EBETRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1129106

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	06856916
Registered	2009-04-09
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: 1 TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT OF BELIEFS IN SUCH WAYS AND IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES FROM TIME TO TIME MAY THINK FIT2 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 THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES FROM TIME TO TIME MAY THINK FIT

Activities: Ebetrust's activities arein persuance of the two stated charity objects:a) to advance the Christian faith in both in UK and other parts ofthe worldb) to relieve sickness and financial hardship and promote and preserve good health ...

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Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD
- Bristol City
- South Gloucestershire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£391,311	£363,802	-	-
2024-03-31	£260,599	£204,338	-	-
2023-03-31	£263,353	£185,413	-	-
2022-03-31	£237,729	£208,610	-	-
2021-03-31	£240,864	£205,846	-	-

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Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
John Michael Wall	Chair	2020-03-29
Adrian Hamilton Reed		
Andrew Peter Smith		2017-11-20
Annette Lorraine Jones		2020-07-13
DEREK JAMES POWELL		
Fiona Brooks		2016-04-01
Ian Powell		2015-10-06
Lee Robert Haynes		2023-08-14
Stewart North		2019-12-16
Susan Elizabeth Fisher		2020-10-12

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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EBETRUST

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The Trustees of EbeTrust who are also Directors of the Charity for the purposes of the Companies Act, present their Annual Report together with the independently examined financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

OBJECTIVES:

The objects of the Church are, for the benefit of the public:

- to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Beliefs in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees from time to time may think fit;
- 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 the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees from time to time may think fit.

The Trustees must use the income and may use the capital of the Church in promoting the Objects.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

EbeTrust is a company limited by guarantee which was registered on 24 March 2009 under company number 06856916. The company was also registered as a charity under number 1129106 on 9 April 2009. It is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Trustees:

- The Trustees are responsible for the management and administration of the Church's property and funds in accordance with the Memorandum and the Articles.
- The minimum number of Trustees is three individuals but there is no maximum. All Trustees must be Members. All Trustees must subscribe and adhere to, in belief and lifestyle, the Statement of Beliefs.
- All future Trustees are to be appointed by a resolution of the Trustees and an appointment will become effective when the new Trustee completes the necessary Companies House paperwork and thereby consents to hold office.

Trustees and Spiritual Leadership of the Church:

- The spiritual leadership of the church shall rest with the Spiritual Leadership Team. If there are Trustees who are not members of the Spiritual Leadership then their role shall be confined to the management and administration of the church in accordance with the provisions of the Memorandum and the Articles and of the general law.
- The Trustees of the church shall fulfil their legal duties having due regard to the spiritual direction of the church as set from time to time by the Spiritual Leadership acting always in accordance with the requirements of the Memorandum and the Articles and the general law. The trust considers it best practice for there to be a regular turnover of Trustees as has been the case.

- New Trustees are chosen both for the particular skills which they bring to the trust and for their understanding of the objects of the charity. Those who have joined the trust since its inception have all been drawn from the large number of suitably skilled and/or qualified persons within the body of supporters of the church. At the close of 2024-25 there were 11 Trustees, one Trustee having retired in April 2024. While serving, the attention of Trustees' is regularly drawn, by the Chair of Trustees or the compliance sub-committee, to suitable training opportunities to ensure their continuing professional development.

ACTIVITIES

Alpha Course

In October/November 2024 we ran an evening Alpha Course, with up to 9 people attending with a team of 4 facilitating. This included a meal. It was great to see those attending build friendships and journey to explore faith in Jesus, with the majority being under 30 years old.

Kintsugi Hope Wellbeing Courses

Kintsugi Hope Wellbeing Groups are safe and supportive spaces for people from any background to attend. Our Group Leaders are trained to run a group to encourage, inform and inspire attendees. They are not trained therapists, nor experts in treating or diagnosing mental or emotional health illnesses. However, where necessary they can signpost people to specialist help.

We journey together for 12 weeks to explore how to maintain mental and emotional wellbeing in the midst of our often-messy lives. Subjects include anxiety, depression, shame, anger, disappointment and loss.

During the year, we held an in-person daytime Wellbeing Group for 6 weeks starting in October 2024. Overall we had around 6-8 people attending. The intention was to run another shorter Wellbeing Group from January 2025 but this sadly had to be postponed. Feedback was good for the course we ran and it was great to see development of community within the group. We partner with local organisations and wider Bristol mental health services and local social prescribing services to make sure we signpost people to wider support.

Children's Church

Children's Church is a vibrant and creative part of church life, providing children up to school year 6 with a space to learn Biblical principles and nurture positive and cooperative relationships. Children are encouraged to express themselves and their learning through discussion, craft, music and physical activity.

A team of volunteers from within the church hosts Children's Church on a weekly basis. Children are also encouraged to get involved in whole church activities and have opportunities to interact with and volunteer alongside adults of all ages in a safe

environment. Furthermore, the team is keen to develop community amongst children in the church, informed by the Biblical concept of the body of Christ.

Safeguarding is paramount to Children's Church activities. Volunteer training is provided and policies and procedures are regularly reviewed to ensure a high standard of care and accountability is maintained.

Throughout this year, we have had new children join in with Children's Church as new families have been coming to Ebenezer Church. In September, the older children will move to the Youth activity as they begin secondary school.

Community Transformation (including Warm Welcome Spaces)

Over the last year, our church building has continued to be the operational centre and offices of North Bristol and South Glos Foodbank, enabling an overlap of relationships between church and the Foodbank, strengthening our identity as a 'Community Hub'. Alongside this, we continued to undertake weekly/fortnightly activities in the building (e.g. Wellbeing Group, Senior Citizens Group, Community Café, Community Breakfast, After School Hangout, Foodbank Outlet, etc…) under the banner of 'Warm Welcome Space' where local residents have a safe and supportive space to connect with each other. These have all continued to grow in numbers, with people connecting and providing very positive feedback. Also, in February 2024 we started a new parent and toddler group, led by our newly appointed Children's and Families Coordinator and a team of volunteers. This important service is already growing in size and providing a space for parents/carers and children under 5 to connect.

We held one-off evening events like Speed Quizzes, a Community Pancake Party and Peace Feast in order to try and connect with people in the evenings. We have increased the number of relationships with other organisations/agencies with community workers providing drop-in sessions at our Warm Welcome Spaces (E.g. NHS Talking Therapy, Bristol Energy Advice, Work Well, Health Check-ins, etc). We are finding more ways to signpost people to extra support through key partnerships that we have in the local community and wider city.

Our building continues to be used as a Community Hub for many in-person community meetings, e.g. Horfield and Lockleaze Workers Network Breakfast, Foodbank Cluster Meetings, etc. The Foodbank has also used the space for a variety of volunteer training sessions. Essentially, the church building provides a space to collaborate and plan together with other organisations and local residents.

We have prioritised over this year a journey with local primary schools with our new Children's and Families Coordinator. This has been through a small team running a variety of assemblies and so continuing to build on strong relationships with at least 3 schools. We have been looking at how we create spaces for community cohesion and conversations with different people groups in our local communities.

The Peace Feast has been a helpful space for meals where people from different cultures and faiths can talk and listen to each other. We are looking at ways to develop this more as Church Sunday Gatherings are growing more multicultural, as our local community is too.

Our church building in the last year has also been increasingly used for private hires for children's birthday parties and other organisations/charities for one-off events or courses. This has enabled our relationships to deepen in our local communities as we further utilise our building resources for the benefit of the public.

We continue to promote our citywide partners - 3 Bristol-based charities - North Bristol and South Glos Foodbank, Refugee Welcome Homes and InHope. We raise their profile in church in different ways throughout the year so the church family own the values of reaching out to the most vulnerable in society. We also encourage the church family to support these organisations in prayer, finance and practical/volunteer support.

Global Partnerships

Ebenezer Church has an international dimension, and supports both short and long term mission involvement, in the UK and overseas. Our Global Partnership Team drives this forward.

Locally, we support and encourage church members to get involved practically with Bristol International Student Centre (BISC) which seeks to welcome and support foreign students to the two Bristol Universities. We also support a family, who live in Easton, as they work to support the practical needs of refugees and asylum seekers in the city.

Overseas, we support a family who were members of Ebenezer Church, and are now in the USA, as well as church members who are currently working in Nepal. We have also supported a family as they have returned to the UK after a number of years in Zambia.

The Global Partnership Team coordinate with Ebetrust finance sub-group to allocate resources to help meet the short term needs of those we support.

Messy Church

This year, we hosted just one Messy Church event in October and saw several new families joining us for an afternoon of crafts, games, stories and connection. The session was attended by families who consider themselves part of church as well as from the local community, enabling people to make new friends and generally encourage each other in family life. Those who attend are encouraged to develop a spiritual dimension. Occasions are always well attended with a genuine benefit of parents and grandparents engaging directly with their children. We are currently reviewing the future of Messy Church and family orientated events that bring people together.

Bristol Noise

Bristol Noise (Charity Commission no. 1134099) constitutes an independent charitable activity that operates in partnership with and integrates seamlessly into the life of Ebenezer Church. It operates principally in the early Spring of each year, working in the North, East and South of Bristol.

The final annual Noise event was held on the 2024 May Day bank holiday weekend with over 700 volunteers involved from 50 local churches and groups. This was coordinated by the staff of Bristol Noise supported by Ebenezer Church core team and volunteers, partnering with volunteers from across the city. We also hosted very successful events at the church building including a Senior Citizen's Banquet, and a Community Fun Event. Volunteers from the church were also involved in practical projects across the communities of Horfield and Lockleaze which were referred to us for support.

With the end of the annual event gathering Christians around the city, the vision of Noise 365 is developing with different local hubs of community engagement happening across the city. Ebenezer Church continues to be fully behind this vision and resourcing it. We also provide office space for the Bristol Noise staff team.

North Bristol & South Gloucestershire Foodbank

Foodbank has continued to grow, providing 137,000 meals during 2024. From our Horfield Foodbank Outlet based at our church Community Hub, we served 1891 people (1230 adults, 661 children). The Foodbank charity uses office space based in the church building and has built relationships with over 300 frontline care professional organisations giving Foodbank referrals to people in crisis. They also manage over 270 volunteers in operations across North Bristol and South Gloucestershire. The new Foodbank strategy has been developing and there is often overlap with what we do through some of our local Community Hub activities.

Church volunteers continue to be involved on a weekly basis by helping run the weekly Foodbank Outlet on Thursday afternoons, being part of the driving team and serving at other one-off events. There is a healthy overlap with the church staff team and Foodbank staff in working together, sharing a common vision of supporting those in crisis in our communities.

Small Groups

Small Groups are a key part of church life and a valuable source of support, connection and discipleship. We currently have four Small Groups that happen on a regular basis. Small Groups and pastoral care within church are a high priority for the leadership team and we have been actively looking at ways we can do this differently, enabling as many people to connect and access support, as possible. We are also looking to create more space in Small Groups with potential new groups starting.

Sunday/Thursday Gatherings

We hold our Sunday Gatherings in our church building on Filton Avenue. We continue to see new people coming along most weeks who are connecting with us in a variety of ways. We seek to be a church that is welcoming to all people, and we love to see the diversity in our congregation growing.

We continue to record our talks given on a Sunday and share these online, as well as providing some discussion prompts and questions that people can use in different settings to engage with our teaching series.

We have also started trialling a Gathering on a Thursday evening with the aim to be accessible to people who may want to connect with church but cannot attend on Sundays.

Students & Young Adults

As a church we want to be a place where the large student population in our local area, and at UWE, can connect and be a part of a community. We seek to provide spaces and opportunities for students & young adults within church to grow, and be challenged in their personal faith, and to live this out in their day-to-day life, and in their relationships. We continue to encourage students and young adults to integrate into the whole of church life through relationship building and serving in a variety of ways.

A key part of our vision as church is to see new leaders raised up in all parts of life, both inside and outside of church. It is great to have young leaders within the church take on the leadership of this community, and to see it growing numerically too.

Taste Café

We continue to run a thriving weekly Community Café which remains both popular and needful in the local area. Over the winter period, it proved to be a helpful 'Warm Space', enabling people to benefit from a heated venue when the cost-of-living crisis was hard-hitting. Cakes, drinks and lunches are offered at very low prices, making them affordable for all, but especially for those who are struggling financially.

The Café has also been a place of company, friendship and developing relationships – a wonderful mix of people, of all ages, from church and the communities of Horfield, Lockleaze and Filton. Parents have also appreciated the additional play areas for preschool children.

Throughout each term, different organisations have attended providing a pop-up advice desk (eg Bristol Energy Network, NHS Talking Therapies, etc) which gives local residents a place to connect for enquiring about extra support and advice.

Footprints

This is our weekly group run for senior citizens in church and the local community. Weekly attendances have averaged between 35 and 45 with the last 3 years seeing a continuous growth in numbers. Whilst new people have joined the group, we have sadly lost others who have passed away in their old age. It has been a privilege to hold funeral services at Ebenezer Church and to support the family members on their sad loss. Footprints is a place of company and friendship for all, but especially for those who experience the challenges of loneliness and isolation.

We do not charge a subscription for this group but people voluntarily give donations in appreciation of what the group does for them. A range of entertainment is provided alongside running some religious occasions such as Easter, Christmas, Harvest and Remembrance services. Our seniors' group has been recommended by local doctors to older people under the banner of 'social prescribing' noting that people, whose mental health has been adversely affected by loneliness, have been sent our way for company and support.

Youth Work

Last year, we trialled some new youth activities given the larger group of young people now engaging with our youth programme. The trials were highly successful, so the activity has continued, giving a varied provision:

- Youth Small Group – this has brought young people together in the comfortable environment of a home for Bible study and a meal together.
- Youth Hangout – an opportunity for young people to play games and enjoy a social time with each other.
- Sunday Youth Group – a weekly time for our young people during the Sunday Service at Ebenezer Church.

Our young people have been inviting and accompanying their friends on these occasions. They engage well with each other, developing stronger friendships. We teach our young people good values from the Bible, encouraging them to respect other people and the world in which they live.

Contribution of volunteers

It is not possible to quantify the contribution of volunteers to the activities of Ebetrust but they are involved in the majority of activities described above.

GRANT FUNDING BUILDING IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

During the course of the year we have greatly benefited from local and national government grant funding aimed at ensuring our Community Hub building on Filton Avenue is resilient for the long term and more energy efficient.

Firstly, a grant from Bristol City Council's Community Resilience Fund of £116,500 enabled us to replace the internal ceiling in the main hall and all of the flat roof space, both of which were at risk of imminent failure. Both projects significantly improved the building's insulation.

Secondly, a grant from the Voluntary, Community, and Social Enterprise's Energy Efficiency Scheme of £67,043 enabled us to complete a wide variety of energy efficiency improvements, including the installation of low cost lighting, cavity wall insulation, exterior CorkSpray wall insulation, solar panels and battery storage, a phase change hot water heater replacing an old gas hot water boiler and upgraded double glazing units. The changes made have significantly contributed to reducing our carbon footprint and associated energy bills.

Public Benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty outlined in the Charities Act 2011, to have paid due regard to the Public Benefit Guidance published by the Charity Commission.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The financial results for the year are set out in the Statement of Financial Activities. For the year ending 31 March 2025 income was £391,311 (2024: £260,599) an increase of 50%.

Expenditure on charitable activities over the same period was £363,802 (2024: £204,338) an increase of 76% from 2024. Net current assets at 31 March 2025 were £210,164 (2024: £267,745). Cash at bank and in hand as at 31 March 2025 amounted to £195,605 (2024: £256,022).

The significant increase in both income and expenditure is due to the grant funding income received for and spent on building projects undertaken by Ebetrust during the year, details of which are set out in the Grant Funding Building Improvement Projects section above. It should be noted that some of the grant funding income for the building work was received in early 2024 and was therefore included in last year's annual accounts, and this explains why the expenditure increased more than the income.

RESERVES POLICY

The Trustees have established a policy whereby the free reserves held by the charity (total funds less any funds either designated for a particular purpose or held in the form of fixed assets) should be set at £65,000. This figure takes into account three months turnover (approx. £50,000), the ability to respond to an important/urgent Global Partnerships or similar request (£5,000) and to be able to protect the church against unforeseen adverse circumstances, for example unexpected infrastructure costs (£10,000).

At the year-end the free reserves of the charity were £129,897 (2024: £130,500). This is in excess of the limit set by the trustees. The trustees are committed to setting aside reserves in a Development Fund up to £300,000, to develop the existing community hub building, to purchase additional property to enable the expansion of the community hub, and to fund the initial employment of additional staff to expand the community work. Therefore the trustees are comfortable with the current level of free reserves.

Funds Held as Custodian Trustee

Ebetrust acts as a custodian Trustee holding cash on behalf of Love Horfield. Love Horfield's objects are to support local people including young people and children to make Horfield a better place to live work study and play. Ebetrust hold the funds within their own bank accounts but have control measures to account for these funds separately. Refer to note 17 for details of the funds received, payments made and balances held on behalf of Love Horfield in the year.

