitution

Buxton Church in the Peak became a registered charitable trust on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2001 governed by a Declaration of Trust and became a Company Limited by Guarantee from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2009. The church is now governed by a Memorandum of Articles and Association with a board of Directors and a church leadership team.

Throughout 2023 Mr Jon Parsons continued to serve as Trustees & Directors. Mrs Jo Parsons, Mr Charles Oakley, Mr Simon Graham and Mr Julian Hayes served as Trustees and Directors until 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023. Mr Matt Baker and Dr Helen Bradbrook were appointed as Trustees and Directors on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023. Mr Jon Parsons was Chair of the board throughout 2023. Mr Charles Oakley continued to serve in the post of Company Secretary until 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023. Mr Jon Parsons served as acting Finance Director throughout 2022.

### Management

When the church was first established, a leadership model typical of churches in the 'New Frontiers' group (to which Buxton Church in the Peak is affiliated) was adopted, with Elders overseeing the church. The Lead Elder of the church had principal responsibility for determining the spiritual vision and strategic direction of the church and was responsible for the management and pastoral oversight of the church and its ministries. This model of leadership was followed until the end of 2017.

Jon & Jo Parsons were appointed as joint leaders of the church at the start of 2018, supported by a leadership team which was expanded to 6 people plus Jon & Jo themselves at the start of 2020; no elders were appointed during 2023 and the leadership team has continued to discuss the most appropriate future governance model for the church in the light of biblical concepts and other church organisations.

In July 2023 Jo Parsons stepped down from her role as Trustee and Director having previously stepped down as a leader of the church.

Jon Parsons was responsible for the strategic direction of the church during 2023 along with overall management and pastoral oversight of the church and its ministries. The leadership team met regularly to ensure the effective management of church affairs and pastoral responsibilities.

### **Selection and Recruitment of Directors**

The "Articles of Association" states that "a new Trustee may be appointed by a resolution of the Trustees passed by a majority of the Trustees". A candidate's suitability for trusteeship is considered on the basis of their character, spiritual maturity and experience, both within the church and within their wider activities. The role of a church Director is explained to the candidate and their willingness and ability to serve the church by handling its financial and legal affairs is discussed with the leadership team and the existing Directors.

All Trustees are Directors and vice versa.

### **Induction and training of Directors**

Induction of new Directors is achieved through discussions and meetings with the existing Directors and by making relevant internal documents and Charity Commission publications available to familiarise new Directors with current organisational issues and relevant charity legislation.

All Directors are encouraged to check updates on the Charity Commission website and attend training seminars on an on-going basis where these are relevant to their work.

### **Risk management**

The Directors meet on a regular basis to consider the financial, legal and organisational business of the church and are responsible for managing all risks relating to church activities and The Source premises (see Section 4.1). On-going activities of the church which may present a risk are regularly reviewed and measures are put in place to manage the risk: staff training, internal policies, public liability insurance, employer's liability insurance, indemnity policies, etc.

The church has a Child Protection Policy with written guidelines for those working with under 18's. DBS checks and child protection training sessions are arranged for those working with under 18's. The church also has a Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Policy, accompanied by practice guidelines.

There have been no "Serious Incidents" to report in 2023.

### 3. Objectives and Activities

#### Charitable Objects and Aims

The “Memorandum of Association” states the Objects of the Charitable Company as:

- (a) “to advance the Christian faith”
- (b) “to relieve sickness and financial hardship”
- (c) “to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare”

As a Christian charity we aim to clearly proclaim the gospel message in a relevant and lively way and show the love of Jesus by bringing love, hope, peace and encouragement to people, especially where there has been despair, grief, loneliness, poverty and other negative life experiences.

#### Vision and Strategy

We aim to be a church that sees lives changed, by Jesus, one at a time by being:

- a community where people from all backgrounds can come, just as we are, and feel welcome to **belong**
- somewhere that we can discover and experience God’s love, forgiveness and kindness towards us, through Jesus, that we may **believe** and trust in Him
- a place where we can put our faith and trust in Jesus, where He can transform us by his love, through the Holy Spirit, that we may **become...** the people that God always intended us to be

We want to serve our town and beyond by working alongside other churches, charities and organisations, that we might provide caring support for those in need in Buxton, the surrounding area and beyond.

## **BUXTON** church in the peak

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## 4. Achievements, Performance and Public Benefit

The Directors confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission. At Buxton Church in the Peak, we believe that we provide a range of significant public benefits through our activities:

- *providing several contexts throughout the week, where Christians can worship*
- *enabling local Christians to put their faith into action through a variety of social projects both locally and overseas*
- *providing financial support to organisations helping local people in difficult circumstances such as Choices Counselling and the Buxton Food Bank*
- *resourcing charitable works overseas which aim to improve public health and develop sustainable communities*
- *providing humanitarian aid to overseas charities and disaster appeals*

As a charity the impact we want to make is difficult to measure in qualitative or quantitative terms but can be observed over time by seeing individual lives improved and circumstances transformed. Regular attendance and growth in numbers is a helpful indicator that an activity is working well, but would not be our sole measure of effectiveness as our objectives relate mainly to having a beneficial effect on people's lives, which often involves small changes over time.

The amount of charitable giving and the willingness of church members to give their time, skills and money to help others can also be seen as a measure of success, for without their commitment and faithful service, we could accomplish very little.

Throughout 2023 Buxton Church in the Peak was meeting in 2 congregations, both at the Source; on Sunday mornings and midweek in the evening. In total the church was regularly gathering about 40-50 adults and children across both of its meetings.

Each congregation provided a different context and environment for people to meet and worship God. Sunday morning is a more conventional modern church meeting with lively worship and a sermon and the mid-week meeting in the Source is led by Mr Jon Parsons based around a committed and diverse group of people meeting each week to share a meal together before having a time of worship and bible study.

In addition to the 2 church meetings, a number of Life Groups regularly met throughout the year to share together, pray and study the Bible. Occasional midweek evening meetings also take place at the Source to draw the whole membership together and to discuss church activities, finance, vision and strategy.

#### 4.1 The Source

The Source building is wholly owned by Buxton Church in the Peak. It is equipped to operate as a café from the ground floor and has offices used for church administration. It also has a small counselling room, a larger training room, lift access and toilet facilities for the disabled. During 2023 a significant refit of the main downstairs room was undertaken, with the café services being removed and a more traditional kitchen being installed, which is more in line for use as per the needs of the church.

During 2023 the building was used exclusively for the purposes of the church meeting together and no rooms were hired out.

In 2023 the church once again supported an initiative to provide both ingredients and fully packaged hampers at Christmas to local families and individuals who were known to be in difficult financial circumstances, or who were going to be alone on Christmas day. This was all undertaken in collaboration with the Residents of Fairfield Association who support people living under challenging conditions.

For the first half of 2023 we continued to advertise the building for sale for an asking price of £500,000. Despite continued interest the building remained unsold and the leadership were considering the continued advertising of the building and discussed a potential reduction in price. In June 2023 the leadership felt directed to take the building off sale and re-invest into its maintenance and refit, more closely aligning its facilities with the main purpose of the church.

#### 4.2 Buxton Partnerships

We have been privileged to support and work in partnership with several other local groups with which we have much in common:

- As part of our efforts to offer pastoral care to the community of Buxton we have actively supported a **Churches Together in Buxton (CTiB)** initiative to form a **Town Chaplaincy**: a group of volunteers drawn from the churches of Buxton who make weekly visits to willing businesses in the town to offer practical care and prayer support.

#### 4.3 National and International Partnerships

Buxton Church in the Peak is a member of the Catalyst network, part of the New Frontiers family of churches. As such, throughout 2023 we were involved with a range of activities in conjunction with 'Catalyst' and benefitted from events and support provided by them.

In 2023 we continued our support for the Turning Point Trust (TPT). TPT is a Christian charity working in the Nairobi slums. Their mission is to demonstrate God's heart for the poor through programmes that relieve poverty, restore hope and transform lives amongst vulnerable children and their families. We see this partnership as very significant in the future of Buxton Church in the Peak.



## 5. Financial Review

### Financial Position

Our income for 2023 was £32,609 (£45,424 in 2022) and our expenditure was £39,533 (£56,464 in 2022); of this expenditure Church staff costs were £13,631\* (£36,619\* in 2022).

During the year we gave £4,447 to support the work of other churches and charities in Buxton, the UK and in Africa.

At the end of 2023 the Church's assets, including the Source building and its contents, totalled £477,029 (£488,069 at end 2022).

Throughout 2023 we continued to see regular numbers of church members decline and this contributed to our worsening financial position continue from 2022 through 2023, with regular giving falling

Expenditure through the year remained roughly in line with that of 2022 leading to an overall decrease of our cash in bank of £11,040.

*\* this figure includes National Insurance and PAYE tax*

### Remuneration of Trustees

The governing document for Buxton Church in the Peak allows for the remuneration of trustees where those in receipt are either church leaders, or providing specialist skills.

The following Trustees were remunerated for the stated amounts during 2023 for services to the church, *excluding* their Trustee activities for which they were *not* remunerated:

|                                   |         |
|-----------------------------------|---------|
| Jon Parsons (church leader):      | £ 5,229 |
| Jo Parsons (church leader):       | £ 1,792 |
| Julian Hayes (specialist skills): | £ 3,557 |

### Reserves Policy

The Directors have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the charity's needs, based on the charity's size and the level of financial commitments held. Our current policy, and practice, is to maintain the reserve at £9,000.

## 6. Plans for the future

For 2024 our plans include the following:

**Church vision:** to develop a vision for the future of the church that will engage and enthuse church members and guide strategy and decision making over the coming years.

**Church unity:** to continue to look for opportunities to work more closely with other local churches and regional churches (including Church in the Peak Matlock and Chesterfield).

To seek ways to build church 'community' amongst the membership and provide pastoral support where there are needs amongst our membership.

**Local support:** to continue to look for ways to support local charitable works with a Christian ethos.

**Leadership:** to involve more church members in the running of the church by serving in various capacities and taking responsibility for ministries.

**Overseas links:** to explore the possibility of developing closer links with the Turning Point Trust, working with the poor in Kenya.

**Longer Term Plans:** to pray for, and follow leads, for a new church building out of which we can run a range of ministries and also meet on Sundays.

**Finance:** to sell the source building and bring ongoing costs in line with forecast income.

## 7. Acknowledgements

The Church relies on the generous hearts of individuals and God's provision to fund its activities. So much of the work done by the church is done voluntarily by an incredibly committed church membership. The Directors are very grateful to all those who have contributed with finance, prayer, gifting and time throughout the year to enable us to have achieved so much.

**BUXTON CHURCH IN THE PEAK**  
**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2023**

|  | Notes | Unrestricted<br>Funds<br>2023<br>£ | Restricted<br>Funds<br>2023<br>£ | Total<br>Funds<br>2023<br>£ | Total<br>Funds<br>2022<br>£ |
|--|-------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Incoming resources</b>                |       |                                    |                                  |                             |                             |
| <b>Voluntary income:</b>                 |       |                                    |                                  |                             |                             |
| Donations and legacies                   | 1     | 20,036                             | 6,939                            | 26,975                      | 35,856                      |
| Tax Reclaimed                            |       | 5,484                              | -                                | 5,484                       | 9,549                       |
| <b>Investment income:</b>                |       |                                    |                                  |                             |                             |
| Bank Interest                            | 2     | -                                  | 150                              | 150                         | 19                          |
| <b>Total incoming resources</b>          |       | <u>25,520</u>                      | <u>7,089</u>                     | <u>32,609</u>               | <u>45,424</u>               |
| <b>Expenditure on:</b>                   |       |                                    |                                  |                             |                             |
| Church running costs                     | 3     | 17,709                             | -                                | 17,709                      | 40,715                      |
| The Source building running costs        | 4     | 12,573                             | 4,216                            | 16,789                      | 6,045                       |
| Charitable activities                    | 5     | 3,997                              | 450                              | 4,447                       | 8,688                       |
| Support costs                            | 6     | 588                                | -                                | 588                         | 1,016                       |
| <b>Total resources expended</b>          |       | <u>34,868</u>                      | <u>4,666</u>                     | <u>39,533</u>               | <u>56,464</u>               |
| <b>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources</b> |       |                                    |                                  |                             |                             |
| <b>For year</b>                          |       | <b>(9,348)</b>                     | <b>2,423</b>                     | <b>(6,924)</b>              | <b>12,611</b>               |
| <b>Total funds brought forward</b>       |       | 22,195                             | 454,834                          | 477,029                     | 488,069                     |
| <b>Total funds carried forward</b>       |       | <u><b>12,848</b></u>               | <u><b>457,258</b></u>            | <u><b>470,105</b></u>       | <u><b>477,029</b></u>       |

**BUXTON CHURCH IN THE PEAK**  
**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2023**

|  | Notes | 31.12.23      |                       | 31.12.22      |                       |
|--|-------|---------------|-----------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
|  |       | £             | £                     | £             | £                     |
| <b>NON CURRENT ASSETS</b>                    |       |               |                       |               |                       |
| Tangible assets                              | 8     |               | 450,000               |               | 450,000               |
| <b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>                        |       |               |                       |               |                       |
| Debtors                                      | 9     | 1,190         |                       | 1,188         |                       |
| Cash at bank and in hand                     | 10    | 18,915        |                       | 26,139        |                       |
|  |       | <u>20,105</u> |                       | <u>27,327</u> |                       |
| <b>CREDITORS</b>                             |       |               |                       |               |                       |
| Amounts falling due within one year          | 11    | 0             |                       | 297           |                       |
| <b>Net Current Assets</b>                    |       |               | 20,105                |               | 27,029                |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b> |       |               | <u><u>470,105</u></u> |               | <u><u>477,029</u></u> |
| <b>INCOME FUNDS</b>                          |       |               |                       |               |                       |
| Restricted funds                             | 12    |               | 453,450               |               | 451,177               |
| Unrestricted funds                           |       |               | 16,655                |               | 25,852                |
|  |       |               | <u><u>470,105</u></u> |               | <u><u>477,029</u></u> |

These financial statements were approved by the trustees on behalf by:

and signed on their

**BUXTON CHURCH IN THE PEAK**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2023**

**1. DONATIONS AND GRANTS**

|                          | Unrestricted<br>2023<br>£ | Restricted<br>2023<br>£ | Total<br>2023<br>£ | Total<br>2022<br>£ |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Offerings not gift aided | 5,040                     | -                       | 5,040              | 4,355              |
| Offerings gift aided     | 21,935                    | -                       | 21,935             | 28,696             |
| Designated gifts         | (6,939)                   | 6,939                   | -                  | 2,805              |
| Gift Aid claimed         | 5,484                     | -                       | 5,484              | 9,549              |
|                          | <b>25,520</b>             | <b>6,939</b>            | <b>32,459</b>      | <b>45,405</b>      |

**2. INVESTMENTS**

|          | Total<br>2023<br>£ | Total<br>2022<br>£ |
|----------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Interest | 150                | 19                 |
|          | <b>150</b>         | <b>19</b>          |

**3. CHURCH RUNNING COSTS**

|                            | Unrestricted<br>2023<br>£ | Restricted<br>2023<br>£ | Total<br>2023<br>£ | Total<br>2022<br>£ |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Salaries                   | 13,631                    | -                       | 13,631             | 36,619             |
| Payroll fees               | 459                       | -                       | 459                | 335                |
| Venue rents                | -                         | -                       | -                  | 330                |
| Office & administration    | 171                       | -                       | 171                | 69                 |
| Children & youth           | 386                       | -                       | 386                | 407                |
| Sunday meetings & Pastoral | 478                       | -                       | 478                | 1,089              |
| Training & conferences     | 1,179                     | -                       | 1,179              | 483                |
| Computer equipment         | -                         | -                       | -                  | 26                 |
| Window cleaning            | 1,404                     | -                       | 1,404              | 1,357              |
|                            | <b>17,709</b>             | <b>-</b>                | <b>17,709</b>      | <b>40,715</b>      |

**4. THE SOURCE BUILDING COSTS**

|                      | Unrestricted<br>2023<br>£ | Restricted<br>2023<br>£ | Total<br>2023<br>£ | Total<br>2022<br>£ |
|----------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Repairs              | 6,326                     | 4,216                   | 10,542             | 766                |
| Water & rates        | 961                       | -                       | 961                | 1,268              |
| Telephone & internet | 494                       | -                       | 494                | 403                |
| Gas & electricity    | 3,487                     | -                       | 3,487              | 1,913              |
| Insurance            | 1,305                     | -                       | 1,305              | 1,084              |
|                      | <b>12,573</b>             | <b>4,216</b>            | <b>16,789</b>      | <b>6,045</b>       |

**BUXTON CHURCH IN THE PEAK**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2023**

**5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

|                             | Unrestricted<br>2023 | Restricted<br>2023 | Total<br>2023 | Total<br>2022 |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------|
|                             |                      |                    | £             | £             |
| Colin Baron                 | -                    | -                  | -             | 1,475         |
| Thomas Theyer               | 170                  | -                  | 170           | -             |
| Turning Point Trust         | 3,077                | -                  | 3,077         | 3,000         |
| Choices & Little Blessings  | 750                  | -                  | 750           | 4,210         |
| Other gifts                 | -                    | -                  | -             | 3             |
| Christmas for the Community | -                    | 450                | 450           | -             |
|                             | <b>3,997</b>         | <b>450</b>         | <b>4,447</b>  | <b>8,688</b>  |

**6. SUPPORT COSTS**

|             | Unrestricted<br>2023 | Restricted<br>2023 | Total<br>2023 | Total<br>2022 |
|-------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------|
|             |                      |                    | £             | £             |
| Accountancy | 588                  | -                  | 588           | 588           |
| Advertising | -                    | -                  | -             | 428           |
|             | <b>588</b>           | <b>-</b>           | <b>588</b>    | <b>1,016</b>  |

**7. TRUSTEES**

The following Trustees were remunerated for the stated amounts during 2022:

|                                   |               |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| Jon Parsons (church leader):      | 5,229         |
| Jo Parsons (church leader):       | 1,792         |
| Julian Hayes (specialist skills): | 3,557         |
|                                   | <b>10,578</b> |

**8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

|                                    | Land & Buildings<br>£ |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Cost</b>                        |                       |
| At 31 December 2022                | 450,000               |
| At 31 December 2023                | <u>450,000</u>        |
| <b>Depreciation and impairment</b> |                       |
| At 31 December 2022                |                       |
| Depreciation charged in the year   |                       |
| At 31 December 2023                | <u>-</u>              |
| <b>Carrying amount</b>             |                       |
| At 31 December 2023                | <u><u>450,000</u></u> |

**BUXTON CHURCH IN THE PEAK**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2023**

**9. DEBTORS**

|   | <b>2023</b>  | <b>2022</b>  |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b> | <b>£</b>     | <b>£</b>     |
| Outstanding Gift aid                        | 1,190        | 1,188        |
|   | <u>1,190</u> | <u>1,188</u> |

**10. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND**

|   | <b>2023</b>   | <b>2022</b>   |
|---|---------------|---------------|
|   | <b>£</b>      | <b>£</b>      |
| #1 Current Account (Unrestricted Funds) | 5,597         | 12,042        |
| #2 Current Account (Restricted Funds)   | 3,450         | 1,177         |
| BCITP Reserve account                   | 9,868         | 12,920        |
| Cash in hand                            | -             | -             |
|   | <u>18,915</u> | <u>26,139</u> |

**11. CREDITORS**

|   | <b>2023</b> | <b>2022</b> |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| <b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b> | <b>£</b>    | <b>£</b>    |
| Accruals and deferred income                | 0           | 297         |
|   | <u>0</u>    | <u>297</u>  |

**12. INCOME FUNDS**

|   | <b>2023</b>    | <b>2022</b>    |
|---|----------------|----------------|
|   | <b>£</b>       | <b>£</b>       |
| <b>Restricted funds</b>                 |                |                |
| #2 Current Account (Restricted Funds)   | 3,450          | 1,177          |
| Tangible assets                         | 450,000        | 450,000        |
|   | <u>453,450</u> | <u>451,177</u> |
| <b>Unrestricted funds</b>               |                |                |
| #1 Current Account (Unrestricted Funds) | 5,597          | 12,042         |
| BCITP Reserve account                   | 9,868          | 12,920         |
| Cash in hand                            | -              | -              |
| Creditor                                | -              | (297)          |
| Debtors                                 | 1,190          | 1,188          |
|   | <u>16,655</u>  | <u>25,852</u>  |

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Buxton Church in the Peak

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 December 2023.

### Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an Independent Examination is needed. The charity's gross income has not exceeded £250,000. I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of ICAEW.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

### Independent examiner's statement

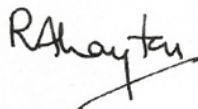
In connection with my examination, no matter have come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
  - To keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006
  - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

Have not been met; or

2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: Robert Layton



Relevant Professional qualification or body: ICAEW

Address: 6 Manchester Road, Buxton, Derbyshire, SK17 9SB

Date: 15 November 2024

**Layton's** CHARTERED  
ACCOUNTANTS  
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# Accounts

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**Annual Report  
and Accounts**

**Charity No. 1124548**

**Company No. 6563119**

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**year ending  
31st December 2022**

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# Buxton Church in the Peak

## Directors' Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022

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## 1. Reference and Administrative Details

Charity name: **Buxton Church in the Peak**

Registered Charity Number: **1124548**

Company Limited by Guarantee  
Registered Number: **6563119**

Charity's Registered Office: **The Source**  
**7, Terrace Road, Buxton, Derbyshire, SK17 6DR**  
Tel: 01298 71975 (church office)  
Email: [buxtonc1p7@gmail.com](mailto:buxtonc1p7@gmail.com)

Directors (Trustees):  
Mr Jon Parsons *(Church co-leader)*  
Mrs Jo Parsons *(Church co-leader)*  
Dr Susan Read  
Mrs Debbie Lockyer  
Mr Charles Oakley  
Mr Simon Graham  
Mr Clive Gerrard  
Mr Julian Hayes

Company Secretary: Mr Charles Oakley  
116, Macclesfield Road, Buxton, SK17 9AD  
Tel: 01298 23935  
Email: [chas\\_oakley@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:chas_oakley@yahoo.co.uk)

Finance Director: Mr Jon Parsons (acting)

Bankers: The Co-Operative Bank

## 2. Structure, Governance and Management

### Introduction

The Directors of Buxton Church in the Peak are pleased to present their Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022.

The Directors confirm that the annual report and financial statements of the charitable company comply with current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charity's governing document, the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in March 2005 and the requirement to report on "Public Benefit."

### Governing Document and Constitution

Buxton Church in the Peak became a registered charitable trust on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2001 governed by a Declaration of Trust and became a Company Limited by Guarantee from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2009. The church is now governed by a Memorandum of Articles and Association with a board of Directors and a church leadership team.

Throughout 2022 Mr Jon Parsons, Mrs Jo Parsons, Mr Charles Oakley, Mr Simon Graham and Mr Julian Hayes continued to serve as Trustees & Directors. Dr Susan Read, Mrs Debbie Lockyer and Mr Clive Gerrard served as Trustees and Directors until 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022. Mr Jon Parsons was Chair of the board throughout 2022 and Mr Charles Oakley continued to serve in the post of Company Secretary throughout the year. Mr Jon Parsons served as acting Finance Director throughout 2022.

### Management

When the church was first established, a leadership model typical of churches in the 'New Frontiers' group (to which Buxton Church in the Peak is affiliated) was adopted, with Elders overseeing the church. The Lead Elder of the church had principal responsibility for determining the spiritual vision and strategic direction of the church and was responsible for the management and pastoral oversight of the church and its ministries. This model of leadership was followed until the end of 2017.

Jon & Jo Parsons were appointed as joint leaders of the church at the start of 2018, supported by a leadership team which was expanded to 6 people plus Jon & Jo themselves at the start of 2020; no elders were appointed during 2022 and the leadership team has continued to discuss the most appropriate future governance model for the church in the light of biblical concepts and other church organisations.

Jon & Jo Parsons were responsible for the strategic direction of the church during 2022 along with overall management and pastoral oversight of the church and its ministries. The leadership team met regularly to ensure the effective management of church affairs and pastoral responsibilities.