Trustee's Responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also directors of Ebetrust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report (incorporating the strategic report and directors' report) and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the income and expenditure of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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Signed by order of the Trustees

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Susan Fisher
Trustee

J Wall
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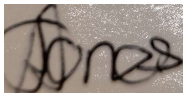
John Wall
Chair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Annette Jones
Trustee

Approved by the Trustees on Nov 03 2025 ……

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REFERENCE & ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The directors who served the company during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Trustees:

John Wall (Chair)
Adrian Reed
John Payton – resigned 9/5/2025
Derek Powell
Andrew Tett – resigned 23/04/2024
Stewart North
Ian Powell
Fiona Brooks
Andy Smith
Annette Jones (Secretary)
Susan Fisher
Lee Haynes

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF EBETRUST

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Ebetrust ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement
Since the Company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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

Joshua Kingston

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Date: Nov 03 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Income from:					
Donations and grants	**2**	213,038	145,066	358,104	231,938
Charitable activities	**3**	23,985	-	23,985	25,511
Investments		9,222	-	9,222	3,150
Total income		246,245	145,066	391,311	260,599
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	**4**	246,579	117,223	363,802	204,338
Total expenditure		246,579	117,223	363,802	204,338
Net income/(expenditure)	**6**	(334)	27,843	27,509	56,261
Transfers between funds	**13**	75,911	(75,911)	-	-
Net movement in funds		75,577	(48,068)	27,509	56,261
Total funds at start of year	**13**	518,360	39,385	557,745	501,484
Total funds at end of year	**13**	593,937	(8,683)	585,254	557,745

The Charity has no recognised gains or losses other than the results for the year as set out above.

All of the activities of the charity are classed as continuing.

The notes on pages 14 to 24 form part of these financial statements
See note 9 for fund-accounting comparative figures

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

Company number: 06856916

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	**10**	375,090	290,000
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Current assets			
Debtors	**11**	20,671	32,307
Cash at bank and in hand		195,605	256,022
		216,276	288,329
Creditors : amounts falling due within one year	**12**	(6,112)	(20,584)
Net current assets		210,164	267,745
Net assets		585,254	557,745
FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds	**14**	593,937	518,360
Restricted funds	**14**	(8,683)	39,385
Total funds		585,254	557,745

For the year ended 31 March 2025 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

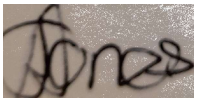
Trustees responsibilities:

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees on Nov 03 2025 .....2025 and are signed on their behalf by:

SEFisher	J Wall	
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Trustee	Trustee	Trustee

The notes on pages 14 to 24 form part of these financial statements

1 Accounting policies

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention (except where otherwise stated in the accounting policy note) and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019, and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and the Companies Act 2006.

The charity is a public benefit entity as defined under FRS102. The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties affecting the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern.

Income

Income from donations is included in income when these are receivable, except as follows:

I. When donors specify that donations given to the charity must be used in future accounting periods, the income is deferred until those periods;
II. When donors impose conditions which have to be fulfilled before the charity becomes entitled to use such income, the income is deferred until the pre-conditions have been met.

Investment income is included on a receivable basis.

Income from Gift Aid Tax refunds is recognised at the time the original donation is received by the charity.

Hire income

Hire income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity becomes entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised in the period in which it is incurred. Expenditure includes attributable VAT which cannot be recovered.

Charitable Activities

Most expenditure is directly attributable to charitable activities. Support costs have been allocated 100% towards the charitable activities of the charity. Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the independent examination fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity. They have been included within charitable expenditure.

Grants payable

Grants payable are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the accounting period in which allocation of the award is communicated to the recipient.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discounts offered.

1 **Accounting policies *(continued)***

Cash and cash equivalents
Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less.

Tangible fixed assets
Fixed assets are held at cost less accumulated depreciation. Assets costing less than £1,000 are not capitalised. Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated ultimate residual value, over the useful life of that asset as follows:

Freehold Property	- 0% per annum straight line
Equipment	- 20% per annum straight line

No provision for depreciation has been made for freehold property as it is the view of the Trustees that the estimated residual value of each property is not materially different from the carrying value. The Trustees annually review the carrying value for indication of any impairment.

In line with guidance in the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice, donated properties have been included in the Balance Sheet at the value to the charity at the date of the gift.

Creditors
Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any discounts due.

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in notes of the financial statements.

2 Income from: Donations and grants

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Gifts and offerings			
Regular	137,906	-	137,906
One-off	38,865	-	38,865
Gift aid	36,267	-	36,267
Grants	-	145,066	145,066
	213,038	145,066	358,104

Prior year comparative

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Gifts and offerings			
Regular	116,913	1,000	117,913
One-off	30,906	282	31,188
Gift aid	32,300	1	32,301
Grants	503	50,033	50,536
	180,622	51,316	231,938

Included in the above are donations of £36,410 (2024: £48,118) received from trustees and other related parties.
Included in Grants above are grants received from government sources totalling £136,060 (2024: £41,855).

3 Income from: Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Event income	3,618	-	3,618	4,799
Café sales	4,397	-	4,397	4,747
Other events	511	-	511	-
Hire of premises	15,155	-	15,155	15,775
Other income	304	-	304	190
	23,985	-	23,985	25,511

All prior year income was represented by unrestricted funds.

4 Expenditure on: Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£
Grants for Christian work (see note 5)	73,705	600	74,305	43,503
Church workers (see note 7)	128,061	4,339	132,400	118,530
Speakers' expenses and gifts	150	-	150	600
Event expenses	1,692	1,450	3,142	6,557
Footprints (Seniors)	1,383	3,646	5,029	4,280
Taste Café	-	2,227	2,227	2,967
Youth events	1,035	95	1,130	567
Support costs				
Rent of Sunday meeting venue	-	1,070	1,070	-
Repairs and maintenance	19,190	101,415	120,605	8,138
Insurance	1,760	287	2,047	2,392
Rates, heat and light	5,525	1,500	7,025	4,970
Subscriptions and licences	2,590	-	2,590	2,645
Office costs and ministry expenses	4,096	252	4,348	3,132
Cleaning	1,854	313	2,167	2,280
Telephone and broadband	824	-	824	560
Training and meeting costs	1,669	29	1,698	277
Governance costs	3,045	-	3,045	2,940
	246,579	117,223	363,802	204,338

Prior year	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£
Grants for Christian work	43,203	300	43,503
Church workers	115,380	3,150	118,530
Speakers' expenses and gifts	600	-	600
Event expenses	5,205	4,319	9,524
Youth events	498	69	567
Support costs			
Repairs and maintenance	5,888	2,250	8,138
Insurance	2,392	-	2,392
Rates, heat and light	1,970	3,000	4,970
Subscriptions and licences	2,495	150	2,645
Office costs and ministry expenses	2,662	470	3,132
Cleaning	2,118	162	2,280
Telephone and broadband	560	-	560
Training and meeting costs	277	-	277
Miscellaneous	2,353	1,927	4,280
Governance costs	2,940	-	2,940
	188,541	15,797	204,338

5 Analysis of grants

	2025	2024
	£	£
To institutions		
Bristol Noise	288	63
North Bristol and South Gloucestershire Foodbank	1,173	1,965
Refugee Welcome Hope	1,000	1,423
InHope	3,900	1,423
Other gifts to institutions (all less than £1,000)	4,250	2,088
To individuals	63,694	36,541
	74,305	43,503

6 Net income/(expenditure) for the year

This is stated after charging:

		2025	2024
		£	£
Independent examiner's fee	- for independent examination services	1,260	1,170
	- for other services	1,680	1,440
Remuneration of trustees		94,931	91,120

6 Trustees have been reimbursed for their out of pocket training expenses £316 (2024: 7 trustees were reimbursed £3,719).

7 Staff costs and numbers

The aggregate payroll costs were:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Church contractors	123,490	118,530
Wages and salaries	8,910	-
	132,400	118,530

These costs relate to 3 self employed individuals (2024: 3) engaged under service agreements and 1 employee (2024: none).

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 (2024: none).

During the year, the key management personnel were S North, D Powell, S Allan, R Varley, E Champion-Howard and E Legg-Bagg, along with the charity's trustees.

The total benefits paid to key management personnel during the year were £123,490 (2024:£118,530).

This includes benefits totalling £47,466 (2024: £45,560) to D Powell and £47,466 (2024: £45,560) to S North, who are trustees of the charity. These payments are permitted by the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association.

8 Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

9 Statement of Financial Activities comparative figures

For the year ended 31 March 2024	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Income from:			
Donations and grants	180,622	51,316	231,938
Charitable activities	25,511	-	25,511
Investments	3,150	-	3,150
Total income	209,283	51,316	260,599
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	188,541	15,797	204,338
Total expenditure	188,541	15,797	204,338
Net income/(expenditure)	20,742	35,519	56,261
Transfers between funds	195	(195)	-
Net movement in funds	20,937	35,324	56,261
Total funds at start of year	497,423	4,061	501,484
Total funds at end of year	518,360	39,385	557,745

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold Property	Equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 April 2024	290,000	11,498	301,498
Additions	85,090	-	85,090
At 31 March 2025	375,090	11,498	386,588
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025	-	11,498	11,498
Net book value			
At 31 March 2025	375,090	-	375,090
At 31 March 2024	290,000	-	290,000

11 Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Gift Aid debtor	20,671	32,302
Other debtors	-	5
	20,671	32,307

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	6,101	2,610
Other creditors	11	17,974
	6,112	20,584

13 Movement in funds

For the year ended 31 March 2025

	At 1 Apr 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 Mar 2025 £
Restricted funds					
Minibus Fund	4,061	-	-	-	4,061
After School Hangout	109	-	(109)	-	-
BCCF Welcome Spaces	1,083	-	(1,083)	-	-
Co-op Local Community Fund	666	859	(1,525)	-	-
Community Resilience Fund	29,125	82,409	(86,939)	(24,595)	-
Feeding Bristol HS Fund	309	6,067	(3,889)	-	2,487
John James Foundation	-	1,580	(1,580)	-	-
Quartet Catalyst Grant	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
Quartet Warm Space	122	-	(122)	-	-
Revenue Grant	3,910	-	(3,302)	(608)	-
Harold Stephens Community Fund	-	500	(500)	-	-
VCSE Energy Efficiency Scheme	-	48,651	(13,174)	(50,708)	(15,231)
	39,385	145,066	(117,223)	(75,911)	(8,683)
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds	420,500	245,781	(237,205)	75,911	504,987
Designated Funds					
Capital Expenditure Fund	45,000	-	-	-	45,000
Contingency (building work)	20,000	-	-	-	20,000
Audio-visual	2,860	-	-	-	2,860
Staffing fund	30,000	-	(8,910)	-	21,090
Ebe birthday fund	-	464	(464)	-	-
	518,360	246,245	(246,579)	75,911	593,937
Total funds	557,745	391,311	(363,802)	-	585,254

The VCSE Energy Efficiency Fund had an overdrawn balance of £15,231 at the year end. The charity is expecting additional funds to cover this.

13 Movement in funds (continued)

For the year ended 31 March 2024

	At 1 Apr 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 Mar 2024 £
Restricted funds					
Minibus Fund	4,061	-	-	-	4,061
After School Hangout	-	283	(174)	-	109
Event Catering	-	1,000	(805)	(195)	-
BCCF Welcome Spaces	-	2,500	(1,417)	-	1,083
Co-op Local Community Fund	-	666	-	-	666
Community Resilience Fund	-	29,125	-	-	29,125
Feeding Bristol HS Fund	-	6,500	(6,191)	-	309
Filton Park Pre-School	-	-	-	-	-
John James Foundation	-	262	(262)	-	-
Quartet Warm Space	-	5,000	(4,878)	-	122
Revenue Grant	-	5,230	(1,320)	-	3,910
Waitrose Henleaze	-	750	(750)	-	-
	4,061	51,316	(15,797)	(195)	39,385
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds	497,423	209,283	(188,541)	(97,665)	420,500
Designated Funds					
Capital Expenditure Fund	-	-	-	45,000	45,000
Contingency (building work)	-	-	-	20,000	20,000
Audio-visual	-	-	-	2,860	2,860
Staffing fund	-	-	-	30,000	30,000
	497,423	209,283	(188,541)	195	518,360
Total funds	501,484	260,599	(204,338)	-	557,745

Restricted funds

Minibus Fund - This represents offerings given towards the future purchase of a minibus.

After School Hangout - This fund represents donations to be spent on After School Hangout.

Event Catering - This fund represents donations to be spent on catering for baptism.

BCCF Welcome Spaces - This fund represents a Welcome Spaces grant from Bristol Churches City Fund for Community Hub equipment, marketing and subscriptions.

13 Movement in funds (continued)

Co-op Local Community Fund - This fund represents Co-op members raising money for community events including food, drink, and overheads.

Community Resilience Fund - This fund represents a grant from Bristol City Council for Community Hub improvements including building work and associated costs.

Feeding Bristol HS Fund - This fund represents a grant from the Household Support Fund run by Feeding Bristol for staffing, energy bills and non Christian focused community events.

John James Foundation - This fund represents a grant from the John James Foundation for work with Seniors, including for a Christmas party.

Quartet Catalyst fund - Grant from Bristol City Council towards enabling the church's work as a Community Hub in Horfield, providing additional activities to connect local residents and support their wellbeing.

Quartet Warm Space - This fund represents a grant from Bristol City Council Social Action Small Grants Programme to further develop the building as a Community Hub.

Revenue Grant - This fund represents a grant received from Bristol City Council, supplement to Community Resilience Fund for surveyors, architects, lost income from Taste Café.

Harold Stephens Community Fund - this fund is to be spent on Footprints activities (work with seniors)**.**

VCSE Energy Efficiency Scheme - Funding received to enable the building to become more energy-efficient. This fund has an overdrawn balance at the end of the year, but the charity are expecting additional funds to cover this in the current year.

Waitrose Henleaze This fund represents a grant from Waitrose for Footprints Christmas Meal.

Designated funds

Capital Expenditure (building improvements) - This fund represents funds set aside towards future capital costs to be spent on building improvments.

Contingency for building work - This fund represents funds set aside to cover future expenditure on building work for the Church.

Audio-visual - This fund represents funds set aside under the discretion of trustees for audio-visual costs.

Staffing fund - This fund represents funds set aside towards expenditure on full term staff salaries that have been agreed.

Ebe Birthday fund - funds were received to be spent on the church's 90th birthday celebrations**.**

14 Analysis of net assets between funds

As at 31 March 2025	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Designated Funds	Unrestricted General Funds	Total
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	375,090	375,090
Other net assets	(8,683)	88,950	129,897	210,164
	(8,683)	88,950	504,987	585,254

Prior year comparative

As at 31 March 2024	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Designated Funds	Unrestricted General Funds	Total
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	290,000	290,000
Other net assets	39,385	97,860	130,500	267,745
	39,385	97,860	420,500	557,745

15 Related party transactions

Derek Powell is a Trustee. During the prior year the charity received donations, including gift aid, towards the wider ministry work of Derek Powell totalling £400 (2024: £2,500). This was given as a grant to Derek Powell in the year in the same way as other gifts received and grants made to Christian workers and ministries.

There are no other transactions with trustees or other related parties other than those disclosed as required by the SORP elsewhere in the financial statements.

16 Company limited by guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee and as such has no issued share capital. In the event of the company being wound up the liability of the members is limited to £1 each.

17 Funds held as a custodian for others

At the year end, the charity held £581 (2024: £1,141) of cash balances under the control of Love Horfield. These balances have been excluded from the balance sheet.

In the year funds were received on behalf of Love Horfield totalling £Nil (2024: £nil).Payments made as a custodian trustee on behalf of Love Horfield totalled £560 (2024: £91).

Further details of the custodian trustee relationships can be found within the Trustees' Report.

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The Trustees of EbeTrust who are also Directors of the Charity for the purposes of the Companies Act, present their Annual Report together with the independently examined financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Objectives:

The objects of the Church are, for the benefit of the public:

- to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Beliefs in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees from time to time may think fit;
- 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 the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees from time to time may think fit.

The Trustees must use the income and may use the capital of the Church in promoting the Objects.

Structure, Governance and Management:

EbeTrust is a company limited by guarantee which was registered on 24 March 2009 under company number 06856916. The company was also registered as a charity under number 1129106 on 9 April 2009. It is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Trustees:

- The Trustees are responsible for the management and administration of the Church's property and funds in accordance with the Memorandum and the Articles.
- The minimum number of Trustees is three individuals but there is no maximum. All Trustees must be Members. All Trustees must subscribe and adhere to, in belief and lifestyle, the Statement of Beliefs.
- All future Trustees are to be appointed by a resolution of the Trustees and an appointment will become effective when the new Trustee completes the necessary Companies House paperwork and thereby consents to hold office.