## **Selection and Recruitment of Directors**

The "Articles of Association" states that "a new Trustee may be appointed by a resolution of the Trustees passed by a majority of the Trustees". A candidate's suitability for trusteeship is considered on the basis of their character, spiritual maturity and experience, both within the church and within their wider activities. The role of a church Director is explained to the candidate and their willingness and ability to serve the church by handling its financial and legal affairs is discussed with the leadership team and the existing Directors.

All Trustees are Directors and vice versa.

## **Induction and training of Directors**

Induction of new Directors is achieved through discussions and meetings with the existing Directors and by making relevant internal documents and Charity Commission publications available to familiarise new Directors with current organisational issues and relevant charity legislation.

All Directors are encouraged to check updates on the Charity Commission website and attend training seminars on an on-going basis where these are relevant to their work.

## **Risk management**

The Directors meet on a regular basis to consider the financial, legal and organisational business of the church and are responsible for managing all risks relating to church activities and The Source premises (see Section 4.1). On-going activities of the church which may present a risk are regularly reviewed and measures are put in place to manage the risk: staff training, internal policies, public liability insurance, employer's liability insurance, indemnity policies, etc.

The church has a Child Protection Policy with written guidelines for those working with under 18's. DBS checks and child protection training sessions are arranged for those working with under 18's. The church also has a Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Policy, accompanied by practice guidelines.

There have been no "Serious Incidents" to report in 2022.

### 3. Objectives and Activities

#### Charitable Objects and Aims

The “Memorandum of Association” states the Objects of the Charitable Company as:

- (a) “to advance the Christian faith”
- (b) “to relieve sickness and financial hardship”
- (c) “to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare”

As a Christian charity we aim to clearly proclaim the gospel message in a relevant and lively way and show the love of Jesus by bringing love, hope, peace and encouragement to people, especially where there has been despair, grief, loneliness, poverty and other negative life experiences.

#### Vision and Strategy

We aim to be a church that sees lives changed, by Jesus, one at a time by being:

- a community where people from all backgrounds can come, just as we are, and feel welcome to **belong**
- somewhere that we can discover and experience God’s love, forgiveness and kindness towards us, through Jesus, that we may **believe** and trust in Him
- a place where we can put our faith and trust in Jesus, where He can transform us by his love, through the Holy Spirit, that we may **become...** the people that God always intended us to be

We want to serve our town and beyond by working alongside other churches, charities and organisations, that we might provide caring support for those in need in Buxton, the surrounding area and beyond.

#### **BUXTON** church in the peak

a community where people can **belong, believe and become...**

## 4. Achievements, Performance and Public Benefit

The Directors confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission. At Buxton Church in the Peak, we believe that we provide a range of significant public benefits through our activities:

- *providing several contexts throughout the week, where Christians can worship*
- *enabling local Christians to put their faith into action through a variety of social projects both locally and overseas*
- *providing financial support to organisations helping local people in difficult circumstances such as Choices Counselling and the Buxton Food Bank*
- *resourcing charitable works overseas which aim to improve public health and develop sustainable communities*
- *providing humanitarian aid to overseas charities and disaster appeals*

As a charity the impact we want to make is difficult to measure in qualitative or quantitative terms but can be observed over time by seeing individual lives improved and circumstances transformed. Regular attendance and growth in numbers is a helpful indicator that an activity is working well, but would not be our sole measure of effectiveness as our objectives relate mainly to having a beneficial effect on people's lives, which often involves small changes over time.

The amount of charitable giving and the willingness of church members to give their time, skills and money to help others can also be seen as a measure of success, for without their commitment and faithful service, we could accomplish very little.

Throughout 2022 Buxton Church in the Peak was meeting in 2 congregations, both at the Source; on Sunday mornings and midweek in the evening. In total the church was regularly gathering about 40-50 adults and children across both of its meetings.

Each congregation provided a different context and environment for people to meet and worship God. Sunday morning is a more conventional modern church meeting with lively worship and a sermon and the mid-week meeting in the Source is led by Mr Jon Parsons based around a committed and diverse group of people meeting each week to share a meal together before having a time of worship and bible study.

In addition to the 2 church meetings, a number of Life Groups regularly met throughout the year to share together, pray and study the Bible. Occasional midweek evening meetings also take place at the Source to draw the whole membership together and to discuss church activities, finance, vision and strategy.

### 4.1 The Source

The Source building is wholly owned by Buxton Church in the Peak. It is equipped to operate as a café from the ground floor and has offices used for church administration. It

also has a small counselling room, a larger training room, lift access and toilet facilities for the disabled.

During 2022 the building was used exclusively for the purposes of the church meeting together and no rooms were hired out.

In 2022 the church once again supported an initiative to provide both ingredients and fully packaged hampers at Christmas to local families and individuals who were known to be in difficult financial circumstances, or who were going to be alone on Christmas day. This was all undertaken in collaboration with the Residents of Fairfield Association who support people living under challenging conditions.

Throughout 2022 we continued to advertise the building for sale for an asking price of £500,000. Despite continued interest the building remains unsold and the leadership are considering the continued advertising of the building and have discussed a potential reduction in price, though at the end of 2022 no decision has been made on this. The leadership team continue to review the situation in the light of the church's vision and strategy, the ongoing use of the building and the church's financial situation.

#### 4.2 Buxton Partnerships

We have been privileged to support and work in partnership with several other local groups with which we have much in common:

- As part of our efforts to offer pastoral care to the community of Buxton we have actively supported a **Churches Together in Buxton (CTiB)** initiative to form a **Town Chaplaincy**: a group of volunteers drawn from the churches of Buxton who make weekly visits to willing businesses in the town to offer practical care and prayer support.
- We continued to support **Choices Counselling** financially.

#### 4.3 National and International Partnerships

Buxton Church in the Peak is a member of the Catalyst network, part of the New Frontiers family of churches. As such, throughout 2022 we were involved with a range of activities in conjunction with 'Catalyst' and benefitted from events and support provided by them.

In 2022 we continued our support for the Turning Point Trust (TPT). TPT is a Christian charity working in the Nairobi slums. Their mission is to demonstrate God's heart for the poor through programmes that relieve poverty, restore hope and transform lives amongst vulnerable children and their families. We see this partnership as very significant in the future of Buxton Church in the Peak.

## 5. Financial Review

### Financial Position

Our income for 2022 was £45,424 (£69,102 in 2021) and our expenditure was £56,464 (£56,491 in 2021); of this expenditure Church staff costs were £36,619\* (£34,665\* in 2021).

During the year we gave £8,688 to support the work of other churches and charities in Buxton, the UK and in Africa.

At the end of 2022 the Church's assets, including the Source building and its contents, totalled £477,029 (£488,069 at end 2021).

Throughout 2022 we continued to see regular numbers of church members decline and this contributed to our worsening financial position continue from 2021 through 2022, with regular giving falling. Additionally there were no government grants in 2022 leading to an overall decrease in income of £23,678.

Expenditure through the year remained roughly in line with that of 2021 leading to an overall decrease of our cash in bank of £12,114.

*\* this figure includes National Insurance and PAYE tax*

### Remuneration of Trustees

The governing document for Buxton Church in the Peak allows for the remuneration of trustees where those in receipt are either church leaders, or providing specialist skills.

The following Trustees were remunerated for the stated amounts during 2022 for services to the church, *excluding* their Trustee activities for which they were *not* remunerated:

|                                   |          |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| Jon Parsons (church leader):      | £ 5,479  |
| Jo Parsons (church leader):       | £ 17,758 |
| Julian Hayes (specialist skills): | £ 3,391  |

### Reserves Policy

The Directors have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the charity's needs, based on the charity's size and the level of financial commitments held. Our current policy, and practice, is to maintain the reserve at £9,000.

## 6. Plans for the future

For 2023 our plans include the following:

**Church vision:** to develop a vision for the future of the church that will engage and enthuse church members and guide strategy and decision making over the coming years.

**Church unity:** to continue to look for opportunities to work more closely with other local churches and regional churches (including Church in the Peak Matlock and Chesterfield).

To seek ways to build church 'community' amongst the membership and provide pastoral support where there are needs amongst our membership.

**Local support:** to continue to look for ways to support local charitable works with a Christian ethos.

**Leadership:** to involve more church members in the running of the church by serving in various capacities and taking responsibility for ministries.

**Overseas links:** to explore the possibility of developing closer links with the Turning Point Trust, working with the poor in Kenya.

**Longer Term Plans:** to pray for, and follow leads, for a new church building out of which we can run a range of ministries and also meet on Sundays.

**Finance:** to sell the source building and bring ongoing costs in line with forecast income.

## 7. Acknowledgements

The Church relies on the generous hearts of individuals and God's provision to fund its activities. So much of the work done by the church is done voluntarily by an incredibly committed church membership. The Directors are very grateful to all those who have contributed with finance, prayer, gifting and time throughout the year to enable us to have achieved so much.

**BUXTON CHURCH IN THE PEAK**  
**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2022**

|  | Notes | Unrestricted<br>Funds<br>2022<br>£ | Restricted<br>Funds<br>2022<br>£ | Total<br>Funds<br>2022<br>£ | Total<br>Funds<br>2021<br>£ |
|--|-------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Incoming resources</b>                |       |                                    |                                  |                             |                             |
| <b>Voluntary income:</b>                 |       |                                    |                                  |                             |                             |
| Donations and legacies                   | 1     | 33,051                             | 2,805                            | 35,856                      | 36,052                      |
| Tax Reclaimed                            |       | 9,549                              | -                                | 9,549                       | 8,087                       |
| <b>Investment income:</b>                |       |                                    |                                  |                             |                             |
| Bank Interest                            | 3     | -                                  | 19                               | 19                          | 3                           |
| <b>Total incoming resources</b>          |       | 42,600                             | 2,824                            | 45,424                      | 69,102                      |
| <b>Expenditure on:</b>                   |       |                                    |                                  |                             |                             |
| Church running costs                     | 5     | 40,715                             | -                                | 40,715                      | 38,267                      |
| The Source building running costs        | 6     | 6,045                              | -                                | 6,045                       | 7,032                       |
| Charitable activities                    | 7     | 8,685                              | 3                                | 8,688                       | 10,589                      |
| Support costs                            | 8     | 1,016                              | -                                | 1,016                       | 602                         |
| <b>Total resources expended</b>          |       | 56,461                             | 3                                | 56,464                      | 56,491                      |
| <b>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources</b> |       |                                    |                                  |                             |                             |
| <b>For year</b>                          |       | <b>(13,861)</b>                    | <b>2,821</b>                     | <b>(11,040)</b>             | <b>12,611</b>               |
| <b>Total funds brought forward</b>       |       | 36,056                             | 452,013                          | 488,069                     | 475,458                     |
| <b>Total funds carried forward</b>       |       | <b>22,195</b>                      | <b>454,834</b>                   | <b>477,029</b>              | <b>488,069</b>              |

**BUXTON CHURCH IN THE PEAK**  
**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2022**

|  | Notes | 31.12.22 |                | 31.12.21       |         |
|--|-------|----------|----------------|----------------|---------|
|  |       | £        | £              | £              | £       |
| <b>NON CURRENT ASSETS</b>                    |       |          |                |                |         |
| Tangible assets                              | 10    |          | 450,000        |                | 450,000 |
| <b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>                        |       |          |                |                |         |
| Debtors                                      | 11    | 1,188    |                | 1,598          |         |
| Cash at bank and in hand                     | 12    | 26,139   |                | 38,253         |         |
|  |       | 27,327   |                | 39,851         |         |
| <b>CREDITORS</b>                             |       |          |                |                |         |
| Amounts falling due within one year          | 13    | 297      |                | 1,782          |         |
| <b>Net Current Assets</b>                    |       |          | 27,029         | 1,782          | 38,069  |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b> |       |          | <b>477,029</b> | <b>488,069</b> |         |
| <b>INCOME FUNDS</b>                          |       |          |                |                |         |
| Restricted funds                             | 14    |          | 451,177        |                | 452,013 |
| Unrestricted funds                           |       |          | 25,852         |                | 36,056  |
|  |       |          | <b>477,029</b> | <b>488,069</b> |         |

These financial statements were approved by the trustees on behalf by:

and signed on their

**BUXTON CHURCH IN THE PEAK**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2022**

**1. DONATIONS AND GRANTS**

|                          | Unrestricted<br>2022<br>£ | Restricted<br>2022<br>£ | Total<br>2022<br>£ | Total<br>2021<br>£ |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Offerings not gift aided | 4,355                     | -                       | 4,355              | 3,118              |
| Offerings gift aided     | 28,696                    | -                       | 28,696             | 32,348             |
| Designated gifts         | -                         | 2,805                   | 2,805              | 586                |
| Gift Aid claimed         | 9,549                     | -                       | 9,549              | 8,087              |
|                          | <b>42,600</b>             | <b>2,805</b>            | <b>45,405</b>      | <b>44,139</b>      |

**2. GRANTS**

|                           | Total<br>2022<br>£ | Total<br>2021<br>£ |
|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| High Peak Borough Council | -                  | 24,500             |
|                           | <b>-</b>           | <b>24,500</b>      |

**3. INVESTMENTS**

|          | Total<br>2022<br>£ | Total<br>2021<br>£ |
|----------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Interest | 19                 | 3                  |
|          | <b>19</b>          | <b>3</b>           |

**4. OTHER ACTIVITIES**

|                      | Total<br>2022<br>£ | Total<br>2021<br>£ |
|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Room hire            | -                  | -                  |
| Sale of source items | -                  | 460                |
|                      | <b>-</b>           | <b>460</b>         |

**5. CHURCH RUNNING COSTS**

|                            | Unrestricted<br>2022<br>£ | Restricted<br>2022<br>£ | Total<br>2022<br>£ | Total<br>2021<br>£ |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Salaries                   | 36,619                    | -                       | 36,619             | 34,665             |
| Payroll fees               | 335                       | -                       | 335                | 500                |
| Venue rents                | 330                       | -                       | 330                | 713                |
| Office & administration    | 69                        | -                       | 69                 | 91                 |
| Children & youth           | 407                       | -                       | 407                | 735                |
| Sunday meetings & Pastoral | 1,089                     | -                       | 1,089              | 332                |
| Training & conferences     | 483                       | -                       | 483                | 845                |
| Computer equipment         | 26                        | -                       | 26                 | 325                |
| Window cleaning            | 1,357                     | -                       | 1,357              | 60                 |
|                            | <b>40,715</b>             | <b>-</b>                | <b>40,715</b>      | <b>38,267</b>      |

**BUXTON CHURCH IN THE PEAK**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2022**

**6. THE SOURCE BUILDING COSTS**

|                      | Unrestricted<br>2022<br>£ | Restricted<br>2022<br>£ | Total<br>2022<br>£ | Total<br>2021<br>£ |
|----------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Repairs              | 766                       | -                       | 766                | 196                |
| Water & rates        | 1,268                     | -                       | 1,268              | 521                |
| Telephone & internet | 403                       | -                       | 403                | 521                |
| Gas & electricity    | 1,913                     | -                       | 1,913              | 3,622              |
| Insurance            | 1,084                     | -                       | 1,084              | 1,753              |
| Costs for sale       | 611                       | -                       | 611                | 420                |
|                      | <b>6,045</b>              | <b>-</b>                | <b>6,045</b>       | <b>7,032</b>       |

**7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

|   | Unrestricted<br>2022<br>£ | Restricted<br>2022<br>£ | Total<br>2022<br>£ | Total<br>2021<br>£ |
|---|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Colin Baron                             | 1,475                     | -                       | 1,475              | 1,800              |
| Turning Point Trust                     | 3,000                     | -                       | 3,000              | 6,750              |
| Choices & Little Blessings              | 4,210                     | -                       | 4,210              | 1,500              |
| Other gifts                             | -                         | 3                       | 3                  | 89                 |
| Community Discretionary Fund (Hardship) | -                         | -                       | -                  | 450                |
|   | <b>8,685</b>              | <b>3</b>                | <b>8,688</b>       | <b>10,589</b>      |

**8. SUPPORT COSTS**

|             | Unrestricted<br>2022<br>£ | Restricted<br>2022<br>£ | Total<br>2022<br>£ | Total<br>2021<br>£ |
|-------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Accountancy | 588                       | -                       | 588                | 582                |
| Advertising | 428                       | -                       | 428                | 20                 |
|             | <b>1,016</b>              | <b>-</b>                | <b>1,016</b>       | <b>602</b>         |

**BUXTON CHURCH IN THE PEAK**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2022**

**9. TRUSTEES**

The following Trustees were remunerated for the stated amounts during 2022:

|                                   |               |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| Jon Parsons (church leader):      | 5,479         |
| Jo Parsons (church leader):       | 17,758        |
| Julian Hayes (specialist skills): | 3,391         |
|                                   | <u>26,628</u> |

**10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

|                                    | Land & Buildings<br>£ |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Cost</b>                        |                       |
| At 31 December 2021                | 450,000               |
| At 31 December 2022                | <u>450,000</u>        |
| <b>Depreciation and impairment</b> |                       |
| At 31 December 2021                |                       |
| Depreciation charged in the year   |                       |
| At 31 December 2022                | <u>-</u>              |
| <b>Carrying amount</b>             |                       |
| At 31 December 2022                | <u>450,000</u>        |

**11. DEBTORS**

|   | 2022<br>£    | 2021<br>£    |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b> |              |              |
| Outstanding Gift aid                        | 1,188        | 1,598        |
|   | <u>1,188</u> | <u>1,598</u> |

**12. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND**

|   | 2022<br>£     | 2021<br>£     |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| #1 Current Account (Unrestricted Funds) | 12,042        | 26,978        |
| #2 Current Account (Restricted Funds)   | 1,177         | 2,013         |
| BCITP Reserve account                   | 12,920        | 9,262         |
| Cash in hand                            | -             | -             |
|   | <u>26,139</u> | <u>38,253</u> |

**BUXTON CHURCH IN THE PEAK**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2022**

**13. CREDITORS**

|   | <b>2022</b> | <b>2021</b>  |
|---|-------------|--------------|
| <b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b> | <b>£</b>    | <b>£</b>     |
| Accruals and deferred income                | 297         | 1,782        |
|   | <u>297</u>  | <u>1,782</u> |

**14. INCOME FUNDS**

|   | <b>2022</b>    | <b>2021</b>    |
|---|----------------|----------------|
|   | <b>£</b>       | <b>£</b>       |
| <b>Restricted funds</b>                 |                |                |
| #2 Current Account (Restricted Funds)   | 1,177          | 2,013          |
| Tangible assets                         | 450,000        | 450,000        |
|   | <u>451,177</u> | <u>452,013</u> |
| <b>Unrestricted funds</b>               |                |                |
| #1 Current Account (Unrestricted Funds) | 12,042         | 26,978         |
| BCITP Reserve account                   | 12,920         | 9,262          |
| Cash in hand                            | -              | -              |
| Creditor                                | (297)          | (1,782)        |
| Debtors                                 | 1,188          | 1,598          |
|   | <u>25,852</u>  | <u>36,056</u>  |

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Buxton Church in the Peak

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 December 2022.

### Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an Independent Examination is needed. The charity's gross income has not exceeded £250,000. I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of ICAEW.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

### Independent examiner's statement


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

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
  - To keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006
  - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

Have not been met; or

2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: Robert Layton



ICAEW

Relevant Professional qualification or body.

Address: 6 Manchester Road, Buxton, Derbyshire, SK17 9SB

Date: 3rd October 2023



**Laytons** CHARTERED  
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**BUXTON CHURCH IN THE PEAK**

England & Wales - Charity number 1124548

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# Accounts

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**Annual Report  
and Accounts**

**Charity No. 1124548**

**Company No. 6563119**

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**year ending  
31st December 2021**

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# Buxton Church in the Peak

## Directors' Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021

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## 1. Reference and Administrative Details

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| Charity name:                                      | <b>Buxton Church in the Peak</b>   |
| Registered Charity Number:                         | <b>1124548</b>   |
| Company Limited by Guarantee<br>Registered Number: | <b>6563119</b>   |
| Charity's Registered Office:                       | <b>The Source</b><br><b>7, Terrace Road, Buxton, Derbyshire, SK17 6DR</b><br>Tel: 01298 71975 (church office)<br>Email: <a href="mailto:buxtoncitp7@gmail.com">buxtoncitp7@gmail.com</a>                   |
| Directors (Trustees):                              | Mr Jon Parsons <i>(Church co-leader)</i><br>Mrs Jo Parsons <i>(Church co-leader)</i><br>Dr Susan Read<br>Mrs Debbie Lockyer<br>Mr Charles Oakley<br>Mr Simon Graham<br>Mr Clive Gerrard<br>Mr Julian Hayes |
| Company Secretary:                                 | Mr Charles Oakley<br>116, Macclesfield Road, Buxton, SK17 9AD<br>Tel: 01298 23935<br>Email: <a href="mailto:chas_oakley@yahoo.co.uk">chas_oakley@yahoo.co.uk</a>   |
| Finance Director:                                  | Mr Jon Parsons (acting)  |
| Bankers:   | The Co-Operative Bank  |

## 2. Structure, Governance and Management

### Introduction

The Directors of Buxton Church in the Peak are pleased to present their Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021.

The Directors confirm that the annual report and financial statements of the charitable company comply with current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charity's governing document, the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in March 2005 and the requirement to report on "Public Benefit."

### Governing Document and Constitution

Buxton Church in the Peak became a registered charitable trust on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2001 governed by a Declaration of Trust and became a Company Limited by Guarantee from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2009. The church is now governed by a Memorandum of Articles and Association with a board of Directors and a church leadership team.

Throughout 2021 Mr Jon Parsons, Mrs Jo Parsons, Mr Charles Oakley, Dr Susan Read, Mr Simon Graham, Mrs Debbie Lockyer, Mr Julian Hayes and Mr Clive Gerrard continued to serve as Trustees & Directors. Mr Jon Parsons was Chair of the board throughout 2021 and Mr Charles Oakley was Company Secretary throughout the year.

### Management

When the church was first established, a leadership model typical of churches in the 'New Frontiers' group (to which Buxton Church in the Peak is affiliated) was adopted, with Elders overseeing the church. The Lead Elder of the church had principal responsibility for determining the spiritual vision and strategic direction of the church and was responsible for the management and pastoral oversight of the church and its ministries. This model of leadership was followed until the end of 2017.

Jon & Jo Parsons were appointed as joint leaders of the church at the start of 2018, supported by a leadership team which was expanded to 6 people plus Jon & Jo themselves at the start of 2020; no elders were appointed during the year and since then the leadership team has continued to discuss the most appropriate future governance model for the church in the light of biblical concepts and other church organisations.

Jon & Jo Parsons were responsible for the strategic direction of the church during 2021 along with overall management and pastoral oversight of the church

and its ministries. The leadership team met regularly to ensure the effective management of church affairs and pastoral responsibilities.

### **Selection and Recruitment of Directors**

The “Articles of Association” state that "a new Trustee may be appointed by a resolution of the Trustees passed by a majority of the Trustees". A candidate's suitability for trusteeship is considered on the basis of their character, spiritual maturity and experience, both within the church and within their wider activities. The role of a church Director is explained to the candidate and their willingness and ability to serve the church by handling its financial and legal affairs is discussed with the leadership team and the existing Directors.

All Trustees are Directors and vice versa.

### **Induction and training of Directors**

Induction of new Directors is achieved through discussions and meetings with the existing Directors and by making relevant internal documents and Charity Commission publications available to familiarise new Directors with current organisational issues and relevant charity legislation.

All Directors are encouraged to check updates on the Charity Commission website and attend training seminars on an on-going basis where these are relevant.

### **Risk management**

The Directors meet on a regular basis to consider the financial, legal and organisational business of the church and are responsible for managing all risks relating to church activities and The Source premises (see Section 4.1). Ongoing activities of the church which may present a risk are regularly reviewed and measures are put in place to manage the risk: staff training, internal policies, public liability insurance, employer's liability insurance, indemnity policies, etc.

The church has a Child Protection Policy with written guidelines for those working with under 18's. DBS checks and child protection training sessions are arranged for those working with under 18's. The church also has a Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Policy, accompanied by practice guidelines.