Trustees and Spiritual Leadership of the Church:

- The spiritual leadership of the church shall rest with the Spiritual Leadership. If there are Trustees who are not members of the Spiritual Leadership then their role shall be confined to the management and administration of the church in accordance with the provisions of the Memorandum and the Articles and of the general law.
- The Trustees of the church shall fulfil their legal duties having due regard to the spiritual direction of the church as set from time to time by the Spiritual Leadership acting always in accordance with the requirements of the Memorandum and the Articles and the general law. The trust considers it best practice for there to be a regular turnover of Trustees as has been the case.

- New Trustees are chosen both for the particular skills which they bring to the trust and for their understanding of the objects of the charity. Those who have joined the trust since its inception have all been drawn from the large number of suitably skilled and/or qualified persons within the body of supporters of the church. At the close of 2023-24 there were 12 Trustees. Typically, new Trustees are well known to the existing body of Trustees and the induction process is handled by one or two of their number often supported by previous invitations to selected trust proceedings to see the body at work. While serving, the attention of Trustees' is regularly drawn, by the Chair of Trustees or the compliance sub-committee, to suitable training opportunities to ensure their continuing professional development.

Activities

Alpha Course

In April through to June 2023 we continued the Alpha course we had originally started in January 2023, with around 10 people in attendance. In February 2024 we ran another smaller Alpha course. It was great to see those attending build friendships and journey to explore faith in Jesus, in a place where they can ask any questions and have any beliefs.

Kintsugi Hope Wellbeing Courses

Kintsugi Hope Wellbeing Groups are safe and supportive spaces for people from any background to attend. Our Group Leaders are trained to run a group to encourage, inform and inspire attendees. They are not trained therapists, nor experts in treating or diagnosing mental or emotional health illnesses. However, where necessary they can signpost people to specialist help.

We journey together for 12 weeks to explore how to maintain mental and emotional wellbeing in the midst of our often-messy lives. Subjects include anxiety, depression, shame, anger, disappointment and loss.

We have promoted these courses with the church family and in the local community through social media. We held an in-person daytime wellbeing group for 12 weeks starting in September 2023. Overall we had around 18 people attending, 10 on a regular basis, half of which were from the local community. Feedback was good with all attendees reporting that the course had helped their mental health. We partner with local organisations and wider Bristol mental health services and social prescribing to make sure we signpost people to wider support.

Children's Church

Children's Church is a vibrant and creative part of church life, providing children up to school year 6 with a space to learn Biblical principles and nurture positive and cooperative relationships. Children are encouraged to express themselves and their learning through discussion, craft, music and physical activity.

A team of volunteers from within the church hosts Children's Church on a weekly basis. Children are also encouraged to get involved in whole church activities and have opportunities to interact with and volunteer alongside adults of all ages in a safe environment. Furthermore, the team is keen to develop community amongst children in the church, informed by the Biblical concept of the body of Christ.

Safeguarding is paramount to Children's Church activities. Volunteer training is provided and policies and procedures are regularly reviewed to ensure a high standard of care and accountability is maintained.

Community Transformation (including warm welcome spaces)

Over the last year, our church building has provided the operational centre and offices of North Bristol and South Glos Foodbank, enabling an overlap of relationships between church and the foodbank and strengthening our identity as a 'community hub'. Alongside this, we continued to undertake weekly events/activities in the church building (e.g. wellbeing group, senior citizens group, community café, community breakfast, foodbank outlet, etc…) under the banner of 'warm welcome space' where local residents have a safe and supportive space to connect with each other. We also held one-off evening events like speed quizzes, a community pancake party and Peace Feast in order to try and connect with people in the evenings. We also built relationships with other organisations/agencies such as our building being used to host a 'digital drop-in' session for those looking for support in using laptops/tablets, a Citizens Advice worker who came weekly to our community café and one-off support work with community development workers from Mencap.

Our building continues to be used as a community hub for many more in-person community meetings, eg. Horfield and Lockleaze workers network breakfast, foodbank cluster meetings, and North Bristol community development workers meetings etc. Essentially, the church building provides a space to collaborate and plan together with other organisations and local residents.

During the last year, as a church we have helped to envision and coordinate local community events again, working closely with other local community organisations and schools. One example would be the Origins project, where we invited a group of UWE students to work alongside senior citizens in our community to document what life was like living in Horfield and Lockleaze in the 1940s and 50s. This proved to be a popular project and was enjoyed by all, as a result, other projects are being looked at in partnership with the UWE volunteering department.

There has also continued to be a huge increase in online social media support in local neighbourhoods through local Facebook groups that we help to manage. We have encouraged neighbours supporting each other and sharing their gifts and talents in local volunteer needs.

Once again, our church building in the last year has also been increasingly used for private hires for children's birthday parties and other organisations/charities for one-off events or courses. This has enabled our relationships to deepen in our local communities as we further utilise our building resources for the benefit of the public.

The church has also continued to provide practical support (by way of volunteering) and prayer support to inHope (formally Crisis Centre Ministries – Charity Commission no. 298528), and Sixty-One (Charity Commission no. 1159302) in terms of prayer, volunteering and finance. We have set up our citywide partners team and will annually review the 3 Bristol-based charities that we will support which will be North Bristol and South Glos Foodbank, Refugee Welcome Homes and inHope. These will all be given profile in church in different ways throughout the year so the congregation own the values of reaching out to the most vulnerable in society with the gospel.

Global Partnerships

Ebenezer Church has an international dimension, and supports both short and long term mission involvement, in the UK and overseas. Our Global Partnership Team drives this forward.

Locally, we support and encourage church members to get involved practically with Bristol International Student Centre (BISC) which seeks to welcome and support foreign students to the two Bristol Universities. We also support a family, who live in Easton, as they work to support the practical needs of refugees and asylum seekers in Bristol.

Overseas, we support a family who were members of Ebenezer Church, and are now in the USA, as well as existing church members who are currently working in Nepal, and Zambia.

The Global Partnership Team coordinate with Ebetrust finance sub-group to allocate resources to help meet the short term needs of those we support.

Messy Church

This year, we continued to host Messy Church events each term and saw several new families joining us for an afternoon of crafts, games, stories and connection. The sessions are attended by families who consider themselves part of church as well as from the local community so people can make new friends and generally encourage each other in family life. Those who attend are encouraged to develop a spiritual dimension. Occasions are always well attended with a genuine benefit of parents and grandparents engaging directly with their children. In addition, several of the young people who attend our church services regularly began to volunteer at Messy Church. They enjoyed being involved in the planning process, leading games, serving refreshments and, as a result, we have seen them grow in confidence.

(The) Noise

BRISTOL NOISE (Charity Commission no. 1134099) constitutes an independent charitable activity that operates in partnership with and integrates seamlessly into the life of Ebenezer Church. It operates principally in the early Spring of each year, working in the North, East and South of Bristol.

A successful Noise event was held again on May Day bank holiday weekend in 2023 with over 650 volunteers involved from 47 churches and groups. This was co-ordinated by the staff of Bristol Noise supported by Ebenezer Church core team and volunteers, partnering with volunteers from across the city. We also hosted very successful events at the church building including a senior citizen's banquet with over 80 guests and a community fun event with over 250 visitors during the 2 hours of the event. Volunteers from the church were also involved in practical projects across the communities of Horfield and Lockleaze which were referred to us for support.

The vision of Noise 365 has continued to be developed with a regular email and resources for local volunteers and churches produced throughout the year. Ebe Church continues to be fully behind this vision and resourcing it. We also provide office space for the Bristol Noise staff team.

(The) North Bristol & South Gloucestershire Foodbank

Foodbank has continued to grow, serving some 16,125 people (10% increase on the previous financial year) with 3 days of emergency food. From our Horfield foodbank outlet based at our church community hub, we served 2244 people. The foodbank charity uses office space based in the church building and has built relationships with over 300 frontline care professional organisations giving Foodbank referrals to people in crisis. Over the last financial year, a new strategy has been consulted about and created to 'end the need for foodbanks in North Bristol and South Glos'. Over the next year, this will involve trialling activities at our church building and also in our local communities where there are key relationships with our community partners. The church building continues to be a place where the public drop-off food donations and increasing use of the space for foodbank meetings with organisations who refer people to the foodbank.

Volunteers from church continue to be involved on a weekly basis with the foodbank from helping run the weekly foodbank outlet on Thursday afternoons to being part of foodbank driving team, as well as other one-off events. There is a healthy overlap with the church staff team and foodbank staff in working together, sharing a common vision of supporting those in crisis in our communities.

Small Groups

Small Groups are a key part of church life and a valuable source of support, connection and discipleship. We currently have four small groups that happen on a regular basis. Small groups and pastoral care within church are a high priority for the leadership team and we are actively looking at ways we can do this differently, enabling as many people to connect and access support, as possible.

Sunday Services

We hold our Sunday Services in our church building on Filton Avenue. We continue to see new people coming along most weeks who are connecting with us in a variety of ways. We seek to be a church that is welcoming to all people, and we love to see the diversity in our congregation growing.

We continue to record our talks given on a Sunday and share these online, as well as providing some discussion prompts and questions that people can use in different settings to engage with our Sunday teaching.

Students & Young Adults

As a church we want to be a place where the large student population in our local area, and at UWE, can connect and be a part of a community. We seek to provide spaces and opportunities for students & young adults within church to grow, and be challenged in their personal faith, and to live this out in their day-to-day life, and in their relationships. We continue to encourage students and young adults to integrate into the whole of church life through relationship building and serving in a variety of ways.

A key part of our vision as church is to see new leaders raised up in all parts of life, both inside and outside of church. It is great to have young leaders from within Ebe take on the leading of this community, and to see this group growing numerically too.

Taste Café

We continue to run a weekly community café which remains both popular and needful in the local area. Over the winter period, it proved to be a helpful 'warm space', enabling people to benefit from a heated venue when the cost-of-living crisis was hard-hitting. Cakes, drinks and lunches are offered at very low prices, making them affordable for all, but especially for those who are struggling financially.

The café has also been a place of company, friendship and developing relationships – a wonderful mix of people, of all ages, from church and the communities of Horfield, Lockleaze and Filton. Parents have also appreciated the additional play areas for pre-school children.

Most weeks, an organisation or agency will attend (e.g. Citizens Advice), using a space within the café to promote the help that they can offer to people.

Footprints

This is our weekly group for senior citizens in church and the local community. As with the previous year, we have seen even more new people join, and weekly attendances have continued to average between 30 and 40. Towards the year end, we started to see up to 45 which has been a great encouragement. Whilst new people have joined the group, we have sadly lost others who have passed away in their old age. It has been a privilege to hold funeral services at Ebenezer Church and to support the family members on their sad loss. Footprints is a place of company and friendship for all, but especially for those who experience the challenges of loneliness and isolation. We do not charge a subscription for this group but people voluntarily give donations in appreciation of what the group does for them. A range of entertainment is provided alongside running some religious occasions such as Easter, Christmas, Harvest and Remembrance services.

Youth Work

With a larger group of young people engaging with our youth programme, this year has seen us trialling new activity for our young people:

- Youth Small Group – this has brought young people together in the comfortable environment of a home for Bible study and a meal together
- Youth hangout – an opportunity for young people to play games and enjoy a social time with each other.

These trials have proved very successful and popular. It has been especially good to see our young people bringing their friends to these occasions. The Sunday Youth Group continues every week alongside the church service. Our young people engage well with each other, developing stronger friendships. We teach our young people good values from the Bible, encouraging them to respect other people and the world in which they live.

Contribution of Volunteers

It is not possible to quantify the contribution of volunteers to the activities of Ebetrust but they are involved in the majority of activities described above.

Public Benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty outlined in the Charities Act 2011, to have paid due regard to the Public Benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Financial Review

The financial results for the year are set out in the Statement of Financial Activities. In 2024 income was £260,599 (2023: £263,353) a decrease of 1.05% from 2023.

Overall, income is broadly in line with the previous year with a decrease of £10,476 in donations and grants.

Expenditure on charitable activities was £204,338 (2023: £185,413) an increase of 10.2% from 2023. In light of the cost of living crisis we believe the increase in expenditure is in line with what might have been expected for an organisation of our size. Net current assets at 31 March 2024 were £267,745 (2023: £211,484). Cash at bank and in hand as at 31 March 2024 amounted to £256,022 (2023: £198,176).

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have established a policy whereby the free reserves held by the charity (total funds less any funds either designated for a particular purpose or held in the form of fixed assets) should be set at £65,000. This figure takes into account three months debit turnover (approx. £50,000), the ability to respond to an important/urgent Global Partnerships or similar request (£5,000) and to be able to protect the church against unforeseen adverse circumstances, for example unexpected infrastructure costs (£10,000).

At the year-end the free reserves of the charity were £130,500. We have agreed a new reserves policy which states the requirement to keep £65,000 in reserves, and we are actively planning ways to spend the additional reserves (£65,500) over a number of years in line with our charitable objectives.

The trustees have set aside £97,860 of reserves which are currently represented as designated funds in the financial statements. Over the next financial year, these reserves will be spent in the following way:

- Capital expenditure (building improvements): £45,000
- Contingency for building work: £20,000
- Audio-visual: £2,860
- Staffing fund: £30,000

We would like to plan the use of the remaining free reserves later, when we will be able to review the costs of the building work and any other significant changes within the work of the charity.

Funds Held as Custodian Trustee

Ebetrust acts as a custodian Trustee holding cash on behalf of Love Horfield. Love Horfield's objects are to support local people including young people and children to make Horfield a better place to live work study and play. Ebetrust hold the funds within their own bank accounts but have control measures to account for these funds separately. Refer to note 17 for details of the funds received, payments made and balances held on behalf of Love Horfield in the year.

Trustee's Responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also directors of Ebetrust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report (incorporating the strategic report and directors' report) and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the income and expenditure of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Registered office:
Ebenezer Evangelical Church
286 Filton Avenue
Horfield
Bristol BS7 0BA

Signed by order of the Trustees

SFisher
……
Susan Fisher
Trustee

J Wall
……
John Wall
Chair

Annette Jones
……
Annette Jones
Trustee

Approved by the Trustees on Dec 02 2024 ……

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REFERENCE & ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The directors who served the company during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Trustees:

John Wall (Chair)
Adrian Reed
John Payton
Derek Powell
Andrew Tett – resigned 23/04/2024
Stewart North
Ian Powell
Fiona Brooks
Andy Smith
Annette Jones (Secretary)
Susan Fisher
Lee Haynes

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF EBETRUST

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Ebetrust ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement
Since the Company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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

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Joshua Kingston

Date: Dec 02 2024

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Income from:					
Donations and grants	**2**	180,622	51,316	231,938	242,414
Charitable activities	**3**	25,511	-	25,511	20,939
Investments		3,150	-	3,150	-
Total income		209,283	51,316	260,599	263,353
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	**4**	188,541	15,797	204,338	185,413
Total expenditure		188,541	15,797	204,338	185,413
Net income/(expenditure)	**6**	20,742	35,519	56,261	77,940
Transfers between funds	**13**	195	(195)	-	-
Net movement in funds		20,937	35,324	56,261	77,940
Total funds at start of year	**13**	497,423	4,061	501,484	423,544
Total funds at end of year	**13**	518,360	39,385	557,745	501,484

The Charity has no recognised gains or losses other than the results for the year as set out above.

All of the activities of the charity are classed as continuing.

The notes on pages 14 to 23 form part of these financial statements
See note 9 for fund-accounting comparative figures

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

Company number: 06856916

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	**10**	290,000	290,000
		290,000	290,000
Current assets			
Debtors	**11**	32,307	15,588
Cash at bank and in hand		256,022	198,176
		288,329	213,764
Creditors : amounts falling due within one year	**12**	(20,584)	(2,280)
Net current assets		267,745	211,484
Net assets		557,745	501,484
FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds	**14**	518,360	497,423
Restricted funds	**14**	39,385	4,061
Total funds		557,745	501,484

For the year ended 31 March 2024 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Trustees responsibilities:

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees on Dec 02 2024 .....2024 and are signed on their behalf by:

SFisher	J Wall	Annette Jones
.....	.....	.....
S Fisher	J Wall	Annette Jones
Trustee	Trustee	Trustee

The notes on pages 14 to 23 form part of these financial statements

1 Accounting policies

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention (except where otherwise stated in the accounting policy note) and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019, and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and the Companies Act 2006.

The charity is a public benefit entity as defined under FRS102. The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties affecting the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern.

Income

Income from donations is included in income when these are receivable, except as follows:

I. When donors specify that donations given to the charity must be used in future accounting periods, the income is deferred until those periods;
II. When donors impose conditions which have to be fulfilled before the charity becomes entitled to use such income, the income is deferred until the pre-conditions have been met.

Investment income is included on a receivable basis.

Income from Gift Aid Tax refunds is recognised at the time the original donation is received by the charity.

Hire income

Hire income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity becomes entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised in the period in which it is incurred. Expenditure includes attributable VAT which cannot be recovered.

Charitable Activities

Most expenditure is directly attributable to charitable activities. Support costs have been allocated 100% towards the charitable activities of the charity. Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the independent examination fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity. They have been included within charitable expenditure.