There have been no “Serious Incidents” to report in 2021.

### 3. Objectives and Activities

#### Charitable Objects and Aims

The “Memorandum of Association” states the Objects of the Charitable Company as:

- (a) “to advance the Christian faith”
- (b) “to relieve sickness and financial hardship”
- (c) “to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare”

As a Christian charity we aim to clearly proclaim the gospel message in a relevant and lively way and show the love of Jesus by bringing love, hope, peace and encouragement to people, especially where there has been despair, grief, loneliness, poverty and other negative life experiences.

#### Vision and Strategy

We aim to be a church that sees lives changed, by Jesus, one at a time by being:

- a community where people from all backgrounds can come, just as we are, and feel welcome to **belong**
- somewhere that we can discover and experience God’s love, forgiveness and kindness towards us, through Jesus, that we may **believe** and trust in Him
- a place where we can put our faith and trust in Jesus, where He can transform us by his love, through the Holy Spirit, that we may **become...** the people that God always intended us to be.

We want to serve our town and beyond by working alongside other churches, charities and organisations, that we might provide caring support for those in need in Buxton, the surrounding area and beyond.

## **BUXTON** church in the peak

a community where people can belong, believe and become...

## 4. Achievements, Performance and Public Benefit

The Directors confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission. At Buxton Church in the Peak, we believe that we provide a range of significant public benefits through our activities:

- *providing different contexts throughout the week, where Christians can worship*
- *enabling local Christians to put their faith into action through a variety of social projects both locally and overseas*
- *providing financial support to organisations helping local people in difficult circumstances such as Choices Counselling and the Buxton Food Bank*
- *resourcing charitable works overseas which aim to improve public health and develop sustainable communities*
- *providing humanitarian aid to overseas charities and disaster appeals*

As a charity the impact we want to make is difficult to measure in qualitative or quantitative terms but can be observed over time by seeing individual lives improved and circumstances transformed. Regular attendance and growth in numbers attending meetings is a helpful indicator that an activity is working well, but would not be our sole measure of effectiveness as our objectives relate mainly to having a beneficial effect on people's lives, which often involves incremental changes over time.

The amount of charitable giving and the willingness of church members to give their time, skills and money to help others can also be seen as a measure of success, for without their commitment and faithful service, we could accomplish very little.

At the start of 2021 church activities were still being heavily impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic and the associated restrictions on gatherings and social interactions. In order to keep the church community together and to provide a point of contact and support for members, regular Sunday morning virtual meetings were held using the 'Zoom' platform, with live worship, a sermon and an opportunity for church members to interact with each other. The leadership regularly reviewed the situation to enhance the experience for church members.

As government guidance relaxed and social gatherings were allowed to resume, in-person church meetings recommenced with due regard to guidance and sensitivity to the more vulnerable members of the church. Sunday morning and mid-week meetings had resumed by the end of the year, with a facility such that members could participate in meetings remotely via 'Zoom' whenever possible.

By the end of 2021 Buxton Church in the Peak had resumed its usual pattern of meeting in 2 congregations, both at the Source building: Sunday morning and midweek. In total the church was regularly gathering about 35-55 adults and

children across both of its meetings. Each congregation provided a different context and environment for people to meet and worship God. Sunday morning gatherings were a more conventional modern church meeting with lively worship and a sermon and the mid-week meeting in the Source was led by Mr Jon Parsons based around a committed and diverse group of people meeting each week to share a meal together before having a time of worship and bible study.

The number of people joining meetings (and hence the effective membership of the church) has reduced significantly since before the pandemic and this has had a consequential impact on the extent of other activities that the church has been able to undertake. However, in addition to the 2 church meetings, a number of Life Groups regularly met throughout the year ('virtually' at first, and then in person) to share together, pray and study the Bible.

#### 4.1 The Source

The Source building is wholly owned by Buxton Church in the Peak. It is equipped to operate as a café from the ground floor and has offices used for church administration. It also has a small counselling room, a larger training room, lift access and toilet facilities for the disabled. During 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the coffee shop previously run from the Source building closed.

Up until the Covid-19 restrictions came into force in March 2020, the rooms at the Source were used as a venue for a range of church and community projects:

- Weekly Sunday morning meetings with live worship
- 'Story Café' – a Christian meeting drawing attendees from across the Peak District organised by the Derbyshire Village Mission.
- "Little Church" on a Wednesday night.

The Training Room and Counselling Room were also used by a number of local agencies and groups. Since the lifting of pandemic-related restrictions the building has only been used on a regular basis for church meetings on Sunday mornings and mid-week.

In prior years, the church has supported a Christmas meal held at the Source Café on Christmas Day for approximately 50 local people (not just church members) who would otherwise be alone, using food and gifts donated by local businesses. This was not possible in 2021 due to the pandemic, but instead (as happened in 2020) the ingredients for approximately 150 Christmas meals were packaged and distributed to families and individuals around Buxton known to be in difficult financial circumstances or who were going to be alone on Christmas Day. In addition, over 50 fuller Christmas hampers were prepared and provided to families in greater need and a number of fully cooked meals were also delivered. This was all undertaken in collaboration with the Residents of Fairfield Association who support people living under challenging conditions. Across these 2 projects, it is estimated that over 400 individuals were helped.

Despite these uses for the building, the associated costs of maintenance and regular running costs have become increasingly burdensome on the reducing resources of the church, and a drain on the church finances which could otherwise be used to further the charity's charitable objectives. The decision was taken at the end of 2020 to place the building on the market at an asking price of £500,000 in early 2021. During the year there has been considerable interest in the building and 3 offers were received at the full asking price at different times, but for different reasons each of those offers fell through and at the end of 2021 the building had not been sold. The Leadership Team continue to review the situation in the light of the church's vision and strategy, the ongoing use of the building and the church's financial situation.

## 4.2 Buxton Partnerships

We have been privileged to support and work in partnership with several other local groups with which we have much in common, although the extent of these activities has been inhibited by the Covid-19 pandemic:

- As part of our efforts to offer pastoral care to the community of Buxton we have continued to actively support the **Churches Together in Buxton (CTiB)** initiative of a **Town Chaplaincy**: a group of volunteers drawn from the churches of Buxton who make weekly visits to willing businesses in the town to offer practical care and prayer support.
- We continued to support **Choices Counselling** financially.

## 4.3 National and International Partnerships

Buxton Church in the Peak is a member of the Catalyst network, part of the New Frontiers family of churches. As such, throughout 2021 we were involved with a range of activities in conjunction with 'Catalyst' and benefitted from events and support provided by them.

In 2021 we continued our support for the **Turning Point Trust (TPT)**. TPT is a Christian charity working in the Nairobi slums. Their mission is to demonstrate God's heart for the poor through programmes that relieve poverty, restore hope and transform lives amongst vulnerable children and their families. We see this partnership as very significant in the future of Buxton Church in the Peak.

# 5. Financial Review

## Financial Position

Our income for 2021 was £68,513 (£52,678 in 2020) and our expenditure was £55,955 (£64,358 in 2020), of this expenditure on Church staff costs were £35,165\* (£34,595\* in 2020).

During the year we gave £10,586 to support the work of other churches and charities in Buxton, the UK and in Africa.

At the end of 2021 the Church's assets, including the Source building and its contents, totalled £488,069.

The worsening financial position noted in the 2020 annual report continued into 2021 and while not made significantly worse by the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, the opportunities to rectify the situation were limited.

The church successfully applied for Covid Business Support Grants totalling £24,500 during the pandemic (£2,000 was received in 2020). Hence, despite there being an apparent increase in income of £15,835 compared to 2020, without the one-off grants there has been underlying decrease in income of £8,665.

Expenditure during the year decreased by £8,403 largely offsetting the decrease in income, but 2021 was an unusual year with less activity than usual and little maintenance carried out on the building which in a normal year would have increased our costs significantly.

*\* this figure includes National Insurance and PAYE tax*

### Remuneration of Trustees

The governing document for Buxton Church in the Peak allows for the remuneration of trustees where those in receipt are either church leaders, or providing specialist skills.

The following Trustees were remunerated for the stated amounts during 2019 for services to the church, *excluding* their Trustee activities for which they were *not* remunerated:

|                                   |         |
|-----------------------------------|---------|
| Jon Parsons (church leader):      | £ 5,409 |
| Jo Parsons (church leader):       | £17,450 |
| Julian Hayes (specialist skills): | £ 3,347 |

### Reserves Policy

The Directors have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the charity's needs, based on the charity's size and the level of financial commitments held. Our current policy, and practice, is to maintain the reserve at £9,000.

## 6. Plans for the future

For 2022 our plans include the following:

**Church vision:** to develop a vision for the future of the church that will engage and enthuse church members and guide strategy and decision making over the coming years.

**Church unity:** to continue to look for opportunities to work more closely with other local and regional churches.

To seek ways to build church 'community' amongst the membership and provide pastoral support where there are needs amongst our membership.

**Local support:** to continue to look for ways to support local charitable works with a Christian ethos.

**Leadership:** to involve more church members in the running of the church by serving in various capacities and taking responsibility for ministries.

**Overseas links:** to explore the possibility of developing closer links with the Turning Point Trust, working with the poor in Kenya.

**Longer Term Plans:** to pray for, and follow leads, for a new church building out of which we can run a range of ministries and also meet on Sundays.

**Finance:** to sell the Source building and bring ongoing costs in line with forecast income.

## 7. Acknowledgements

The Church relies on the generous hearts of individuals and God's provision to fund its activities. So much of the work done by the church is done voluntarily by an incredibly committed church membership. The Directors are very grateful to all those who have contributed with finance, prayer, gifting and time throughout the year to enable us to have achieved so much.

## 8. Accountant's Report for Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021

The following report was prepared and independently examined by Layton-Lee Accountants.

### Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Buxton Church in the Peak

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 December 2021.

#### Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an Independent Examination is needed. The charity's gross income has not exceeded £250,000. I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of ICAEW.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

#### Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

#### Independent examiner's statement

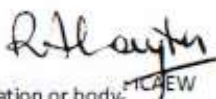
In connection with my examination, no matter have come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
  - To keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006
  - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

Have not been met; or

2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: Robert Layton



Relevant Professional qualification or body: ICAEW

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Date: 21 October 2022

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**BUXTON CHURCH IN THE PEAK**  
**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2021**

|  | Notes | Unrestricted<br>Funds<br>2021<br>£ | Restricted<br>Funds<br>2021<br>£ | Total<br>Funds<br>2021<br>£ | Total<br>Funds<br>2020<br>£ |
|--|-------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Incoming resources</b>                |       |                                    |                                  |                             |                             |
| <b>Voluntary income:</b>                 |       |                                    |                                  |                             |                             |
| Donations and legacies                   | 1     | 35,466                             | 588                              | 36,052                      | 41,031                      |
| Tax Reclaimed                            |       | 8,087                              | -                                | 8,087                       | 9,020                       |
| <b>Other income</b>                      | 2     | 24,500                             | -                                | 24,500                      | -                           |
| <b>Investment income:</b>                |       |                                    |                                  |                             |                             |
| Bank Interest                            | 3     | -                                  | 3                                | 3                           | 32                          |
| <b>Other incoming resources:</b>         |       |                                    |                                  |                             |                             |
| Room hire                                | 4     | -                                  | -                                | -                           | 2,595                       |
| Sale of source items                     |       | 460                                | -                                | 460                         | -                           |
| <b>Total incoming resources</b>          |       | <u>68,513</u>                      | <u>589</u>                       | <u>69,102</u>               | <u>52,678</u>               |
| <b>Expenditure on:</b>                   |       |                                    |                                  |                             |                             |
| Church running costs                     | 5     | 38,267                             | -                                | 38,267                      | 36,563                      |
| The Source building running costs        | 6     | 7,032                              | -                                | 7,032                       | 16,367                      |
| Charitable activities                    | 7     | 10,050                             | 539                              | 10,589                      | 10,628                      |
| Support costs                            | 8     | 602                                | -                                | 602                         | 800                         |
| <b>Total resources expended</b>          |       | <u>55,952</u>                      | <u>539</u>                       | <u>56,491</u>               | <u>64,358</u>               |
| <b>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources</b> |       |                                    |                                  |                             |                             |
| For year                                 |       | 12,561                             | 50                               | 12,611                      | (13,168)                    |
| <b>Total funds brought forward</b>       |       | 23,495                             | 451,963                          | 475,458                     | 487,137                     |
| <b>Total funds carried forward</b>       |       | <u>36,056</u>                      | <u>452,013</u>                   | <u>488,069</u>              | <u>475,458</u>              |

**BUXTON CHURCH IN THE PEAK**  
**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2021**

|  | Notes | 31.12.21      |                       | 31.12.20      |                       |
|--|-------|---------------|-----------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
|  |       | £             | £                     | £             | £                     |
| <b>NON CURRENT ASSETS</b>                    |       |               |                       |               |                       |
| Tangible assets                              | 10    |               | 450,000               |               | 450,000               |
| <b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>                        |       |               |                       |               |                       |
| Debtors                                      | 11    | 1,598         |                       | 1,807         |                       |
| Cash at bank and in hand                     | 12    | 38,253        |                       | 25,599        |                       |
|  |       | <u>39,851</u> |                       | <u>27,406</u> |                       |
| <b>CREDITORS</b>                             |       |               |                       |               |                       |
| Amounts falling due within one year          | 13    | <u>1,782</u>  |                       | <u>1,948</u>  |                       |
| <b>Net Current Assets</b>                    |       |               | 38,069                |               | 25,458                |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b> |       |               | <u><u>488,069</u></u> |               | <u><u>475,458</u></u> |
| <b>INCOME FUNDS</b>                          |       |               |                       |               |                       |
| Restricted funds                             | 14    |               | 452,013               |               | 451,963               |
| Unrestricted funds                           |       |               | 36,056                |               | 23,495                |
|  |       |               | <u><u>488,069</u></u> |               | <u><u>475,458</u></u> |

These financial statements were approved by the trustees on 25/10/2022 and signed on their behalf by:



**Charles Oakley**

## BUXTON CHURCH IN THE PEAK

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2021

### 1. DONATIONS AND GRANTS

|                          | Unrestricted<br>2021<br>£ | Restricted<br>2021<br>£ | Total<br>2021<br>£ | Total<br>2020<br>£ |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Offerings not gift aided | 3,118                     | -                       | 3,118              | 6,497              |
| Offerings gift aided     | 32,348                    | -                       | 32,348             | 33,268             |
| Designated gifts         | -                         | 586                     | 586                | 1,266              |
| Gift Aid claimed         | 8,087                     | -                       | 8,087              | 9,020              |
|                          | <u>43,553</u>             | <u>586</u>              | <u>44,139</u>      | <u>50,051</u>      |

### 2. GRANTS

|                           | Total<br>2021<br>£ | Total<br>2020<br>£ |
|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| High Peak Borough Council | 24,500             | 0                  |
|                           | <u>24,500</u>      | <u>0</u>           |

### 3. INVESTMENTS

|          | Total<br>2021<br>£ | Total<br>2020<br>£ |
|----------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Interest | 3                  | 32                 |
|          | <u>3</u>           | <u>32</u>          |

### 4. OTHER ACTIVITIES

|                      | Total<br>2021<br>£ | Total<br>2020<br>£ |
|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Room hire            | 0                  | 2,595              |
| Sale of source items | 460                | 0                  |
|                      | <u>460</u>         | <u>2,595</u>       |

### 5. CHURCH RUNNING COSTS

|                            | Unrestricted<br>2021<br>£ | Restricted<br>2021<br>£ | Total<br>2021<br>£ | Total<br>2020<br>£ |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Salaries                   | 34,665                    | -                       | 34,665             | 33,500             |
| Payroll fees               | 500                       | -                       | 500                | 1,095              |
| Venue rents                | 713                       | -                       | 713                | -                  |
| Office & administration    | 91                        | -                       | 91                 | 419                |
| Children & youth           | 735                       | -                       | 735                | 65                 |
| Sunday meetings & Pastoral | 332                       | -                       | 332                | 492                |
| Training & conferences     | 845                       | -                       | 845                | 993                |
| Computer equipment         | 325                       | -                       | 325                | -                  |
| Window cleaning            | 60                        | -                       | 60                 | -                  |
|                            | <u>38,267</u>             | <u>-</u>                | <u>38,267</u>      | <u>36,563</u>      |

**BUXTON CHURCH IN THE PEAK**

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2021

**6. THE SOURCE BUILDING COSTS**

|                      | Unrestricted<br>2021<br>£ | Restricted<br>2021<br>£ | Total<br>2021<br>£ | Total<br>2020<br>£ |
|----------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Repairs              | 196                       | -                       | 196                | 7,353              |
| Water & rates        | 521                       | -                       | 521                | 1,745              |
| Telephone & internet | 521                       | -                       | 521                | 948                |
| Gas & electricity    | 3,622                     | -                       | 3,622              | 3,078              |
| Insurance            | 1,753                     | -                       | 1,753              | 2,478              |
| Costs for sale       | 420                       | -                       | 420                | 765                |
|                      | <b>7,032</b>              | <b>-</b>                | <b>7,032</b>       | <b>16,367</b>      |

**7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

|   | Unrestricted<br>2021<br>£ | Restricted<br>2021<br>£ | Total<br>2021<br>£ | Total<br>2020<br>£ |
|---|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Colin Baron                             | 1,800                     | -                       | 1,800              | 1,800              |
| Turning Point Trust                     | 6,750                     | -                       | 6,750              | 3,439              |
| Choices & Little Blessings              | 1,500                     | -                       | 1,500              | 1,500              |
| The Source Coffee Shop                  | -                         | -                       | -                  | 2,950              |
| Source maintenance                      | -                         | -                       | -                  | 250                |
| Christmas for the community             | -                         | -                       | -                  | 689                |
| Other gifts                             | -                         | 89                      | 89                 | -                  |
| Community Discretionary Fund (Hardship) | -                         | 450                     | 450                | -                  |
|   | <b>10,050</b>             | <b>539</b>              | <b>10,589</b>      | <b>10,628</b>      |

**8. SUPPORT COSTS**

|             | Unrestricted<br>2021<br>£ | Restricted<br>2021<br>£ | Total<br>2021<br>£ | Total<br>2020<br>£ |
|-------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|             |                           | 689                     | 9,939              |                    |
| Accountancy | 582                       | -                       | 582                | 800                |
| Advertising | 20                        | -                       | 20                 | -                  |
|             | <b>602</b>                | <b>-</b>                | <b>602</b>         | <b>800</b>         |

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**9. TRUSTEES**

The following Trustees were remunerated for the stated amounts during 2021:

|                                   |               |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| Jon Parsons (church leader):      | 5,409         |
| Jo Parsons (church leader):       | 17,450        |
| Julian Hayes (specialist skills): | 3,347         |
|                                   | <u>26,206</u> |

**10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

|                                    | Land & Buildings<br>£ |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Cost</b>                        |                       |
| At 31 December 2020                | 450,000               |
| At 31 December 2021                | <u>450,000</u>        |
| <b>Depreciation and impairment</b> |                       |
| At 31 December 2020                |                       |
| Depreciation charged in the year   |                       |
| At 31 December 2021                | <u>0</u>              |
| <b>Carrying amount</b>             |                       |
| At 31 December 2021                | <u>450,000</u>        |

**11. DEBTORS**

|   | 2021<br>£    | 2020<br>£    |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b> |              |              |
| Outstanding Gift aid                        | 1,598        | 1,807        |
|   | <u>1,598</u> | <u>1,807</u> |

**12. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND**

|   | 2021<br>£     | 2020<br>£     |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| #1 Current Account (Unrestricted Funds) | 26,978        | 14,376        |
| #2 Current Account (Restricted Funds)   | 2,013         | 1,963         |
| BCITP Reserve account                   | 9,262         | 9,259         |
| Cash in hand                            | -             | -             |
|   | <u>38,253</u> | <u>25,599</u> |

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**13. CREDITORS**

|                                      | 2021  | 2020  |
|--------------------------------------|-------|-------|
| Amounts falling due within one year: | £     | £     |
| Accruals and deferred income         | 1,782 | 1,948 |
|                                      | 1,782 | 1,948 |

**14. INCOME FUNDS**

|   | 2021    | 2020    |
|---|---------|---------|
|   | £       | £       |
| <b>Restricted funds</b>                 |         |         |
| #2 Current Account (Restricted Funds)   | 2,013   | 1,963   |
| Tangible assets                         | 450,000 | 450,000 |
|   | 452,013 | 451,963 |
| <b>Unrestricted funds</b>               |         |         |
| #1 Current Account (Unrestricted Funds) | 26,978  | 14,376  |
| BCITP Reserve account                   | 9,262   | 9,259   |
| Cash in hand                            | -       | -       |
| Creditor                                | (1,782) | (1,948) |
| Debtors                                 | 1,598   | 1,807   |
|   | 36,056  | 23,495  |

**BUXTON CHURCH IN THE PEAK**

England & Wales - Charity number 1124548

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# Accounts

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**Annual Report  
and Accounts**

**Charity No. 1124548**

**Company No. 6563119**

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**year ending  
31st December 2020**

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# Buxton Church in the Peak

## Directors' Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020

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## 1. Reference and Administrative Details

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|--|--|
| Charity name:                                      | <b>Buxton Church in the Peak</b>   |
| Registered Charity Number:                         | <b>1124548</b>   |
| Company Limited by Guarantee<br>Registered Number: | <b>6563119</b>   |
| Charity's Registered Office:                       | <b>The Source</b><br><b>7, Terrace Road, Buxton, Derbyshire, SK17 6DR</b><br>Tel: 01298 71975 (church office)<br>Email: <a href="mailto:info@citp.co.uk">info@citp.co.uk</a>                               |
| Directors (Trustees):                              | Mr Jon Parsons <i>(Church co-leader)</i><br>Mrs Jo Parsons <i>(Church co-leader)</i><br>Dr Susan Read<br>Mrs Debbie Lockyer<br>Mr Charles Oakley<br>Mr Simon Graham<br>Mr Clive Gerrard<br>Mr Julian Hayes |
| Company Secretary:                                 | Mr Charles Oakley<br>116, Macclesfield Road, Buxton, SK17 9AD<br>Tel: 01298 23935<br>Email: <a href="mailto:chas_oakley@yahoo.co.uk">chas_oakley@yahoo.co.uk</a>   |
| Finance Director:                                  | Mr Julian Hayes (to November 2020)   |
| Bankers:   | The Co-Operative Bank  |

## 2. Structure, Governance and Management

### Introduction

The Directors of Buxton Church in the Peak are pleased to present their Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020.

The Directors confirm that the annual report and financial statements of the charitable company comply with current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charity's governing document, the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in March 2005 and the requirement to report on "Public Benefit."

### Governing Document and Constitution

Buxton Church in the Peak became a registered charitable trust on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2001 governed by a Declaration of Trust, with Dr Susan Read as Chair and Charity Official. We started to operate as a Company Limited by Guarantee from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2009 and are now governed by a Memorandum of Articles and Association with a board of Directors which includes the leaders of the church.

Throughout 2020 Mr Jon Parsons, Mrs Jo Parsons, Mr Charles Oakley, Dr Susan Read, Mr Simon Graham, Mrs Debbie Lockyer, Mr Julian Hayes and Mr Clive Gerrard continued to serve as Trustees & Directors. Mr Charles Oakley continued to serve in the post of Company Secretary throughout the year and Mr Julian Hayes served as Finance Director until November 2020.

### Management

When the church was first established, a leadership model typical of churches in the 'New Frontiers' group (to which Buxton Church in the Peak is affiliated) was adopted, with Elders overseeing the church. The Lead Elder of the church had principal responsibility for determining the spiritual vision and strategic direction of the church and was responsible for the management and pastoral oversight of the church and its ministries. This model of leadership was followed until the end of 2017.

Jon & Jo Parsons were appointed as joint leaders of the church at the start of 2018, supported by a leadership team which was expanded to 6 people plus Jon & Jo themselves at the start of 2020; no elders were appointed during the year although the long term intention is to appoint elders within the church.