Grants payable

Grants payable are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the accounting period in which allocation of the award is communicated to the recipient.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discounts offered.

1 Accounting policies *(continued)*

Cash and cash equivalents
Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less.

Tangible fixed assets
Fixed assets are held at cost less accumulated depreciation. Assets costing less than £1,000 are not capitalised. Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated ultimate residual value, over the useful life of that asset as follows:

Freehold Property - 0% per annum straight line
Equipment - 20% per annum straight line

As permitted by the Statement of Recommended of Practice, no provision for depreciation has been made for freehold property as it is the view of the Trustees that the estimated residual value of each property is not materially different from the carrying value. The Trustees annually review the carrying value for indication of any impairment.

In line with guidance in the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice, donated properties have been included in the Balance Sheet at the value for the charity at the date of the gift.

Creditors
Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any discounts due.

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in notes of the financial statements.

2 Income from: Donations and grants

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Gifts and offerings			
Regular	116,913	1,000	117,913
One-off	30,906	282	31,188
Gift aid	32,300	1	32,301
Grants	503	50,033	50,536
	180,622	51,316	231,938

Prior year comparative

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Gifts and offerings			
Regular	144,904	-	144,904
One-off	29,082	-	29,082
Gift aid	49,794	-	49,794
Grants	18,634	-	18,634
	242,414	-	242,414

Included in the above are donations of £48,118 (2023: £44,631) received from trustees and other related parties.

3 Income from: Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Event income	4,799	-	4,799	3,030
Café sales	4,747	-	4,747	4,685
Hire of premises	15,775	-	15,775	11,949
Other income	190	-	190	1,275
	25,511	-	25,511	20,939

All prior year income was represented by unrestricted funds.

4 Expenditure on: Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
Grants for Christian work (see note 5)	43,203	300	43,503	37,460
Church workers (see note 7)	115,380	3,150	118,530	107,850
Speakers' expenses and gifts	600	-	600	300
Event expenses	5,205	4,319	9,524	7,295
Youth events	498	69	567	185
Support costs				
Rent of Sunday meeting venue	-	-	-	6,600
Repairs and maintenance	5,888	2,250	8,138	2,848
Insurance	2,392	-	2,392	2,122
Rates, heat and light	1,970	3,000	4,970	5,731
Subscriptions and licences	2,495	150	2,645	2,369
Office costs and ministry expenses	2,662	470	3,132	3,331
Cleaning	2,118	162	2,280	2,034
Telephone and broadband	560	-	560	594
Training and meeting costs	277	-	277	517
Miscellaneous	2,353	1,927	4,280	4,288
Governance costs	2,940	-	2,940	1,889
	188,541	15,797	204,338	185,413

Included within governance costs is independent examiner's fee of £2,610 (2023: £2,280).

All prior year expenditure was represented by unrestricted funds.

5 Analysis of grants

	2024	2023
	£	£
To institutions		
Bristol International Trust (BISC)	-	4,950
Bristol Noise	63	49
North Bristol Foodbank	1,965	1,126
Herald church	-	60
Disaster Emergency Committee	-	1,250
Southmead Hospital Charity	-	250
Refugee Welcome Hope	1,423	-
In hope	1,423	-
Other gifts to institutions (all less than £1,000)	2,088	5,446
To individuals	36,541	24,329
	43,503	37,460

6 Net income/(expenditure) for the year

This is stated after charging:

		2024	2023
		£	£
Independent examiner's fee	- for independent examination services	2,610	2,280
	- for under provision in prior year	-	(391)
Remuneration of trustees		91,120	82,900

7 Trustees have been reimbursed for their out of pocket travel expenses £3,719 (2023: £Nil).

7 Staff costs and numbers

The aggregate payroll costs were:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Church contractors	118,530	107,850
Wages and salaries	-	-
	118,530	107,850

These costs relate to 3 self employed individuals (2023: 3) engaged under service agreements and no employees (2023: Nil).

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 (2023: none).

The key management personnel is comprised of, S North, D Powell, S Allan, R Varley, E Champion-Howard and E Legg-Bagg, along with the charity's trustees.

The total benefits paid to key management personnel during the year were £118,530 (2023:£107,850).

This includes benefits totalling £45,560 (2023: £41,450) to D Powell and £45,560 (2023: £41,450) to S North, who are trustees of the charity. This payment is permitted by the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association.

8 Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

9 Statement of Financial Activities comparative figures

For the year ended 31 March 2023	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Income from:			
Donations and grants	242,414	-	242,414
Charitable activities	20,939	-	20,939
Total income	263,353	-	263,353
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	185,413	-	185,413
Total expenditure	185,413	-	185,413
Net income/(expenditure)	77,940	-	77,940
Transfers between funds	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	77,940	-	77,940
Total funds at start of year	419,483	4,061	423,544
Total funds at end of year	497,423	4,061	501,484

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold Property £	Equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024	290,000	11,498	301,498
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024	-	11,498	11,498
Net book value			
At 31 March 2024	290,000	-	290,000
At 31 March 2023	290,000	-	290,000

11 Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Gift Aid debtor	32,302	15,588
Other debtors	5	-
	32,307	15,588

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	2,610	2,280
Other creditors	17,974	-
	20,584	2,280

13 Movement in funds

For the year ended 31 March 2024

	At 1 Apr 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 Mar 2024 £
Restricted funds					
Minibus Fund	4,061	-	-	-	4,061
After School Hangout		283	(174)	-	109
Event Catering	-	1,000	(805)	(195)	-
BCCF Welcome Spaces	-	2,500	(1,417)	-	1,083
Co-op Local Community Fund	-	666	-	-	666
Community Resilience Fund	-	29,125	-	-	29,125
Feeding Bristol HS Fund	-	6,500	(6,191)	-	309
John James Foundation	-	262	(262)	-	-
Quartet Warm Space	-	5,000	(4,878)	-	122
Revenue Grant	-	5,230	(1,320)	-	3,910
Waitrose Henleaze	-	750	(750)	-	-
	4,061	51,316	(15,797)	(195)	39,385
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds	497,423	209,283	(188,541)	(97,665)	420,500
Designated Funds					
Capital Expenditure Fund	-	-	-	45,000	45,000
Contingency (building work)	-	-	-	20,000	20,000
Audio-visual	-	-	-	2,860	2,860
Staffing fund	-	-	-	30,000	30,000
	497,423	209,283	(188,541)	195	518,360
Total funds	501,484	260,599	(204,338)	-	557,745

For the year ended 31 March 2023

	At 1 Apr 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 Mar 2023 £
Restricted funds					
Minibus Fund	4,061	-	-	-	4,061
	4,061	-	-	-	4,061
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	419,483	263,353	(185,413)	-	497,423
	419,483	263,353	(185,413)	-	497,423
Total funds	423,544	263,353	(185,413)	-	501,484

13 Movement in funds (continued)

Restricted funds

Minibus Fund - This represents offerings given towards the future purchase of a minibus.

After School Hangout - This fund represents donations to be spent on after school hangout.

Event Catering - This fund represents donations to be spent on catering for baptism.

BCCF Welcome Spaces - This fund represents a Welcome Spaces grant from Bristol Churches City Fund for community hub equipment, marking and subsistence.

Co-op Local Community Fund - This fund represents Co-op members raising money for community events including food, drink, and overheads.

Community Resilience Fund - This fund represents a grant from Bristol City Council for community hub improvements including building work and associated costs.

Feeding Bristol HS Fund - This fund represents a grant from the Household Support Fund run by Feeding Bristol for staffing, energy bills and non Christian focused community events.

John James Foundation - This fund represents a grant from the John James Foundation for Summer Cream Tea on 10th July.

Quartet Warm Space - This fund represents a grant from Bristol City Council Social Action Small Grants Programme to further develop the building as a Community Hub.

Revenue Grant - This fund represents a grant received from Bristol City Council, supplement to Community Resilience Fund for surveyors, architects, lost income from taste café.

Waitrose Henleaze This fund represents a grant from Waitrose for Footprints Christmas Meal.

Designated funds

Capital Expenditure (building improvements) - This fund represents funds set aside towards future capital costs to be spent on building improvments.

Contingency for building work - This fund represents funds set aside to cover future expenditure on building work for the Church.

Audio-visual - This fund represents funds set aside under the discretion of trustees for audio-visual costs.

Staffing fund - This fund represents funds set aside towards expenditure on full term staff salaries that have been agreed.

14 Analysis of net assets between funds

As at 31 March 2024	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Designated Funds	Unrestricted General Funds	Total
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	290,000	290,000
Other net assets	39,385	97,860	130,500	267,745
	39,385	97,860	420,500	557,745

Prior year comparative

As at 31 March 2023	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted General Funds	Total
	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	-	290,000	290,000
Other net assets	4,061	207,423	211,484
	4,061	497,423	501,484

15 Related party transactions

Derek Powell is a Trustee. During the prior year the charity received donations, including gift aid, towards the wider ministry work of Derek Powell totalling £2,500. This was given as a grant to Derek Powell in the year in the same way as other gifts received and grants made to Christian workers and ministries.

There are no other transactions with trustees or other related parties other than those disclosed as required by the SORP elsewhere in the financial statements.

16 Company limited by guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee and as such has no issued share capital. In the event of the company being wound up the liability of the members is limited to £1 each.

17 Funds held as a custodian for others

At the year end, the charity held £1,141 (2023: £1,232) of cash balances under the control of Love Horfield. These balances have been excluded from the balance sheet.

In the year funds were received on behalf of Love Horfield totalling £Nil (2023: £198).Payments made as a custodian trustee on behalf of Love Horfield totalled £91 (2023: £295).

Further details of the custodian trustee relationships can be found within the trustees' report.

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The Trustees of EbeTrust who are also Directors of the Charity for the purposes of the Companies Act, present their Annual Report together with the independently examined financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

OBJECTS

The objects of the Church are, for the benefit of the public:

- to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Beliefs in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees from time to time may think fit;

- 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 the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees from time to time may think fit:

The Trustees must use the income and may use the capital of the Church in promoting the Objects.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

EbeTrust is a company limited by guarantee which was registered on 24 March 2009 under company number 06856916. The company was also registered as a charity under number 1129106 on 9 April 2009. It is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Trustees:

- The Trustees are responsible for the management and administration of the Church's property and funds in accordance with the Memorandum and the Articles.
- The minimum number of Trustees is three individuals but there is no maximum. All Trustees must be Members. All Trustees must subscribe and adhere to, in belief and lifestyle, the Statement of Beliefs.
- All future Trustees are to be appointed by a resolution of the Trustees and an appointment will become effective when the new Trustee completes the necessary Companies House paperwork and thereby consents to hold office.

Trustees and spiritual leadership of the church:

- The spiritual leadership of the church shall rest with the Spiritual Leadership. If there are Trustees who are not members of the Spiritual Leadership then their role shall be confined to the management and administration of the church in accordance with the provisions of the Memorandum and the Articles and of the general law.
- The Trustees of the church shall fulfil their legal duties having due regard to the spiritual direction of the church as set from time to time by the Spiritual Leadership acting always in accordance with the requirements of the Memorandum and the Articles and the general law. The trust considers it best practice for there to be a regular turnover of Trustees as has been the case.

- New Trustees are chosen both for the particular skills which they bring to the trust and for their understanding of the objects of the charity. Those who have joined the trust since its inception have all been drawn from the large number of suitably skilled and/or qualified persons within the body of supporters of the church. At the close of 2022-23 there were 11 Trustees. Typically, new Trustees are well known to the existing body of Trustees and the induction process is handled by one or two of their number often supported by previous invitations to selected trust proceedings to see the body at work. While serving, the attention of Trustees' is regularly drawn by our compliance sub-committee to suitable training opportunities to ensure their continuing professional development.

ACTIVITIES

Alpha Course

In January 2023 we ran a course using the Alpha film series videos. It was great to see those attending build friendships and journey to explore faith in Jesus, in a place where they can ask any questions and have any beliefs.

Kintsugi Hope Wellbeing Courses

Kintsugi Hope Wellbeing Groups are safe and supportive spaces for people from any background to attend. Our Group Leaders are trained to run a group to encourage, inform and inspire. They are not trained therapists, nor experts in treating or diagnosing mental or emotional health illnesses. However, where necessary they can signpost people to specialist help.

We journey together for 12 weeks to explore how to maintain mental and emotional wellbeing in the midst of our often-messy lives. Subjects include anxiety, depression, shame, anger, disappointment and loss.

We have promoted these courses with the church family and in the local community through social media and our connections with Ebe Church activities. We held an in-person daytime wellbeing group for 12 weeks starting in September 2022. We had about 10 people, half of which were from the community. Feedback was good with all attendees reporting that the course had helped their mental health. We will be looking at how we repeat this in the Autumn of 2023. We partner with local organisations and wider Bristol mental health services and social prescribing to make sure we signpost people to wider support.

Children's Church

Children's Church remains a highly valued part of church life, engaging children up to school year 6. We retained three groups, each accommodating different ages so as to engage children with age appropriate content and activities. The children's provision holds to the following principles:

- Good Christian values and principles taught which help give a great start in life and prepare children for the future.
- Good behaviour and healthy life practices encouraged so as to draw children to make good choices in life, promoting good health and helpful friendships.

- Children encouraged to care for other children less fortunate than themselves.

Community Transformation

During this last year, our church building continues to be the operational centre of the foodbank, which is growing extensively in impact and influence across North Bristol and South Gloucestershire. This continues to make the church building be seen as a community hub where people drop off food, volunteer and help facilitate the work of the foodbank. As we have come out of the pandemic and into a cost of living crisis, we have been heavily involved in working with other organisations on providing warm welcoming spaces for people to connect. We have also used our building for many more in-person community meetings, eg. Horfield and Lockleaze workers network breakfast, Love Horfield steering group meetings, etc to provide space to collaborate and plan together with other organisations and local residents.

During the last year, as a church we have helped to envision and coordinate some Love Horfield events again including a community fun run and student volunteering scheme – both have been successful and looking to repeat and extend in the future. There has also continued to be a huge increase in online social media support in local neighbourhoods. We have encouraged neighbours supporting each other and sharing their gifts and talents in local volunteer needs. During the Summer 2022, we helped facilitate a Love Horfield summer wellbeing programme of numerous events run locally by residents and organisations to encourage people who live locally to reconnect with each other and help their own wellbeing.

Our church building in the last year has also been increasingly used again for private hires for children's birthday parties and other organisations/charities for one-off events or courses. This has enabled our relationships to deepen in our local communities as we use our building resource for the benefit of the public.

The church has also continued to provide support to InHope (formally Crisis Centre Ministries – Charity Commission no. 298528), and Sixty-One (Charity Commission no. 1159302) in terms of prayer, volunteering and finance and now these charities are seen as our local partners (alongside North Bristol and South Glos Foodbank and Bristol Noise charities – mentioned elsewhere in this report). These are all given profile in church in different ways throughout the year so the congregation own the values of reaching out to the most vulnerable in society with the gospel.

Global Partnerships

Ebe Church has an international dimension, and supports both short and long term mission involvement, in the UK and overseas. Our Global Partnership Team drives this forward.

Locally, we support and encourage church to get involved practically with Bristol International Student Centre (BISC) which seeks to welcome and support foreign students to the two Bristol Universities. We also support Rachael and Peter Bee as they work to support the practical needs of asylum seekers in Bristol.

Overseas, we support a family who were members of Ebenezer Church, and are now in the USA, as well as existing church members who are currently working in Nepal, and Zambia.

The Global Partnership Team coordinate with Ebetrust finance sub-group to allocate resources to help meet the short term needs of those we support, to give strategically, and as global crises occur.

Messy Church

We have continued to host termly Messy Church occasions, bringing together the whole family for an afternoon of creativity, storytelling and connection. The sessions are attended by families who consider themselves part of church as well as from the local community so people can make new friends and generally encourage each other in family life. Those who attend are encouraged to develop a spiritual dimension. Occasions are always well attended with a genuine benefit of parents and grandparents engaging directly with their children. We have found that families who attend other activities that we provide are now attending Messy Church and are becoming more connected with each other.

(The) Noise

BRISTOL NOISE (Charity Commission no. 1134099) constitutes an independent charitable activity that operates in partnership with, and integrates seamlessly into the life of Ebenezer Church. It operates principally in the early Spring of each year, working in the North, East and South of Bristol.

A successful Noise event was held again on May Day bank holiday weekend in 2022 with over 700 volunteers involved. This was co-ordinated by the staff of Bristol Noise supported by Ebenezer Church core team and volunteers, partnering with volunteers from across the city. We also hosted very successful events at the church building including a senior citizen's banquet with over 80 guests and a community fun event with over 300 visitors during the 2 hours of the event. Volunteers from church were also involved in practical projects across the communities of Horfield and Lockleaze which were referred to us for support. The vision of Noise 365 has continued to be developed with a regular email and resources for local volunteers and churches produced throughout the year. Ebe Church continues to be fully behind this vision and resourcing it. We also provide office space for the Bristol Noise staff team.