Jon & Jo Parsons were responsible for the strategic direction of the church during 2020 along with overall management and pastoral oversight of the church and its ministries. The leadership team met regularly to ensure the effective management of church affairs and pastoral responsibilities, liaising closely with the other Directors.

As part of our accountability structure, it is our intention that within the team of Directors, 'non-leadership' directors should outnumber those on the leadership team.

### **Selection and Recruitment of Directors**

The "Articles of Association" states that "a new Trustee may be appointed by a resolution of the Trustees passed by a majority of the Trustees". A candidate's suitability for trusteeship is considered on the basis of their character, spiritual maturity and experience, both within the church and within their wider activities. The role of a church Director is explained to the candidate and their willingness and ability to serve the church by handling its financial and legal affairs is discussed with the leadership team and the existing Directors.

All Trustees are Directors and vice versa.

### **Induction and training of Directors**

Induction of new Directors is achieved through discussions and meetings with the existing Directors and by making relevant internal documents and Charity Commission publications available to familiarise new Directors with current organisational issues and relevant charity legislation.

All Directors are encouraged to check updates on the Charity Commission website and attend training seminars on an on-going basis where these are relevant.

### **Risk management**

The Directors meet on a regular basis to consider the financial, legal and organisational business of the church and are responsible for managing all risks relating to church activities and The Source premises (see Section 4.1). Ongoing activities of the church which may present a risk are regularly reviewed and measures are put in place to manage the risk: staff training, internal policies, public liability insurance, employer's liability insurance, indemnity policies, etc.

The church has a Child Protection Policy with written guidelines for those working with under 18's. DBS checks and child protection training sessions are arranged for those working with under 18's. The church also has a Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Policy, accompanied by practice guidelines.

There have been no "Serious Incidents" to report in 2020, but comments related to the Covid-19 pandemic are made in Section 4.

### 3. Objectives and Activities

#### Charitable Objects and Aims

The “Memorandum of Association” states the Objects of the Charitable Company as:

- (a) “to advance the Christian faith”
- (b) “to relieve sickness and financial hardship”
- (c) “to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare”

As a Christian charity we aim to clearly proclaim the gospel message in a relevant and lively way and show the love of Jesus by bringing love, hope, peace and encouragement to people, especially where there has been despair, grief, loneliness, poverty and other negative life experiences.

#### Vision and Strategy

We aim to be a church that sees lives changed, by Jesus, one at a time by being:

- a community where people from all backgrounds can come, just as we are, and feel welcome to **belong**
- somewhere that we can discover and experience God’s love, forgiveness and kindness towards us, through Jesus, that we may **believe** and trust in Him
- a place where we can put our faith and trust in Jesus, where He can transform us by his love, through the Holy Spirit, that we may **become...** the people that God always intended us to be.

We want to serve our town and beyond by working alongside other churches, charities and organisations, that we might provide caring support for those in need in Buxton, the surrounding area and beyond.

#### **BUXTON** church in the peak

a community where people can belong, believe and become...

## 4. Achievements, Performance and Public Benefit

The Directors confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission. At Buxton Church in the Peak, we believe that we provide a range of significant public benefits through our activities:

- *providing several contexts throughout the week, where Christians can worship*
- *enabling local Christians to put their faith into action through a variety of social projects both locally and overseas*
- *providing a youth group for local young people*
- *providing financial support to organisations helping local people in difficult circumstances such as Choices Counselling and the Buxton Food Bank*
- *resourcing charitable works overseas which aim to improve public health and develop sustainable communities*
- *providing humanitarian aid to overseas charities and disaster appeals*

As a charity the impact we want to make is difficult to measure in qualitative or quantitative terms but can be observed over time by seeing individual lives improved and circumstances transformed. Regular attendance and growth in numbers is a helpful indicator that an activity is working well, but would not be our sole measure of effectiveness as our objectives relate mainly to having a beneficial effect on people's lives, which often involves small changes over time.

The amount of charitable giving and the willingness of church members to give their time, skills and money to help others can also be seen as a measure of success, for without their commitment and faithful service, we could accomplish very little.

At the start of 2020 Buxton Church in the Peak was meeting in 2 congregations, both at the Source: Sunday morning and midweek. In total the church was regularly gathering about 60-80 adults and children across both of its meetings. Each congregation provided a different context and environment for people to meet and worship God. Sunday morning gatherings were a more conventional modern church meeting with lively worship and a sermon and the mid-week meeting in the Source was led by Mr Jon Parsons based around a committed and diverse group of people meeting each week to share a meal together before having a time of worship and bible study.

When the Covid-19 pandemic took hold, church gatherings ceased in accordance with Government guidance, and in their place a regular Sunday morning virtual meeting was held using the 'Zoom' platform, with live worship, a sermon and an opportunity for church members to interact with each other. The leadership regularly reviewed the situation to enhance the experience for church members through this medium, and to see whether physical gatherings could resume. While some socially distanced outdoor gatherings did take place during

the Summer, indoor church meetings had not recommenced by the end of the year.

In addition to the 2 church meetings, a number of Life Groups regularly met throughout the year (in person at first, and then virtually) to share together, pray and study the Bible. Occasional midweek evening meetings also took place to draw the whole membership together and to discuss church activities, finance, vision and strategy.

During the pandemic, additional effort was made to support those affected by the pandemic, in particular those who were not able to access the internet to join with the church's 'virtual' meetings so that they continued to feel part of the church community.

#### 4.1 The Source

The Source building is wholly owned by Buxton Church in the Peak. It houses The Source Coffee Shop and the Church offices; it is also a base for Choices Counselling. It is equipped with a small counselling room, a larger training room, lift access and toilet facilities for the disabled.

The Source Coffee Shop provides excellent café facilities, offering quality service, generous hospitality, good value for money and a range of ethically sourced products. The Source Café is a separate Community Interest Company (CIC) from the Church and its accounts are therefore reported independently. The Source Café remains wholly owned by Buxton Church in the Peak, with any profits being used to support a range of charitable projects in Africa.

The Source Café regularly provides work experience for unemployed people referred by the Job Centre and other agencies, and has become a place where vulnerable or lonely people from the town can come and know that they will be welcomed and able to stay for as long as they wish in a caring environment. The Source Café staff have come to know several such individuals within the town who now see the Source Café as a 'safe' place to come and supportive personal relationships have been built. As such, the Source Café is an important means of fulfilling the church's charitable objectives.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Source had to close on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020 after 14 years of continuous opening. At the end of the Summer when hospitality venues were allowed to reopen, the necessary restrictions to comply with social distancing and other health and safety requirements meant that the café could not operate profitably and the difficult decision was taken to close the café permanently. The CIC was formally dissolved in November 2020 with 4 staff being made redundant.

Up until the Covid-19 restrictions came into force in March 2020, the rooms at the Source have been used as a venue for a range of church and community projects:

- The church has used the building for weekly Sunday morning meetings with live worship

- 'Story Café' – a Christian meeting drawing attendees from across the Peak District organised by the Derbyshire Village Mission.
- "Little Church" on a Wednesday night.

The Training Room and Counselling Room were used by a number of local agencies and groups.

From the start of 2020 a programme of repair and refurbishment was commenced to address some urgent issues with the fabric of the building. Some of the costs were covered by the church's insurance policy which also allowed for redecoration of the café.

In prior years, the church has supported a Christmas meal held at the Source Café on Christmas Day for approximately 50 local people (not just church members) who would otherwise be alone, using food and gifts donated by local businesses. This was not possible in 2020 due to the pandemic, but instead the ingredients for 130 Christmas meals were packaged and distributed to families and individuals around Buxton known to be in difficult financial circumstances or who were going to be alone on Christmas Day. In addition, 53 fuller Christmas hampers were prepared and provided to families in greater need and a number of fully cooked meals were also delivered. This was all undertaken in collaboration with the Residents of Fairfield Association who support people living under challenging conditions. Across these 2 projects, it is estimated that we helped 388 individuals.

The church also made the café space available to a collaboration of local organisations to open a 'pop-up' shop selling donated items. In this way local people with little available to buy gifts, could shop with dignity from wide range of affordable items. Those using the shop were either recommended by social services and other community organisations, or were screened to ensure that only those in deprived circumstances were using the service. The project was called 'Helping Hands' and was a great success.

## 4.2 Buxton Partnerships

We have been privileged to support and work in partnership with several other local groups with which we have much in common:

- As part of our efforts to offer pastoral care to the community of Buxton we have actively supported a **Churches Together in Buxton (CTiB)** initiative to form a **Town Chaplaincy**: a group of volunteers drawn from the churches of Buxton who make weekly visits to willing businesses in the town to offer practical care and prayer support.
- Also as part of our membership of CTiB we have several members taking part in a Bible Society initiative, "**Open the Book**" where we visit primary schools in the town monthly in term time, to mime Bible stories, including children in the cast. This activity was halted when pandemic restrictions came into force.

- The church also continued to support other local charities working with those in need. We made regular collections of food, both at the Source and on Sunday mornings, for the **Buxton Food Bank** based in the Buxton United Reform Church.
- We continued to support **Choices Counselling** both financially and by providing office space and use of the Source counselling rooms.

### 4.3 National and International Partnerships

Buxton Church in the Peak is a member of the Catalyst network, part of the New Frontiers family of churches. As such, throughout 2020 we were involved with a range of activities in conjunction with 'Catalyst' and benefitted from events and support provided by them.

In 2020 we continued our support for the **Turning Point Trust (TPT)**. TPT is a Christian charity working in the Nairobi slums. Their mission is to demonstrate God's heart for the poor through programmes that relieve poverty, restore hope and transform lives amongst vulnerable children and their families. We see this partnership as very significant in the future of Buxton Church in the Peak.

## 5. Financial Review

### Financial Position

Our income for 2020 was £52,678 (£86,208 in 2019) and our expenditure was £65,046 (£83,584 in 2019), of this expenditure on Church staff costs were £34,595\* (£36,040\* in 2019).

During the year we gave £10,628 to support the work of other churches and charities in Buxton, the UK and in Africa.

At the end of 2020 the Church's assets, including the Source building and its contents, totalled £474,836.

The worsening financial position noted in the 2019 annual report continued into 2020 and while not made significantly worse by the Covid-19 pandemic, the opportunities to rectify the situation were much more limited.

The church successfully applied for a Government grant of £25,000 as part of the business support package during the pandemic, but as the main impact of the situation was on the café and its staff, the Trustees agreed that this money should all be used for the café's purposes and was transferred to the Café CIC (Community Interest Company). As these funds passed through the church's hands directly to the Coffee Shop, with no impact on the church's activities, on our accountant's advice they have been excluded from the formal accounts provided at the end of this report in order to provide a clearer year-to-year

comparison of the church's financial position. In addition, the church received a £2,000 Covid Business Support Grant from High Peak Borough Council which was retained and is shown in the accounts.

One of the major costs to the church is the Source building itself (utilities, maintenance, insurance, related salaries, etc.), and with the café closing and the leadership developing a new church vision, the viability of retaining the Source building has been a subject of discussion throughout the year. A decision was reached in November 2020 to sell the building and repurpose the funds raised. The monthly savings of associated costs will resolve the ongoing church financial position. At the end of the year an agent had been instructed to market the building at the highest of the various valuations received: £500,000.

*\* this figure includes National Insurance and PAYE tax*

### Remuneration of Trustees

The governing document for Buxton Church in the Peak allows for the remuneration of trustees where those in receipt are either church leaders, or providing specialist skills.

The following Trustees were remunerated for the stated amounts during 2019 for services to the church, *excluding* their Trustee activities for which they were *not* remunerated:

|                                   |         |
|-----------------------------------|---------|
| Jon Parsons (church leader):      | £ 5,040 |
| Jo Parsons (church leader):       | £16,400 |
| Julian Hayes (specialist skills): | £ 3,339 |

The justification for payment of Julian Hayes was reviewed and confirmed by the Trustees at a Trustees' meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

### Reserves Policy

The Directors have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the charity's needs, based on the charity's size and the level of financial commitments held. Our current policy, and practice, is to maintain the reserve at £9,000.

## 6. Plans for the future

For 2021 our plans include the following:

**Church vision:** to develop a vision for the future of the church that will engage and enthuse church members and guide strategy and decision making over the coming years.