(The) North Bristol Foodbank
(The) South Gloucestershire CIO

Foodbank has continued to grow, serving some 14,627 people with 3 days of emergency food. The charity uses office space based in the church building and has built relationships with over 300 frontline care professional organisations giving Foodbank vouchers to people in crisis. The church building continues to be a place where the public drop-off food donations and increasing use of the space for foodbank meetings with organisations who refer people to the foodbank.

Volunteers from church continue to be involved in weekly basis with the foodbank from helping run the weekly foodbank outlet on Thursday afternoons to being part of foodbank driving team, as well as other one-off events. There is a healthy overlap with the church staff team and foodbank staff in working together and common vision of supporting those in crisis in our communities.

Small Groups

Small Groups are a key part of church life and a valuable source of support, connection and discipleship. We currently have four small groups that happen on a weekly basis. We also have a new monthly small group for those who aren't already connected in this way. We have run a number of short 'courses', using material from 24-7 prayer and running for 6-8 weeks – these have happened in person, and on zoom. Small groups and pastoral care within church are a high priority for the leadership team and we are actively looking at ways we can do this differently, enabling as many people to connect and access support, as possible.

Sunday Services

From the start of January 2023 we have been holding Sunday Services in our church building on Filton Avenue. This wasn't a change of venue that we had planned for but has generally been a very positive move. It seems that our building is more accessible for people and we have seen a number of new people come along on a Sunday, which has been great. It has also made for a more 'joined up' feel for what happens on Sundays and throughout the week.

We continue to record our talks given on a Sunday and share these online. New in the last year, we have introduced 'Connected' which provides some discussion prompts and questions that people can use in different settings to engage with our Sunday teaching.

Students & Young Adults

As a church we want to be a place where the large student population in our local area, and at UWE, can connect and be a part of a community. We seek to provide spaces and opportunities for students & young adults within church to grow, and be challenged in their personal faith, and to live this out in their day-to-day life, and in their relationships. We continue to encourage students and young adults to integrate into the whole of church life through relationship building and serving in a variety of ways.

A key part of our vision as church is to see new leaders raised up in all parts of life, both inside and outside of church. It has been great to see two young leaders from within Ebe take on the leading of this work; for the group itself, and for the two of them in growing as leaders.

Taste Café

We continue to run a weekly community café which remains both popular and needful in the local area. Over the winter period, it proved to be a helpful 'warm space', enabling people to benefit from a heated venue when the cost-of-living crisis has been hard-hitting. Cakes, drinks and lunches are offered at very low prices, making them affordable for all, but especially for those who are struggling financially. The café has also been a place of company, friendship and developing relationship – a wonderful mix of people from church and from the communities of Horfield, Lockleaze and Filton. Parents have appreciated the additional play areas for pre-school children. Occasionally, an organisation or agency has used a little space within the café to promote the help that they can offer to people.

Footprints

This is our weekly group for senior citizens in church and the local community. Over the year, we have seen new people join, resulting in weekly attendances in the 30 to 40 bracket rather than 20 to 30 the year before. It is a place of company and friendship for all, but especially for those who experience the challenges of loneliness and isolation. We do not charge a subscription for this group but people voluntarily give donations in appreciation of the group, and these usually cover the direct costs. A range of entertainment is provided alongside running some religious occasions such as Easter, Christmas, Harvest and Remembrance services. The meals are particularly popular with numbers more like 40 to 60 when a main meal is provided.

Youth Work

Our youth group has grown over the year, as Year 6 children started secondary school in September. This has made our youth work stronger and a greater sense of cohesive community. Our young people engage well with each other, developing stronger friendships. We teach our young people good values from the Bible, encouraging them to respect other people and the world in which they live. Whereas in recent years, our youth work has focussed on the group that takes place Sunday mornings, we are now able to trial additional occasions for our young people such as a Small Group midweek and next year, a Friday evening youth hang-out.

Welcoming Spaces

In response to the 'cost of living crisis', from November 2022 until March 2023, we launched our warm 'welcoming space' to provide spaces throughout the week where people could come to stay warm and also connect with other local residents. We linked up with other local/citywide organisations to be part of network of 'welcoming spaces' across the city and also accessed grant funding in several places to be able to facilitate this initiative. The intention was to trial a number of weekly activities in our church building and also one-off events to provide spaces where community could connect. If any of these activities were felt to be popular then we would look at how to resource them financially and with volunteers in the next financial year.

Weekly activities that we started included Community Breakfasts on Monday and Friday mornings and After School Hangout (for families with primary school aged children). One off events included CAP Money course (3 weeks), world cup football on the big screen, board games evening and a speedquiz night. We also built relationships with other organisations and our building was used to host 'digital drop-in' session for those looking for support in using laptops/tablets, citizen advice worker who came weekly to our community café and one-off support work with community development workers from Mencap. All these activities have significantly extended our connections with local residents from all backgrounds and provided safe, warm and welcoming spaces for them to meet with others and volunteers from church.

CONTRIBUTION OF VOLUNTEERS

It is not possible to quantify the contribution of volunteers to the activities of Ebetrust but they are involved in much of what is described above.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty outlined in the Charities Act 2011, to have paid due regard to the Public Benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The financial results for the year are set out in the Statement of Financial Activities. In 2023 income was £263,353 (2022: £237,729) an increase of 11% from 2022.

Overall income is broadly in line with the previous year, with an increase of £27,000 in gifts and offerings.

Expenditure on charitable activities was £185,413 (2022: £208,610) a decrease of 11% from 2022. The reduced expenditure is largely due to a reduction in missional giving activities. Net current assets at 31st March 2023 were £211,484 (2022: £133,544). Cash at bank and in hand at 31st March 2023 amounted to £198,176 (2022: £116,581).

RESERVES POLICY

The Trustees have established a policy whereby the free reserves held by the charity (total funds less any funds either designated for a particular purpose or held in the form of fixed assets) should be set at £65,000. This figure takes into account three months debit turnover (approx. £50,000), the ability to respond to an important/urgent Global Partnerships or similar request (£5,000) and to be able to protect the church against unforeseen adverse circumstances, for example unexpected infrastructure costs (£10,000).

At the year-end the free reserves of the charity were £207,423.

Funds held as custodian trustee

Ebetrust acts as a custodian Trustee holding cash on behalf of Love Horfield. Love Horfield's objects are to support local people including young people and children to make Horfield a better place to live work study and play. Ebetrust hold the funds within their own bank accounts but have control measures to account for these funds separately. Refer to note 17 for details of the funds received, payments made and balances held on behalf of Love Horfield in the year.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also directors of Ebetrust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report (incorporating the strategic report and directors' report) and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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Signed by order of the Trustees

A Reed
Trustee and Company Secretary

Approved by the Trustees on 9/10/23

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REFERENCE & ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The directors who served the company during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Trustees:

Adrian Reed (Chair and Secretary)
John Payton
Derek Powell
Andrew Tett
Stewart North
John Wall
Ian Powell
Fiona Brooks
Andy Smith
Annette Jones
Susan Fisher

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EBETRUST

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF EBETRUST

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Ebetrust ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the Company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF EBETRUST

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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

Joshua Kingston BSc, ACA
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Date: 9/10/2023

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	2	242,414	-	242,414	215,337
Charitable activities	3	20,939	-	20,939	22,372
Investments		-	-	-	20
Total income		263,353	-	263,353	237,729
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	4	185,413	-	185,413	208,610
Total expenditure		185,413	-	185,413	208,610
Net income/(expenditure)	6	77,940	-	77,940	29,119
Transfers between funds	13	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		77,940	-	77,940	29,119
Total funds at start of year	13	419,483	4,061	423,544	394,425
Total funds at end of year	13	497,423	4,061	501,484	423,544

The Charity has no recognised gains or losses other than the results for the year as set out above.

All of the activities of the charity are classed as continuing.

The notes on pages 14 to 23 form part of these financial statements
See note 9 for fund-accounting comparative figures

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

Company number: 06856916

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	10	290,000	290,000
		290,000	290,000
Current assets			
Debtors	11	15,588	18,957
Cash at bank and in hand		198,176	116,581
		213,764	135,538
Creditors : amounts falling due within one year	12	(2,280)	(1,994)
Net current assets		211,484	133,544
Net assets		501,484	423,544
FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds	14	497,423	419,483
Restricted funds	14	4,061	4,061
Total funds		501,484	423,544

For the year ended 31 March 2023 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Trustees responsibilities:

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476,

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 9/10/23 2023 and are signed on their behalf by:

A Reed
Trustee

A Tett
Trustee

The notes on pages 14 to 23 form part of these financial statements

1 Accounting policies

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2019.

The charity is a public benefit entity as defined under FRS102. The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties affecting the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern.

Income

Income from donations is included in income when these are receivable, except as follows:

I. When donors specify that donations given to the charity must be used in future accounting periods, the income is deferred until those periods;
II. When donors impose conditions which have to be fulfilled before the charity becomes entitled to use such income, the income is deferred until the pre-conditions have been met.

Investment income is included on a receivable basis.

Income from Gift Aid Tax refunds is recognised at the time the original donation is received by the charity.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised in the period in which it is incurred. Expenditure includes attributable VAT which cannot be recovered.

Charitable Activities

Most expenditure is directly attributable to charitable activities. Support costs have been allocated 100% towards the charitable activities of the charity. Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the independent examination fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity. They have been included within charitable expenditure.

Grants payable

Grants payable are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the accounting period in which allocation of the award is communicated to the recipient.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discounts offered.

1 **Accounting policies *(continued)***

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less.

Tangible fixed assets

Fixed assets are held at cost less accumulated depreciation. Assets costing less than £1,000 are not capitalised. Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated ultimate residual value, over the useful life of that asset as follows:

Freehold Property - 0% *per annum straight line*
Equipment - 20% per annum straight line

As permitted by the Statement of Recommended of Practice, no provision for depreciation has been made for freehold property as it is the view of the Trustees that the estimated residual value of each property is not materially different from the carrying value. The Trustees annually review the carrying value for

In line with guidance in the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice, donated properties have been included in the Balance Sheet at the value for the charity at the date of the gift.

Creditors

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any discounts due.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in notes of the financial statements.

2 Income from: Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Gifts and offerings			
Regular	144,904	-	144,904
One-off	29,082	-	29,082
Gift aid	49,794	-	49,794
Grants	18,634	-	18,634
	242,414	-	242,414

Prior year comparative

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Gifts and offerings	168,584	46,753	215,337
	168,584	46,753	215,337

Included in the above are donations of £44,631 (2022: £41,939) received from trustees and other related parti

3 Income from: Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Event income	3,030	-	3,030	1,007
Café sales	4,685	-	4,685	2,398
Hire of premises	11,949	-	11,949	13,745
Other income	1,275	-	1,275	5,222
	20,939	-	20,939	22,372

All prior year income was represented by unrestricted funds.

4 Expenditure on: Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£
Grants for Christian work (see note 5)	37,460	-	37,460	64,708
Church workers (see note 7)	107,850	-	107,850	107,323
Speakers' expenses and gifts	300	-	300	700
Event expenses	7,295	-	7,295	903
Youth events	185	-	185	90
Support costs				
Rent of Sunday meeting venue	6,600	-	6,600	7,200
Repairs and maintenance	2,848	-	2,848	8,447
Insurance	2,122	-	2,122	1,990
Rates, heat and light	5,731	-	5,731	5,519
Subscriptions and licences	2,369	-	2,369	1,946
Office costs and ministry expenses	3,331	-	3,331	3,785
Cleaning	2,034	-	2,034	2,383
Telephone and broadband	594	-	594	910
Training and meeting costs	517	-	517	-
Miscellaneous	4,288	-	4,288	682
Governance costs	1,889	-	1,889	2,024
	185,413	-	185,413	208,610

Included within governance costs is independent examiner's fee of £2,280 (2022: £1,250).

All prior year expenditure was represented by unrestricted funds except for £53,344 of grants for Christian work which was represented by restricted funds.

5 Analysis of grants

	2023	2022
	£	£
To institutions		
Bristol International Trust (BISC)	4,950	6,200
Bristol Noise	49	-
North Bristol Foodbank	1,126	4,567
Herald church	60	-
Disaster Emergency Committee	1,250	-
Southmead Hospital Charity	250	-
F and D Masters	-	25,654
Other gifts to institutions (all less than £1,000)	5,446	6,796
To individuals	24,329	19,891
	37,460	63,108

6 Net income/(expenditure) for the year

This is stated after charging:

		2023	2022
		£	£
Independent examiner's fee	- for independent examination services	2,280	1,974
	- for under provision in prior year	(391)	50
Remuneration of trustees		82,900	81,880

No Trustees have been reimbursed for their out of pocket travel expenses (2022: £Nil).

7 Staff costs and numbers

The aggregate payroll costs were:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Church contractors	107,850	106,649
Wages and salaries	-	674
	107,850	107,323

These costs relate to 3 self employed individuals (2022: 3) engaged under service agreements and no employees (2022: 1).

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 (2022: none).

The key management personnel is comprised of, S North, D Powell, S Allan and E Legg-Bagg, who have responsibility for students and young adults, along with the charity's trustees.

The total benefits paid to key management personnel during the year were £107,850 (2022:£106,558).

This includes benefits totalling £41,450 (2022: £40,940) to D Powell and £41,450 (2022: £40,940) to S North, who are trustees of the charity. This payment is permitted by the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association.

8 Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

9 Statement of Financial Activities comparative figures

For the year ended 31 March 2022	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Income from:			
Donations and legacies	169,591	46,753	216,344
Charitable activities	21,365	-	21,365
Investments	20	-	20
Total income	190,976	46,753	237,729
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	155,266	53,344	208,610
Total expenditure	155,266	53,344	208,610
Net income/(expenditure)	35,710	(6,591)	29,119
Transfers between funds	8,192	(8,192)	-
Net movement in funds	43,902	(14,783)	29,119
Total funds at start of year	375,581	18,844	394,425
Total funds at end of year	419,483	4,061	423,544

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold Property £	Equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023	290,000	15,624	305,624
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023	-	15,624	15,624
Net book value			
At 31 March 2023	290,000	-	290,000
At 31 March 2022	290,000	-	290,000

11 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Gift Aid debtor	15,588	18,957
	15,588	18,957

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Accruals and deferred income	2,280	1,994
	2,280	1,994

13 Movement in funds

For the year ended 31 March 2023

	At 1 Apr 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 Mar 2023 £
Restricted funds					
Minibus fund	4,061	-	-	-	4,061
	4,061	-	-	-	4,061
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	419,483	263,353	(185,413)	-	497,423
	419,483	263,353	(185,413)	-	497,423
Total funds	423,544	263,353	(185,413)	-	501,484

For the year ended 31 March 2022

	At 1 Apr 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 Mar 2022 £
Restricted funds					
Special offerings	14,783	-	(14,783)	-	-
Christian workers fund	-	29,991	(29,991)	-	-
Community transformation funds	-	8,570	(8,570)	-	-
Ramp capital project fund	-	8,192	-	(8,192)	-
Minibus Fund	4,061	-	-	-	4,061
	18,844	46,753	(53,344)	(8,192)	4,061
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	375,581	190,976	(155,266)	8,192	419,483
	375,581	190,976	(155,266)	8,192	419,483
Total funds	394,425	237,729	(208,610)	-	423,544

14 Analysis of net assets between funds

Restricted funds

Special offerings - This fund represents offerings made to EbeTrust for specific supported mission organisations and individuals.

Christian workers fund - This fund represents donations and offerings made to EbeTrust to support specific workers in Christian service.

Community transformation funds - This fund represents donations and offerings made to EbeTrust for specific organisations that focus on community transformation work.

Ramp capital project fund - This fund represents donations and offerings made towads the intallation of the access ramp to the building.

Minibus Fund - This represents offerings given towards the future purchase of a minibus.

As at 31 March 2023	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted General Funds	Total
	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	-	290,000	290,000
Other net assets	4,061	207,423	211,484
	4,061	497,423	501,484

Prior year comparative

As at 31 March 2022	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted General Funds	Total
	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	-	290,000	290,000
Other net assets	4,061	129,483	133,544
	4,061	419,483	423,544

15 Related party transactions

Derek Powell is a Trustee. During the year the charity received donations, including gift aid, towards the wider ministry work of Derek Powell totalling £2,500. This was given as a grant to Derek Powell in the year in the same way as other gifts received and grants made to Christian workers and ministries.

There are no other transactions with trustees or other related parties other than those disclosed as required by the SORP elsewhere in the financial statements.

16 Company limited by guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee and as such has no issued share capital. In the event of the company being wound up the liability of the members is limited to £1 each.

17 Funds held as a custodian for others

At the year end, the charity held £1,232 (2022: £1,329) of cash balances under the control of Love Horfield. These balances have been excluded from the balance sheet.

In the year funds were received on behalf of Love Horfield totalling £198 (2022: £nil).Payments made as a custodian trustee on behalf of Love Horfield totalled £295 (2022: £2,404).

Further details of the custodian trustee relationships can be found within the trustees' report.

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The Trustees of EbeTrust who are also Directors of the Charity for the purposes of the Companies Act, present their Annual Report together with the independently examined financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022.

OBJECTS

The objects of the Church are, for the benefit of the public:

- to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Beliefs in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees from time to time may think fit;

- 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 the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees from time to time may think fit:

The Trustees must use the income and may use the capital of the Church in promoting the Objects.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

EbeTrust is a company limited by guarantee which was registered on 24 March 2009 under company number 06856916. The company was also registered as a charity under number 1129106 on 9 April 2009. It is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Trustees:

- The Trustees are responsible for the management and administration of the Church's property and funds in accordance with the Memorandum and the Articles.
- The minimum number of Trustees is three individuals but there is no maximum. All Trustees must be Members. All Trustees must subscribe and adhere to, in belief and lifestyle, the Statement of Beliefs.
- All future Trustees are to be appointed by a resolution of the Trustees and an appointment will become effective when the new Trustee completes the necessary Companies House paperwork and thereby consents to hold office.

Trustees and spiritual leadership of the church:

- The first Spiritual Leadership comprises Adrian Hamilton Reed, John Henry Payton, Stephen Macpherson Allen, Rosemary Reed, Derek James Powell, Stewart Douglas North and they shall appoint successors. Subsequent appointment of trustees shall be by two thirds majority of existing trustees were also confirmed by a simple majority of the Spiritual Leadership of the church.
- The spiritual leadership of the Church shall rest with the Spiritual Leadership. If there are Trustees who are not members of the Spiritual Leadership then their role shall be confined to the management and administration of the Church in accordance with the provisions of the Memorandum and the Articles and of the general law.

- The Trustees of the Church shall fulfil their legal duties having due regard to the spiritual direction of the Church as set from time to time by the Spiritual Leadership acting always in accordance with the requirements of the Memorandum and the Articles and the general law.
  The trust considers it best practice for there to be a regular turnover of trustees as has been the case. New trustees are chosen both for the particular skills which they bring to the trust and for their understanding of the objects of the charity. Those who have joined the trust since its inception have all been drawn from the large number of suitably skilled and/or qualified persons within the body of supporters of the church. At the close of 2019-20 there were 12 trustees. Typically, new trustees are well known to the existing body of trustees and the induction process is handled by one or two of their number often supported by previous invitations to selected trust proceedings to see the body at work. While serving, the attention of trustees' is regularly drawn by our compliance sub-committee to suitable training opportunities to ensure their continuing professional development.

ACTIVITIES

Alpha Course

Due to the pandemic, we didn't organise any in-person Alpha courses for the rest of 2021. However, following on from our Kintsugi Hope wellbeing group, we ran a small course in-person using the Alpha film series videos during in early 2022. It was great to see those attending continue to build community together and journey to discover faith in Jesus, in a place where they can ask any questions.

Kintsugi Hope Wellbeing Courses

Kintsugi Hope Wellbeing Groups are safe and supportive spaces for people from any background to attend. Our Group Leaders are trained to run a group to encourage, inform and inspire. They are not trained therapists, nor experts in treating or diagnosing mental or emotional health illnesses. However, where necessary they can signpost people to specialist help.

We journey together for 6 weeks to explore how to maintain mental and emotional wellbeing in the midst of our often-messy lives. Subjects include anxiety, depression, shame, anger, disappointment and loss.

We have promoted these courses with the church family and in the local community through social media and our connections with Ebe Church activities. We held an in-person daytime wellbeing group for 12 weeks starting from November 2021 and this has been successful. We will be looking at how we repeat this in the Autumn of 2022. We partner with local organisations and wider Bristol mental health services and social prescribing to make sure we signpost people to wider support.

Children's Church

We started the reporting year still running Children's Church as an online provision.

This included:

- Numerous resources on our church website for children (stories, crafts, colouring in, activities, games).
- A weekly filmed session for children to watch and engage with.
- A monthly zoom gathering of children to see each other and to talk to each other.

As the year progressed, and with the gradual lifting of restrictions, we were able to return to a full in-person Children's Church provision at Orchard School from September onwards. It was clear that the Covid Pandemic had impacted as fewer families and children have returned to church and indeed, some have moved away. Nevertheless, Children's Church has remained a valued and helpful activity, engaging children up to school year 6. It remained appropriate to retain the three groups, each accommodating different ages.

The children's provision holds to these principles:

- Good Christian values and principles taught which help give a great start in life and prepare children for the future.
- Good behaviour and healthy life practices encouraged so as to draw children to make good choices in life, promoting good health and helpful friendships.
- Children encouraged to care for other children less fortunate than themselves.

Community Transformation

During the pandemic, our focus on community transformation continued to be resourcing the North Bristol Foodbank by encouraging volunteering, building space and supporting the staff. Our church building became the operational centre of the foodbank, which has grown extensively. This has made the church building be seen as a community hub where people drop off food, volunteer and help facilitate the work of the foodbank.

Love Horfield events have not happened during the pandemic but there has continued to be a huge increase in online social media support in local neighbourhoods. We have encouraged neighbours supporting each other and sharing their gifts and talents in local volunteer needs. During the Winter 2021/22, we helped facilitate a Love Horfield winter wellbeing programme of numerous events run locally by residents and organsations to encourage people who live locally to reconnect with each other and help their own wellbeing. This was really successful and has resulted in a Summer programme being organized for 2022. We hosted a number of events at Ebe Church building, including a bake off, fitness event, speedquiz, etc.

The church has also continued to provide support to InHope (formally Crisis Centre Ministries – Charity Commission no. 298528), and Bristol Hospitality Network (Charity Commission no. 1138498) in terms of prayer, volunteering and finance, throughout the pandemic. These are all given profile in church in different ways throughout the year so the congregation own the values of reaching out to the most vulnerable in society with the gospel.

Global Partnerships

Ebe Church has an international dimension, and supports both short and long term mission involvement of our own people, in the UK and overseas. Our Global Partnership Team drives this forward.

Locally, we support and encourage church to get involved practically with Bristol International Student Centre (BISC) which seeks to welcome and support foreign students to the two Bristol Universities. We also support Rachael and Peter Bee as they work to support the practical needs of asylum seekers in Bristol.
Overseas, we support a family who were members of Ebenezer Church, and are now in the USA, as well as existing church members who are currently working Nepal, and in Zambia.

The Global Partnership Team coordinate with Ebetrust finance sub-group to allocate resources to help meet the short term needs of those we support, to give strategically, and as global crises occur.

Messy Church

Having run Messy Church as an online provision over the previous year, it was good to run it again in the church building in person. Messy Church remains a termly activity that seeks to bring together the whole family, enabling parents and children to play together through crafts and activities aimed at younger children. Attendance is sought from church as well as from the local community so people can make new friends and generally encourage each other in family life. A brief 10 minute service takes place focusing on whichever special season of the year it is. People are encouraged to develop a spiritual dimension. A light lunch is provided and families are encouraged to eat together. Occasions are always well attended with a genuine benefit of parents engaging directly with their children. We have found that families who attend other activities in church are now attending Messy Church and are becoming more connected with each other.

(The) Noise

BRISTOL NOISE (Charity Commission no. 1134099) constitutes an independent charitable activity that operates in partnership with, and integrates seamlessly into the life of Ebenezer Church. It operates principally in the early Spring of each year, working in the North, East and South of Bristol.

Following the Noise event in 2020 being cancelled due to the pandemic, there was a successful Noise event held on May Day bank holiday weekend in 2021 on a reduced basis with 400 volunteers involved and social distancing guidelines in place. This was co-ordinated by the staff of Bristol Noise supported by Ebenezer Church core team and volunteers, partnering with volunteers from across the city. The vision of Noise 365 has continued to be developed with a regular email and resources for local volunteers and churches produced throughout the year. Ebe Church continues to be fully behind this vision and resourcing it. We also provide office space for the Bristol Noise staff team

(The) North Bristol Foodbank

Foodbank has continued to grow, serving some 9133 people with 3 days of emergency food. The charity uses office space based in the church building and has built relationships with over 300 frontline care professional organisations giving Foodbank vouchers to people in crisis. During the pandemic, the foodbank rented the entire church building to run its operations from in a safe and efficient way. This enabled income for the church but also created the church identity as a community hub in the local area, as it also became main place for limited numbers of volunteers and also the main drop-off for foodbank donations.

The North Bristol Foodbank is an independent charity (Charity Commission no. 1157499) and employs 1 full time and 6 part time members of staff. In July 2021, North Bristol and South Gloucester Foodbank CIO (charity commission no. 1195058) was started with North Bristol Foodbank closing at the end of March 2022, after a long journey of transfer of assets. This has all been conducted in line with charity commission guidelines with advice from our accountants.

Rendezvous

This has been a long-running weekly parent and toddler group meeting during term time on Tuesday mornings. During the pandemic, this group could not meet at all, but instead the leaders have continued to keep in regular contact with parents and provided online singalong sessions on YouTube as well as regular email/telephone contact to provide support to parents in this stressful time. In July 2021 a decision was regrettably taken to close this activity as it was no longer sustainable. We are so grateful to all our amazing volunteers who have led and supported Rendezvous over the years. So many local families have been invested in. As this chapter closes, we still hold strongly to the same vision and values to be a support to young families. We are listening to church and local community families about the needs for how we sustainably run activities.

Small Groups

Small Groups are a key part of church life and a valuable source of support, connection and discipleship. We currently have four small groups that happen on a weekly basis. We also have a new monthly small group for those who aren't already connected in this way. We have run a number of short 'courses', using material from 24-7 prayer and running for 6-8 weeks – these have happened in person, and on zoom. Small groups and pastoral care within church are a high priority for the leadership team and we are actively looking at ways we can do this differently, enabling as many people to connect and access support, as possible.

Sunday Services

At the beginning of this year, we continued to broadcast a pre-recorded Sunday Service using Facebook and YouTube. Making these films available and accessible thereafter has meant people have been able to catch-up later on the Sunday or later that week and enjoy the whole service. The viewing statistics have demonstrated many people have engaged with the Sunday Service and we know people from outside of church have also been watching.

From May 2021, we started to provide a limited in-person service in our church building, using our pre-recorded service to enable people to gather in a socially distanced environment. We continued to provide online services and zoom catchup afterwards. Then from September 2021, we recommenced meeting at Orchard School for an in-person service with a larger space for social distancing purposes. We gradually over the next 6 months relaxed various restrictions depending on the coronavirus challenges at the time. We also recorded the services and uploaded to YouTube for online viewing from Sunday evening onwards. It was a challenging time with constant changes, and the resourcing of Sunday gatherings and children's work has been difficult, with less volunteers available. However, we have been encouraged to see church family gradually regather and also new people trying church and committing to become involved during this time.

Students & Young Adults

As a church we want to be a place where the large student population in our local area, and at UWE, can connect and be a part of a community. We seek to provide spaces and opportunities for students & young adults within Ebe to grow, and be challenged in their personal faith, and to live this out in their day-to-day life, and in their relationships. We continue to encourage students and young adults to integrate into the whole of church life through relationship building and serving in a variety of ways. A key part of our vision as church is to see new leaders raised up in all parts of life, both inside and outside of church – this is a priority for this age group. It remains our desire to see more new students become a part of church family.

Taste Café

During the summer 2021, we held a series of popup outdoors community cafes when lockdown restrictions allowed us to. This was well received by the local community who were looking for ways to reconnect. From September 2021, our weekly community café restarted and was well received by the local community and hugely popular. Both halls in the church building have been used. We now have a large volunteer team facilitating this activity for all ages. It has become a place to signpost people if additional practical support is needed in their lives. Partnerships are in place with local organisations who can interact with the local residents attending, through presentations and through chatting one-to-one.

Footprints

This is our weekly group for senior citizens in church and the local community. It was suspended during the pandemic, but the team visited senior citizens at their homes or contacted by telephone on a weekly basis. From September 2021, the group regathered in the church building for a programme of events on Wednesday afternoons with guest speakers, activities, meals, etc. Attendance was more than 35 senior citizens on a weekly basis and up to 80 for the large Christmas dinner.

Telephone Befriending

Volunteers from Ebenezer Church form a team of telephone befrienders that have been trained by our partnership national organisation, Linking Lives. Referrals for phone calls are made to our Coordinator, who will then match a telephone befriender with someone requesting a phone call, called a 'Link Friend'. The Link Friend will receive a phone call from their befriender at least once a week for 3 months or more, providing much needed companionship during this difficult time. A number of those who have been befriended have connected with our wellbeing course, Taste Café or Footprints group.

Youth Work

Given that young people found it really hard to engage online with our youth provision, it was good to be able to return to being together in person. As Covid restrictions gradually lifted, we moved our youth provision from online to outdoors activity in small groups and then back at Orchard School on a Sunday morning alongside the Sunday Service. The Sunday group learn from the Bible in order to encourage and help them in life and in their transition to adulthood. There was a new cohort from September, being young people who had moved to secondary education, and starting year 7. They have gelled together well

CONTRIBUTION OF VOLUNTEERS

It is not possible to quantify the contribution of volunteers to the activities of Ebetrust but they are involved in much of what is described above.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty outlined in the Charities Act 2011, to have paid due regard to the Public Benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The financial results for the year are set out in the Statement of Financial Activities. In 2022 income was £237,729 (2021: £240,899) a decrease of 1% from 2021. Overall income is in line with the prior with a small increase due to a premises hire income increase.

Expenditure on charitable activities was £208,610 (2021: £205,846) an increase of 1% from 2021. This is mainly due to an increase in face to face activities and related costs.

Net current assets at 31st March 2022 were £133,544 (2021: £104,425). Cash at bank and in hand at 31st March 2022 amounted to £116,581 (2021: £87,083).

RESERVES POLICY

The Trustees have established a policy whereby the free reserves held by the charity (unrestricted funds less any funds either designated for a particular purpose or held in the form of fixed assets) should be at least 3 months' expenditure (currently about £48,000). In addition, we are looking to acquire another property in order to better serve the community.

Trustees are comfortable with the reserves being higher than this figure because talks have commenced on the subject of the possible acquisition of another property in order to better serve the community. We would need quick access to these funds if one became available. At the year-end the free reserves of the charity were £129,483.

Covid-19 Statement from the chair

The trustees are aware that the Covid-19 Pandemic is not over and that the need for vigilance in every way continues. However, they are pleased to see that more than a degree of 'normality' has returned in many areas of church life. Many lessons have been learned and much flexibility has had to be introduced.

We are pleased as a trust to report that the poor financial picture at the beginning of the previous period, one that had been reversed ironically by the lockdown and diversification in the use of the building, has not returned at the current time. There are financial pressures but these largely stem from the smaller number of regular attenders at church, rather changes brought about by Covid.
The trustees are fully satisfied of the continued viability of the charity in the current challenging environment and that we are fully meeting the charitable objects as set out.

Adrian Reed, chair of Ebetrust

Funds held as custodian trustee

Ebetrust acts as a custodian trustee holding cash on behalf of Love Horfield. Love Horfield's objects are to support local people including young people and children to make Horfield a better place to live work study and play. Ebetrust hold the funds within their own bank accounts but have control measures to account for these funds separately. Refer to note 17 for details of the funds received, payments made and balances held on behalf of Love Horfield in the year.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also directors of Ebetrust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report (incorporating the strategic report and directors' report) and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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Horfield
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Signed by order of the Trustees

A Reed
Trustee and Company Secretary

Approved by the Trustees on 12 December 2022

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REFERENCE & ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The directors who served the company during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Trustees:

Adrian Reed (Chair and Secretary)
John Payton
Derek Powell
Andrew Tett
Stewart North
John Wall
Ian Powell
Fiona Brooks
Andy Smith
Annette Jones
Susan Fisher

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF EBETRUST

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Ebetrust ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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

Joshua Kingston BSc, ACA
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Date: 12 December 2022

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	**2**	169,591	46,753	216,344	215,370
Charitable activities	**3**	21,365	-	21,365	25,494
Investments		20	-	20	35
Total income		190,976	46,753	237,729	240,899
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	**4**	155,266	53,344	208,610	205,846
Total expenditure		155,266	53,344	208,610	205,846
Net income/(expenditure)	**6**	35,710	(6,591)	29,119	35,053
Transfers between funds	**13**	8,192	(8,192)	-	-
Net movement in funds		43,902	(14,783)	29,119	35,053
Total funds at start of year	**13**	375,581	18,844	394,425	359,372
Total funds at end of year	**13**	419,483	4,061	423,544	394,425

The Charity has no recognised gains or losses other than the results for the year as set out above.

All of the activities of the charity are classed as continuing.