**Church unity:** to continue to look for opportunities to work more closely with other local churches and regional churches (including Church in the Peak Matlock and Chesterfield).

To seek ways to build church 'community' amongst the membership and provide pastoral support where there are needs amongst our membership.

**Local support:** to continue to look for ways to support local charitable works with a Christian ethos.

**Leadership team:** to expand the leadership team and look to appoint elders at the appropriate time.

To involve more church members in the running of the church by serving in various capacities and taking responsibility for ministries.

**Overseas links:** to explore the possibility of developing closer links with the Turning Point Trust, working with the poor in Kenya.

**Longer Term Plans:** to pray for, and follow leads, for a new church building out of which we can run a range of ministries and also meet on Sundays.

**Finance:** to sell the Source building and bring ongoing costs in line with forecast income.

## **7. Acknowledgements**

The Church relies on the generous hearts of individuals and God's provision to fund its activities. So much of the work done by the church is done voluntarily by an incredibly committed church membership. The Directors are very grateful to all those who have contributed with finance, prayer, gifting and time throughout the year to enable us to have achieved so much.

## 8. Accountant's Report for Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020

The following report was prepared and independently examined by Layton-Lee Accountants.

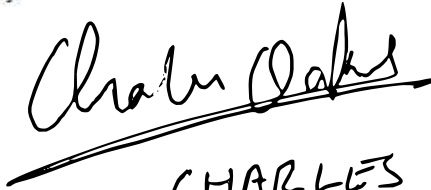
**BUXTON CHURCH IN THE PEAK**  
Statement of Financial Activities  
For the year ended 31 December 2020

|  | Notes | Unrestricted<br>Funds<br>2020<br>£ | Restricted<br>Funds<br>2020<br>£ | Total<br>Funds<br>2020<br>£ | Total<br>Funds<br>2019<br>£ |
|--|-------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Incoming resources</b>                |       |                                    |                                  |                             |                             |
| <i>Voluntary income:</i>                 |       |                                    |                                  |                             |                             |
| Donations and legacies                   | 1     | 39,765                             | 1,266                            | 41,031                      | 71,095                      |
| Tax Reclaimed                            |       | 9,020                              | 0                                | 9,020                       | 11,663                      |
| <i>Investment income:</i>                |       |                                    |                                  |                             |                             |
| Bank Interest                            | 2     | 0                                  | 32                               | 32                          | 16                          |
| <i>Other incoming resources:</i>         |       |                                    |                                  |                             |                             |
| Room hire                                | 3     | 595                                | 0                                | 595                         | 3,434                       |
| HPBC Grant                               |       | 2,000                              | 0                                | 2,000                       | 0                           |
| <b>Total incoming resources</b>          |       | <b>51,380</b>                      | <b>1,298</b>                     | <b>52,678</b>               | <b>86,208</b>               |
| <b>Expenditure on:</b>                   |       |                                    |                                  |                             |                             |
| Church running costs                     | 4     | 36,563                             | 0                                | 36,563                      | 45,082                      |
| The Source building running costs        | 5     | 17,855                             | 0                                | 17,855                      | 12,536                      |
| Charitable Activities                    | 6     | 9,250                              | 689                              | 9,939                       | 25,965                      |
| <b>Total resources expended</b>          |       | <b>63,668</b>                      | <b>689</b>                       | <b>64,357</b>               | <b>83,584</b>               |
| <b>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources</b> |       |                                    |                                  |                             |                             |
| For year                                 |       | <b>(12,288)</b>                    | <b>(610)</b>                     | <b>(11,679)</b>             | <b>2,624</b>                |
| <b>Total funds brought forward</b>       |       | <b>16,081</b>                      | <b>9,269</b>                     | <b>486,515</b>              | <b>483,891</b>              |
| <b>Total funds carried forward</b>       |       | <b>3,793</b>                       | <b>8,659</b>                     | <b>474,836</b>              | <b>486,515</b>              |

**BUXTON CHURCH IN THE PEAK  
Statement of Financial Activities**

|  | Notes | 31.12.20      |                       | 31.12.19      |                       |
|--|-------|---------------|-----------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
|  |       | £             | £                     | £             | £                     |
| <b>NON CURRENT ASSETS</b>                    |       |               |                       |               |                       |
| Tangible assets                              | 8     |               | 450,000               |               | 450,000               |
| <b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>                        |       |               |                       |               |                       |
| Debtors                                      | 9     | 660           |                       | 3,170         |                       |
| Cash at bank and in hand                     | 10    | 25,599        |                       | 34,767        |                       |
|  |       | <u>26,259</u> |                       | <u>37,937</u> |                       |
| <b>CREDITORS</b>                             |       |               |                       |               |                       |
| Amounts falling due within one year          | 11    | <u>1,422</u>  |                       | <u>1,422</u>  |                       |
| <b>Net Current Assets</b>                    |       |               | 24,836                |               | 36,515                |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b> |       |               | <u><u>474,836</u></u> |               | <u><u>486,515</u></u> |
| <b>INCOME FUNDS</b>                          |       |               |                       |               |                       |
| Restricted funds                             | 12    |               | 451,963               |               | 452,075               |
| Unrestricted funds                           |       |               | 22,873                |               | 34,440                |
|  |       |               | <u><u>474,836</u></u> |               | <u><u>486,515</u></u> |

These financial statements were approved by the trustees on 25/10/21 and signed on their behalf by:

  
CHARLES OAKLEY

**BUXTON CHURCH IN THE PEAK**  
Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2020

**1. DONATIONS AND GRANTS**

|                          | Unrestricted<br>2020<br>£ | Restricted<br>2020<br>£ | Total<br>2020<br>£ | Total<br>2019<br>£ |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Offerings not gift aided | 6,497                     | 0                       | 6,497              | 10,432             |
| Offerings gift aided     | 33,268                    | 0                       | 33,268             | 42,271             |
| Designated gifts         | 0                         | 1,266                   | 1,266              | 18,392             |
| Gift Aid claimed         | 9,020                     | 0                       | 9,020              | 11,663             |
|                          | <b>48,785</b>             | <b>1,266</b>            | <b>50,051</b>      | <b>82,758</b>      |

**2. INVESTMENTS**

|          | Total<br>2020<br>£ | Total<br>2019<br>£ |
|----------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Interest | 32                 | 16                 |
|          | <b>32</b>          | <b>16</b>          |

**3. OTHER ACTIVITIES**

|            | Total<br>2020<br>£ | Total<br>2019<br>£ |
|------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Room hire  | 595                | 3,434              |
| HPBC Grant | 2,000              | 0                  |
|            | <b>2,595</b>       | <b>3,434</b>       |

**4. CHURCH RUNNING COSTS**

|                            | Unrestricted<br>2020<br>£ | Restricted<br>2020<br>£ | Total<br>2020<br>£ | Total<br>2019<br>£ |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Salaries                   | 33,500                    | -                       | 33,500             | 35,466             |
| Payroll fees               | 1,095                     | -                       | 1,095              | 574                |
| Venue rents                | -                         | -                       | -                  | 1,097              |
| Office & administration    | 419                       | -                       | 419                | 1,180              |
| Children & youth           | 65                        | -                       | 65                 | 68                 |
| Sunday meetings & Pastoral | 492                       | -                       | 492                | 1,286              |
| Training & conferences     | 993                       | -                       | 993                | 1,571              |
| Events & outreach          | -                         | -                       | -                  | 3,840              |
|                            | <b>36,563</b>             | <b>-</b>                | <b>36,563</b>      | <b>45,082</b>      |

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**5. THE SOURCE BUILDING COSTS**

|                         | Unrestricted<br>2020<br>£ | Restricted<br>2020<br>£ | Total<br>2020<br>£ | Total<br>2019<br>£ |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Repairs                 | 8,842                     | -                       | 8,842              | 1,323              |
| Water & rates           | 1,745                     | -                       | 1,745              | 1,143              |
| Telephone & internet    | 948                       | -                       | 948                | 971                |
| Gas & electricity       | 3,078                     | -                       | 3,078              | 4,108              |
| Insurance               | 2,478                     | -                       | 2,478              | 1,973              |
| Coffee shop contingency | 765                       | -                       | 765                | 3,020              |
|                         | <b>17,855</b>             | <b>-</b>                | <b>17,855</b>      | <b>12,536</b>      |

**6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

|   | Unrestricted<br>2020<br>£ | Restricted<br>2020<br>£ | Total<br>2020<br>£ | Total<br>2019<br>£ |
|---|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Catalyst                                | -                         | -                       | -                  | 5,881              |
| Colin Baron                             | 1,800                     | -                       | 1,800              | 1,650              |
| Turning Point Trust                     | 3,000                     | 439                     | 3,439              | 9,927              |
| People of Hope                          | -                         | -                       | -                  | -                  |
| Church Hardship fund                    | -                         | -                       | -                  | 150                |
| Choices & Little Blessings              | 1,500                     | -                       | 1,500              | 1,500              |
| Transfers to restricted                 | -                         | -                       | -                  | -                  |
| Hampers                                 | -                         | -                       | -                  | 47                 |
| The Source Coffee Shop                  | 2,950                     | -                       | 2,950              | 3,264              |
| Life's HC/Encounter                     | -                         | -                       | -                  | -                  |
| Source maintenance                      | -                         | 250                     | 250                | 2,011              |
| Thursday Life group                     | -                         | -                       | -                  | -                  |
| Christmas for the community             | -                         | -                       | -                  | -                  |
| Other gifts                             | -                         | -                       | -                  | 885                |
| F/F fun day                             | -                         | -                       | -                  | -                  |
| Community Discretionary Fund (Hardship) | -                         | -                       | -                  | 650                |
|   | <b>9,250</b>              | <b>689</b>              | <b>9,939</b>       | <b>25,965</b>      |

**7. TRUSTEES**

The following Trustees were remunerated for the stated amounts during 2020:

|                                   |               |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| Jon Parsons (church leader):      | 5,040         |
| Jo Parsons (church leader):       | 16,400        |
| Julian Hayes (specialist skills): | 3,339         |
|                                   | <b>24,779</b> |

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**8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

|                                    | Fixtures, fittings & equipment<br>£ |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Cost</b>                        |                                     |
| At 31 December 2019                | 450,000                             |
| At 31 December 2020                | <u>450,000</u>                      |
| <b>Depreciation and impairment</b> |                                     |
| At 31 December 2020                |                                     |
| Depreciation charged in the year   |                                     |
| At 31 December 2020                | <u>0</u>                            |
| <b>Carrying amount</b>             |                                     |
| At 31 December 2020                | <u><u>450,000</u></u>               |

**9. DEBTORS**

|   | 2020<br>£  | 2019<br>£    |
|---|------------|--------------|
| <b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b> |            |              |
| Outstanding Gift aid Debtors                | 0          | 2,510        |
|   | 660        | 660          |
|   | <u>660</u> | <u>3,170</u> |

**10. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND**

|   | 2020<br>£     | 2019<br>£     |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| #1 Current Account (Unrestricted Funds) | 14,378        | 23,415        |
| #2 Current Account (Restricted Funds)   | 1,963         | 2,075         |
| BCITP Reserve account                   | 9,259         | 9,227         |
| Cash in hand                            | 0             | 50            |
|   | <u>25,599</u> | <u>34,767</u> |

**11. CREDITORS**

|   | 2020<br>£    | 2019<br>£    |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b> |              |              |
| Accruals and deferred income                | 1,422        | 1,422        |
|   | <u>1,422</u> | <u>1,422</u> |

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| 12. INCOME FUNDS                        | 2020           | 2019           |
|---|----------------|----------------|
|   | £              | £              |
| <b>Restricted funds</b>                 |                |                |
| #2 Current Account (Restricted Funds)   | 1,963          | 2,075          |
| Tangible assets                         | 450,000        | 450,000        |
|   | <u>451,963</u> | <u>452,075</u> |
| <b>Unrestricted funds</b>               |                |                |
| #1 Current Account (Unrestricted Funds) | 14,376         | 23,415         |
| BCITP Reserve account                   | 9,259          | 9,227          |
| Cash in hand                            | 0              | 50             |
| Creditor                                | (1,422)        | (1,422)        |
| Debtors                                 | 660            | 3,170          |
|   | <u>22,873</u>  | <u>34,440</u>  |