The notes on pages 14 to 23 form part of these financial statements
See note 9 for fund-accounting comparative figures

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

Company number: 06856916

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	**10**	290,000	290,000
		290,000	290,000
Current assets			
Debtors	**11**	18,957	19,092
Cash at bank and in hand		116,581	87,083
		135,538	106,175
Creditors : amounts falling due within one year	**12**	(1,994)	(1,750)
Net current assets		133,544	104,425
Net assets		423,544	394,425
FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds	**14**	419,483	375,581
Restricted funds	**14**	4,061	18,844
Total funds		423,544	394,425

For the year ended 31 March 2022 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Trustees responsibilities:

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476,

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 12 December 2022 and are signed on their behalf by:

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A Reed	A Tett
Trustee	Trustee

The notes on pages 14 to 23 form part of these financial statements

1 Accounting policies

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2019.

Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

The charity is a public benefit entity as defined under FRS102. The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties affecting the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern.

Income

Income from donations is included in income when these are receivable, except as follows:

I. When donors specify that donations given to the charity must be used in future accounting periods, the income is deferred until those periods;
II. When donors impose conditions which have to be fulfilled before the charity becomes entitled to use such income, the income is deferred until the pre-conditions have been met.

Investment income is included on a receivable basis.

Income from Gift Aid Tax refunds is recognised at the time the original donation is received by the charity.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised in the period in which it is incurred. Expenditure includes attributable VAT which cannot be recovered.

Charitable Activities

Most expenditure is directly attributable to charitable activities. Support costs have been allocated 100% towards the charitable activities of the charity. Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the independent examination fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity. They have been included within charitable expenditure.

Grants payable

Grants payable are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the accounting period in which allocation of the award is communicated to the recipient.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discounts offered.

1 Accounting policies *(continued)*

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less.

Tangible fixed assets

Fixed assets are held at cost less accumulated depreciation. Assets costing less than £1,000 are not capitalised. Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated ultimate residual value, over the useful life of that asset as follows:

Freehold Property - 0% per annum straight line
Equipment - 20% per annum straight line

As permitted by the Statement of Recommended of Practice, no provision for depreciation has been made for freehold property as it is the view of the Trustees that the estimated residual value of each property is not materially different from the carrying value. The Trustees annually review the carrying value for indication of any impairment.

In line with guidance in the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice, donated properties have been included in the Balance Sheet at the value for the charity at the date of the gift.

Creditors

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any discounts due.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in notes of the financial statements.

2 Income from: Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£
Gifts and offerings	169,591	46,753	216,344
	169,591	46,753	216,344

Prior year comparative

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£
Gifts and offerings	184,827	24,458	209,285
Coronavirus job retention scheme	6,085	-	6,085
	190,912	24,458	215,370

Included in the above are donations of £41,939 (2021: £54,141) received from trustees and other related parties.

3 Income from: Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£
Café sales	2,398	-	2,398	255
Hire of premises	13,745	-	13,745	23,700
Other income	5,222	-	5,222	1,539
	21,365	-	21,365	25,494

All prior year income was represented by unrestricted funds.

4 Expenditure on: Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£
Grants for Christian work (see note 5)	11,364	53,344	64,708	50,050
Church workers (see note 7)	107,323	-	107,323	117,178
Speakers' expenses and gifts	700	-	700	604
Event expenses	903	-	903	2,619
Youth events	90	-	90	-
Support costs				
Rent of Sunday meeting venue	7,200	-	7,200	-
Repairs and maintenance	8,447	-	8,447	11,703
Insurance	1,990	-	1,990	1,856
Rates, heat and light	5,519	-	5,519	4,789
Subscriptions and licences	1,946	-	1,946	1,900
Office costs and ministry expenses	3,785	-	3,785	8,237
Cleaning	2,383	-	2,383	2,448
Telephone and broadband	910	-	910	1,433
Training and meeting costs	-	-	-	400
Depreciation	-	-	-	822
Miscellaneous	682	-	682	57
Governance costs	2,024	-	2,024	1,750
	155,266	53,344	208,610	205,846

Included within governance costs is independent examiner's fee of £1,250 (2021: £1,750).

All prior year expenditure was represented by unrestricted funds except for £6,904 of grants for Christian work which was represented by restricted funds.

5 Analysis of grants

	2022	2021
	£	£
To institutions		
Bristol International Trust (BISC)	6,200	1,350
Bristol Hospitality Network	-	1,503
North Bristol Foodbank	4,567	6,904
Crisis Centre	-	720
F and D Masters	25,654	13,840
Other gifts to institutions (all less than £1,000)	6,796	1,615
To individuals	19,891	24,118
	63,108	50,050

6 Net income/(expenditure) for the year

This is stated after charging:

		2022	2021
		£	£
Independent examiner's fee	- for independent examination services	1,974	1,716
	- for under provision in prior year	50	-
Remuneration of trustees		81,880	84,018
Depreciation		-	822

No Trustees have been reimbursed for their out of pocket travel expenses (2021:£Nil).

7 Staff costs and numbers

The aggregate payroll costs were:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Church contractors	106,649	107,308
Wages and salaries	674	9,870
	107,323	117,178

These costs relate to 3 self employed individuals (2021: 3) engaged under service agreements and 1 employees (2021: 1).

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000. (2021: none)

The key management personnel is comprised of, S North and D Powell and E Legg-Bagg, who have responsibility for students and young adults, along with the charity's trustees.

The total benefits paid to key management personnel during the year were £106,558 (2021:£107,308).

This includes benefits totalling £40,940 (2021: £42,009) to D Powell and £40,940 (2021: £42,009) to S North, who are trustees of the charity. This payment is permitted by the charity's Memorandum and Articles

8 Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

9 Statement of Financial Activities comparative figures

For the year ended 31 March 2021	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Income from:			
Donations and legacies	193,938	21,687	215,625
Charitable activities	25,239	-	25,239
Investments	35	-	35
Total income	219,212	21,687	240,899
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	198,942	6,904	205,846
Total expenditure	198,942	6,904	205,846
Net income/(expenditure) for the year and net movement in funds	20,270	14,783	35,053
Total funds at start of year	355,311	4,061	359,372
Total funds at end of year	375,581	18,844	394,425

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold Property	Equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 April 2021	290,000	15,624	305,624
Additions	-	-	-
At 31 March 2022	290,000	15,624	305,624
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2021	-	15,624	15,624
Charge for the year	-	-	-
At 31 March 2022	-	15,624	15,624
Net book value			
At 31 March 2022	290,000	-	290,000
At 31 March 2021	290,000	-	290,000

11 Debtors

	2022	2021
	£	£
Gift Aid debtor	18,957	19,092
Other debtors	-	-
	18,957	19,092

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	1,994	1,750
	1,994	1,750

13 Movement in funds

For the year ended 31 March 2022

	At 1 Apr 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 Mar 2022 £
Restricted funds					
Special offerings	14,783	-	(14,783)	-	-
Christian workers fund	-	29,991	(29,991)	-	-
Community transformation funds	-	8,570	(8,570)	-	-
Ramp capital project fund	-	8,192	-	(8,192)	-
Minibus fund	4,061	-	-	-	4,061
	18,844	46,753	(53,344)	(8,192)	4,061
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	375,581	190,976	(155,266)	8,192	419,483
	375,581	190,976	(155,266)	8,192	419,483
Total funds	394,425	237,729	(208,610)	-	423,544

For the year ended 31 March 2021

	At 1 Apr 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 Mar 2021 £
Restricted funds					
Special offerings	-	21,687	(6,904)	-	14,783
Minibus Fund	4,061	-	-	-	4,061
	4,061	21,687	(6,904)	-	18,844
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	355,311	219,212	(198,942)	-	375,581
	355,311	219,212	(198,942)	-	375,581
Total funds	359,372	240,899	(205,846)	-	394,425

Restricted funds

Special offerings - This fund represents offerings made to EbeTrust for specific supported mission organisations and individuals.

14 Analysis of net assets between funds

Christian workers fund - This fund represents donations and offerings made to EbeTrust to support specific workers in Christian service.

Community transformation funds - This fund represents donations and offerings made to EbeTrust for specific organisations that focus on community transformation work.

Ramp capital project fund - This fund represents donations and offerings made towads the intallation of the access ramp to the building.

Minibus Fund - This represents offerings given towards the future purchase of a minibus.

As at 31 March 2022	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted General Funds	Total
	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	-	290,000	290,000
Other net assets	4,061	129,483	133,544
	4,061	419,483	423,544

Prior year comparative

As at 31 March 2021	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted General Funds	Total
	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	-	290,000	290,000
Other net assets	18,844	85,581	104,425
	18,844	375,581	394,425

15 Related party transactions

Derek Powell is a Trustee. During the year the charity received donations, including gift aid, towards the wider ministry work of Derek Powell totalling £2,500. This was given as a grant to Derek Powell in the year in the same way as other gifts received and grants made to Christian workers and ministries.

There are no other transactions with trustees or other related parties other than those disclosed as required by the SORP elsewhere in the financial statements.

16 Company limited by guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee and as such has no issued share capital. In the event of the company being wound up the liability of the members is limited to £1 each.

17 Funds held as a custodian for others

At the year end, the charity held £1,329 (2021: £3,733) of cash balances under the control of Love Horfield. These balances have been excluded from the balance sheet.

In the year funds were received on behalf of Love Horfield totalling £nil (2021: £nil).Payments made as a custodian trustee on behalf of Love Horfield totalled £2,404 (2021: £nil).

Further details of the custodian trustee relationships can be found within the trustees' report.

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

The Trustees of EbeTrust who are also Directors of the Charity for the purposes of the Companies Act, present their Annual Report together with the independently examined financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021.

OBJECTS

The objects of the Church are, for the benefit of the public:

- to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Beliefs in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees from time to time may think fit;

- 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 the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees from time to time may think fit:

The Trustees must use the income and may use the capital of the Church in promoting the Objects.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

EbeTrust is a company limited by guarantee which was registered on 24 March 2009 under company number 06856916. The company was also registered as a charity under number 1129106 on 9 April 2009. It is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Trustees:

- The Trustees are responsible for the management and administration of the Church's property and funds in accordance with the Memorandum and the Articles.
- The minimum number of Trustees is three individuals but there is no maximum. All Trustees must be Members. All Trustees must subscribe and adhere to, in belief and lifestyle, the Statement of Beliefs.
- All future Trustees are to be appointed by a resolution of the Trustees and an appointment will become effective when the new Trustee completes the necessary Companies House paperwork and thereby consents to hold office.

Trustees and spiritual leadership of the church:

- The first Spiritual Leadership comprises Adrian Hamilton Reed, John Henry Payton, Stephen Macpherson Allen, Rosemary Reed, Derek James Powell, Stewart Douglas North and they shall appoint successors. Subsequent appointment of trustees shall be by two thirds majority of existing trustees were also confirmed by a simple majority of the Spiritual Leadership of the church.
- The spiritual leadership of the Church shall rest with the Spiritual Leadership. If there are Trustees who are not members of the Spiritual Leadership then their role shall be confined to the management and administration of the Church in accordance with the provisions of the Memorandum and the Articles and of the general law.

- The Trustees of the Church shall fulfil their legal duties having due regard to the spiritual direction of the Church as set from time to time by the Spiritual Leadership acting always in accordance with the requirements of the Memorandum and the Articles and the general law.
  The trust considers it best practice for there to be a regular turnover of trustees as has been the case. New trustees are chosen both for the particular skills which they bring to the trust and for their understanding of the objects of the charity. Those who have joined the trust since its inception have all been drawn from the large number of suitably skilled and/or qualified persons within the body of supporters of the church. At the close of 2019-20 there were 12 trustees. Typically, new trustees are well known to the existing body of trustees and the induction process is handled by one or two of their number often supported by previous invitations to selected trust proceedings to see the body at work. While serving, the attention of trustees' is regularly drawn by our compliance sub-committee to suitable training opportunities to ensure their continuing professional development.

ACTIVITIES

Alpha Course

During the Summer term 2020, we ran an Alpha course on Zoom with a couple of people using the Alpha Film Series instead of live speakers. Spring term 2021, an Alpha Online was run again using Zoom for a small group, but it was great to see them encouraged in their faith.

CAP Money Courses

The CAP Money Course is a revolutionary money management course that teaches people budgeting skills and a simple, cash-based system that really works. This course will help anyone to get better control of their finances, so they can save, give and prevent debt. The CAP Money Course is a course devised by the award winning debt counselling charity, Christians Against Poverty (Charity Commission registration no 1097217). During the last year, we have not run any courses due to pandemic and will consider the sustainability of these in the future.

Children's Church

The Covid Pandemic has impacted Children's Church all year through. We have kept to our normal principles:

- Good Christian values and principles taught which help give a great start in life and prepare children for the future.
- Good behaviour and healthy life practices encouraged so as to draw children to make good choices in life, promoting good health and helpful friendships.
- Children encouraged to care for other children less fortunate than themselves.

The delivery of provision changed altogether with Children's Church moving 'online'. In spite of not gathering children together in person, we were able to offer:

- Numerous resources on our church website for children (stories, crafts, colouring in, activities, games).
- A weekly filmed session for children to watch and engage with.
- A monthly zoom gathering of children to see each other and to talk to each other.

Group leaders were each assigned a small number of families/children with whom to maintain personal one-to-one contact. Coming out of lockdown, we are now looking at plans to get our children together again for Children's Church but accept there may be some significant changes for the future.

Community Transformation
During the pandemic, our focus on community transformation has been to resource the North Bristol Foodbank by encouraging volunteering, building space and supporting the staff. Our church building has become the operational centre of the foodbank, which has grown extensively. This has made the church building be seen as a community hub where people drop off food, volunteer and help facilitate the work of the foodbank.

Love Horfield events have not happened over the pandemic but there has been a huge increase in online social media support in local neighbourhoods. We have encouraged neighbours supporting each other and sharing their gifts and talents in local volunteer needs.

The church has also continued to provide support to InHope (formally Crisis Centre Ministries – Charity Commission no. 298528), and Bristol Hospitality Network (Charity Commission no. 1138498) in terms of prayer, volunteering and finance, throughout the pandemic. These are all given profile in church in different ways throughout the year so the congregation own the values of reaching out to the most vulnerable in society with the gospel.

Global Partnerships
In keeping with our mission statement, Ebe has an international dimension, and among other things, supports both short and long term mission involvement of our own people, in the UK and overseas. Our Global Partnership Team drives this forward. Locally, we financially support, and encourage church to get involved practically with Bristol International Student Centre (BISC) which seeks to welcome and support foreign students to the two Bristol Universities. We also supporting Rachael and Peter Bee as they work with the Bristol Hospitality Network (BHN) which supports the practical needs of asylum seekers in Bristol.

Overseas, we support the Becker family in the USA, a family who once were members of Ebenezer Church, as well as existing church members who are currently working long term in Kolkata, India and in Zambia. We have also supported people as they have gone on short term trips abroad. The Global Partnership Team coordinate with Ebetrust finance sub-group to allocate resources to help meet the short term needs of those we support, to give strategically, and as global crises occur.

Men's Groups
It is pertinent to note the comment in last year's report: "At the end of 2019, we made a decision to take a year's break from the 'Integrity' group which has now been running for 5 years. The current intention is to start up again in 2021."

Had we not made such a decision, the result may well have been the same in view of the pandemic hitting us. It is possible that the men's group might restart in September but much will depend on priorities in coming out of lockdown, restrictions being lifted, and returning to normal activity.

Messy Church
Our family activities under the banner of 'Messy Church' moved online through the year. In fact, it seems more people have engaged with many of our online activities from the comfort of their own home. Our autumn Messy Church included elements of:

- Family walk
- Collecting fallen leaves
- A game
- Explaining why leaves change colour in the autumn
- Prayer
- Recipe
- Colouring in sheet

We delivered activity packs to families who registered online and 51 families signed up representing 105 children. We are looking forward to having Messy Church again in the church building but will do so only when permitted and safe to do so.

(The) Noise
BRISTOL NOISE (Charity Commission no. 1134099) constitutes an independent charitable activity that operates in partnership with, and integrates seamlessly into the life of Ebenezer Church. It operates principally in the early Spring of each year, working in the North, East and South of Bristol.

The Noise event in 2020, along with many other events, had to be cancelled. However, this enabled Bristol Noise to focus on another aspect of our vision: to see churches get involved in their communities 365 days a year. 'The Noise' annual event was hoped to be a springboard for churches and individuals, to inspire them to continue volunteering and getting involved in their communities throughout the year. Noise 365 was born out of this vision, and has had space to grow in the past year. Ebe Church continues to be fully behind this vision and resourcing it. We also provide office space for the Bristol Noise staff team.

(The) North Bristol Foodbank
Foodbank has continued to grow, serving some 15,270 people with 3 days of emergency food. The charity uses office space based in the church building and has built relationships with over 300 frontline care professional organisations giving Foodbank vouchers to people in crisis. Also, during the pandemic, the foodbank rented the entire church building to run its operations from in a safe and efficient way. This enabled income for the church but also created the church identity as a community hub in the local area, as it also became main place for limited numbers of volunteers and also the main drop-off for foodbank donations

The North Bristol Foodbank is an independent charity (Charity Commission no. 1157499) and employs 1 full time and 3 part time members of staff.

Rendezvous
This is a weekly parent and toddler group that meet during term time on a Tuesday morning. During the pandemic, this group has not met at all but the leaders have kept in regular contact with parents and provided online singalong sessions on YouTube as well as regular email/telephone contact to provide support to parents in this stressful time.

Schools Work
Over the last year, there has been no schools work at all due to teams or volunteers not allowed into schools due to the pandemic

Small Groups
Over a year-long period when people have not been able to socialize or mix in different households indoors, Small Groups being held by way of Zoom have been a life-line. Of course, it just isn't the same as being together in person but it has helped to keep people connected. Our Small Group Leaders have done an amazing job facilitating online weekly sessions whilst also maintaining one-to-one contact with their group members.

The need for pastoral care has invariably increased with people's mental health being hugely impacted by lockdown and restrictions. Loneliness and isolation have been experienced like never before. Our Small Groups have helped to address these difficult issues.

There are interesting times ahead when life returns to normal and there may well be a demand and need for both online and 'in-person' ways of getting people together for support and help.

Southmead Hospital Church Service
During the Covid-19 pandemic it has not be possible to continue to run services at Southmead hospital. However, we have joined with a few people across the city to pray for the patients, staff and chaplains. We also helped the chaplaincy to advertise online Christmas services at local churches, including our own.

Sunday Services
Throughout the period, we have been broadcasting a pre-recorded Sunday Service using Facebook and YouTube. Making these films available and accessible thereafter has meant people have been able to catch-up later on the Sunday or later that week and enjoy the whole service. The viewing statistics have demonstrated many people have engaged with the Sunday Service and we know people from outside of church have also been watching.

For a short while in the Autumn, we ran some live 'in-person' services at the church building when it was permitted and legal to do so. As we did this, we still posted online services. We reverted to online only again when further national lockdowns were imposed.

Above all, people have appreciated the support and encouragement that they have received through our Sunday Service during extremely difficult circumstances. Listening to worship songs (and maybe singing along at home) or listening to talks, which have addressed many of the difficulties we have suffered due to Coronavirus, has proved a real help in times of need for a lot of people.

Students & Young Adults
As a church we are keen to be reaching out to the large student population in our local area, and at UWE. We seek to provide spaces and opportunities for students & young adults within Ebenezer Church ('Ebe') to grow, and be challenged in their personal faith, and to live this out in their day-to-day life, and in their relationships. Chris Popkin has been co-ordinating gatherings, and social events for this community. We have around 6 students and young adults who engage with this specific community regularly. We continue to encourage students and young adults to integrate into the whole of church life through relationship building and serving in a variety of ways. A key part of our vision as church is to see new leaders raised up in all parts of life, both inside and outside of church – this is a priority for this age group. It remains our desire to see more new students join Ebe, and this community.

Taste Café
During the last year, we have held a handful of popup outdoors community cafes during short periods when lockdown restrictions allowed us to. This was well received by the local community who were looking for ways to reconnect. We are looking forward to more sustainable ways forward as we emerge from the pandemic.

Youth Work
Our young people have found it very difficult engaging with each other and with youth leaders online during times of restrictions when youth groups could not take place in person. We tried a number of avenues of engagement:

- Zoom gathering to simply catch up and chat
- Structured sessions on Zoom
- Fun activities / games on Zoom.

We had small numbers engage but we have found that with so much schooling online and virtual, it was just not engaging for youth to repeat the same process with church. Nevertheless, using Youth Alpha for the few who joined in was a big help. In easing out of the 2021 lockdown, we are looking to re-engage with youth in person and helping them process the past year.

CONTRIBUTION OF VOLUNTEERS

It is not possible to quantify the contribution of volunteers to the activities of Ebetrust but they are involved in much of what is described above.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty outlined in the Charities Act 2011, to have paid due regard to the Public Benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The financial results for the year are set out in the Statement of Financial Activities. In 2021 income was £240,899 (2020: £214,191) a decrease of 12.5% from 2020. Overall income is in line with the prior with a small increase due to a premises hire income increase.

Expenditure on charitable activities was £205,846 (2020: £220,990) a decrease of 6.9% from 2020. This is mainly due to a reduction in face to face activities and related costs.

Net current assets at 31st March 2021 were £104,425 (2020: £68,550). Cash at bank and in hand at 31st March 2021 amounted to £87,083 (2020: £54,391).

RESERVES POLICY

The Trustees have established a policy whereby the free reserves held by the charity (unrestricted funds less any funds either designated for a particular purpose or held in the form of fixed assets) should be at least 3 months' expenditure (currently about £48,000). In addition, we are looking to acquire another property in order to better serve the community. Trustees are comfortable with the reserves being higher than this figure because talks have commenced on the subject of the possible acquisition of another property in order to better serve the community. We would need quick access to these funds if one became available. At the year-end the free reserves of the charity were £85,581.

Covid-19 Statement from the chair

The Covid-19 pandemic has introduced the biggest challenge to the operation of this charity that it has ever faced, but it has been one which, although unexpected, still enabled trustees to make timely changes to procedures and processes. This has undoubtedly mitigated much of the damage to our operations which might otherwise have occurred. It is considered that the current board of trustees have between them a wealth of experience and this has enabled them to deal effectively with every issue we have faced.

- The financial picture. At the start of the period being reported upon (1st April 2020), Ebetrust was facing the need to take a long, hard look at expenditure as the accounts for what is now the previous period were in deficit. In fact, in the short to medium term, this picture has completely changed. Our expenditure during lockdown has been much reduced due to a number of factors which have included the cessation of public meetings and the furlough of some staff. We have at the same time been able to derive a large income stream from the renting out of the redundant premises. Throughout, our regular givers have continued to support the church as before. While the need to review expenditure will still have to take place at some point as normality returns, our cash position has hugely improved for the time being.

- The charitable objects. Public meetings have ceased (with just a few exceptions reported above) and at the time of writing a limited re-opening where regulations permit is being considered. However, the principal meetings of church have continued by streaming and by video-conferencing, and the take-up for both types of media has been very encouraging. Much of our community partnership work, and especially the work of Foodbank, have continued unabated. As a church we have learned a lot about ourselves and about our faith during lockdown. There are also lessons which we are learning about resilience and new modalities which will stand us in good stead for the future.

Funds held as custodian trustee

Ebetrust acts as a custodian trustee holding cash on behalf of Love Horfield. Love Horfield's objects are to support local people including young people and children to make Horfield a better place to live work study and play. Ebetrust hold the funds within their own bank accounts but have control measures to account for these funds separately. Refer to note 17 for details of the funds received, payments made and balances held on behalf of Love Horfield in the year.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also directors of Ebetrust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report (incorporating the strategic report and directors' report) and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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Signed by order of the Trustees

A Reed
Trustee and Company Secretary

Approved by the Trustees on 11th October 2021.

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REFERENCE & ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

The directors who served the company during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Trustees:

Adrian Reed	(Chair and Secretary)
John Payton	
Derek Powell	
Andrew Tett	
Sarah Richardson	(Resigned 31 December 2020)
Stewart North	
John Wall	
Ian Powell	
Fiona Brooks	
Rachel Strong	(Resigned 22 November 2020)
Andy Smith	
Annette Jones	(Appointed 13 July 2020)
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EBETRUST

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF EBETRUST

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Ebetrust ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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

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Date: 11th October 2021

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	**2**	193,938	21,687	215,625	206,417
Charitable activities	**3**	25,239	-	25,239	7,715
Investments		35	-	35	59
Total income		219,212	21,687	240,899	214,191
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	**4**	198,942	6,904	205,846	220,990
Total expenditure		198,942	6,904	205,846	220,990
Net income/(expenditure)	**6**	20,270	14,783	35,053	(6,799)
Funds transfers	**13**	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		20,270	14,783	35,053	(6,799)
Total funds at start of year	**13**	355,311	4,061	359,372	366,171
Total funds at end of year	**13**	375,581	18,844	394,425	359,372

The Charity has no recognised gains or losses other than the results for the year as set out above.

All of the activities of the charity are classed as continuing.

The notes on pages 14 to 22 form part of these financial statements
See note 9 for fund-accounting comparative figures

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

Company number: 06856916

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	**10**	290,000	290,822
		290,000	290,822
Current assets			
Debtors	**11**	19,092	15,875
Cash at bank and in hand		87,083	54,391
		106,175	70,266
Creditors : amounts falling due within one year	**12**	(1,750)	(1,716)
Net current assets		104,425	68,550
Net assets		394,425	359,372
FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds	**14**	375,581	355,311
Restricted funds	**14**	18,844	4,061
Total funds		394,425	359,372

For the year ended 31 March 2021 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Trustees responsibilities:

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476,

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 11th October 2021 and are signed on their behalf by:

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A Reed	A Tett
Trustee	Trustee

The notes on pages 14 to 22 form part of these financial statements

1 Accounting policies

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

The charity is a public benefit entity as defined under FRS102. The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties affecting the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern.

Income

Income from donations is included in income when these are receivable, except as follows:

I. When donors specify that donations given to the charity must be used in future accounting periods, the income is deferred until those periods;
II. When donors impose conditions which have to be fulfilled before the charity becomes entitled to use such income, the income is deferred until the pre-conditions have been met.

Investment income is included on a receivable basis.

Income from Gift Aid Tax refunds is recognised at the time the original donation is received by the charity.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised in the period in which it is incurred. Expenditure includes attributable VAT which cannot be recovered.

Charitable Activities

Most expenditure is directly attributable to charitable activities. Support costs have been allocated 100% towards the charitable activities of the charity. Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the independent examination fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity. They have been included within charitable expenditure.

Grants payable

Grants payable are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the accounting period in which allocation of the award is communicated to the recipient.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discounts offered.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less.

1 Accounting policies *(continued)*

Tangible fixed assets
Fixed assets are held at cost less accumulated depreciation. Assets costing less than £1,000 are not capitalised. Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated ultimate residual value, over the useful life of that asset as follows:

Freehold Property - 0% per annum straight line
Equipment - 20% per annum straight line

As permitted by the Statement of Recommended of Practice, no provision for depreciation has been made for freehold property as it is the view of the Trustees that the estimated residual value of each property is not materially different from the carrying value. The Trustees annually review the carrying value for indication of any impairment.

In line with guidance in the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice, donated properties have been included in the Balance Sheet at the value for the charity at the date of the gift.

Creditors
Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any discounts due.

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in note of the financial statements.

2 Income from: Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£
Gifts and offerings	187,853	21,687	209,540
Coronavirus job retention scheme	6,085	-	6,085
	193,938	21,687	215,625

Prior year comparative

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2020
	£	£	£
Gifts and offerings	184,954	21,463	206,417
	184,954	21,463	206,417

Included in the above are donations of £54,141 (2020: £37,549) received from trustees and other related

3 Income from: Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Café sales	-	-	-	582
Hire of premises	23,700	-	23,700	2,840
Other income	1,539	-	1,539	4,293
	25,239	-	25,239	7,715

All prior year income was represented by unrestricted funds.

4 Expenditure on: Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Grants for Christian work (see note 5)	43,146	6,904	50,050	51,117
Church workers (see note 7)	117,178	-	117,178	109,545
Speakers' expenses and gifts	604	-	604	1,310
Event expenses	2,619	-	2,619	2,717
Youth events	-	-	-	1,271
Defibrillator	-	-	-	1,414
What the Dickens	-	-	-	1,288
Support costs			-	
Rent of Sunday meeting venue	-	-	-	13,860
Repairs and maintenance	11,703	-	11,703	6,894
Insurance	1,856	-	1,856	1,733
Rates, heat and light	4,789	-	4,789	5,413
Subscriptions and licences	1,900	-	1,900	2,634
Office costs and ministry expenses	8,237	-	8,237	13,508
Cleaning	2,448	-	2,448	1,871
Telephone and broadband	1,433	-	1,433	691
Training and meeting costs	400	-	400	2,650
Depreciation	822	-	822	822
Miscellaneous	57	-	57	436
Governance costs	1,750	-	1,750	1,816
	198,942	6,904	205,846	220,990

Included within governance costs is independent examiner's fee of £1,750 (2020: £1,816).

All prior year expenditure was represented by unrestricted funds except for £25,433 of grants for Christian work and £1,414 of defibrillator expenditure which was represented by restricted funds.

5 Analysis of grants

	2021 £	2020 £ (Restated)
To institutions		
Bristol International Trust (BISC)	1,350	1,200
Bristol Hospitality Network	1,503	-
North Bristol Foodbank	6,904	4,119
Open Doors	-	1,020
Crisis Centre	720	1,120
F and D Masters	13,840	10,130
Other gifts to institutions (all less than £1,000)	1,615	3,587
To individuals	24,118	29,941
	50,050	51,117

6 Net income/(expenditure) for the year

This is stated after charging:

		2021 £	2020 £
Independent examiner's fee	- for independent examination services	1,750	1,716
	- for under provision in prior year	-	100
Remuneration of trustees		84,018	40,109
Depreciation		822	822

No Trustees have been reimbursed for their out of pocket travel expenses (2020:£Nil).

7 Staff costs and numbers

The aggregate payroll costs were:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Church contractors	107,308	101,224
Wages and salaries	9,870	8,321
	117,178	109,545

These costs relate to 3 self employed individuals (2020: 3) engaged under service agreements and 1 employees (2020: 2).

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000. (2020: none)

The key management personnel is comprised of, S North and D Powell and E Legg-Bagg, who have responsibility for students and young adults, along with the charity's trustees.

The total benefits paid to key management personnel during the year were £107,308 (2020:£101,224).

This includes benefits totalling £42,009 (2020: £40,109) to D Powell and £42,009 (2020: £13,184) to S North, who are trustees of the charity. This payment is permitted by the charity's Memorandum and Articles

8 Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

9 Statement of Financial Activities comparative figures

For the year ended 31 March 2020	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Income from:			
Donations and legacies	184,954	21,463	206,417
Charitable activities	7,715	-	7,715
Other Income	-	-	-
Investments	59	-	59
Total income	192,728	21,463	214,191
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	194,143	26,847	220,990
Total expenditure	194,143	26,847	220,990
Net income/(expenditure) for the year and net movement in funds	(1,415)	(5,384)	(6,799)
Funds transfers	(5,384)	5,384	-
Total funds at start of year	362,110	4,061	366,171
Total funds at end of year	355,311	4,061	359,372

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold Property	Equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 April 2020	290,000	15,624	305,624
At 31 March 2021	290,000	15,624	305,624
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2020	-	14,802	14,802
Charge for the year	-	822	822
At 31 March 2021	-	15,624	15,624
Net book value			
At 31 March 2021	290,000	-	290,000
At 31 March 2020	290,000	822	290,822

11 Debtors

	2021	2020
	£	£
Gift Aid debtor	19,092	15,875
	19,092	15,875

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	1,750	1,716
	1,750	1,716

13 Movement in funds

For the year ended 31 March 2021

	At 1 Apr 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 Mar 2021 £
Restricted funds					
Special Offerings	-	21,687	(6,904)		14,783
Minibus fund	4,061	-	-	-	4,061
	4,061	21,687	(6,904)	-	18,844
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	355,311	219,212	(198,942)		375,581
	355,311	219,212	(198,942)	-	375,581
Total funds	359,372	240,899	(205,846)	-	394,425

For the year ended 31 March 2020

	At 1 Apr 2019 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 Mar 2020 £
Restricted funds					
Special offerings	-	21,463	(26,847)	5,384	-
Minibus Fund	4,061	-	-	-	4,061
	4,061	21,463	(26,847)	5,384	4,061
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	362,110	192,728	(194,143)	(5,384)	355,311
	362,110	192,728	(194,143)	(5,384)	355,311
Total funds	366,171	214,191	(220,990)	-	359,372

Restricted funds

Special offerings - This fund represents offerings made to EbeTrust for specific supported mission organisations and individuals.

Minibus Fund - This represents offerings given towards the future purchase of a minibus.

14 Analysis of net assets between funds

As at 31 March 2021	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted General Funds	Total
	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	-	290,000	290,000
Other net assets	18,844	85,581	104,425
	18,844	375,581	394,425

Prior year comparative

As at 31 March 2020	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted General Funds	Total
	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	-	290,822	290,822
Other net assets	4,061	64,489	68,550
	4,061	355,311	359,372

15 Related party transactions

There are no transactions with trustees or other related parties other than those disclosed as required by the SORP elsewhere in the financial statements.

16 Company limited by guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee and as such has no issued share capital. In the event of the company being wound up the liability of the members is limited to £1 each.

17 Funds held as a custodian for others

At the year end, the charity held £3,733 (2020: £3,733) of cash balances under the control of Love Horfield. These balances have been excluded from the balance sheet.

In the year funds were received on behalf of Love Horfield totalling £nil (2020: £4,127).Payments made as a custodian trustee on behalf of Love Horfield totalled £nil (2020: £394).

Further details of the custodian trustee relationships can be found within the trustees' report.