

Bedworth Wesleyan Reform Church

Trustees Report for the period 1st January to 31st December 2023

Administrative Information

Bedworth Wesleyan Reform Church is situated on Bulkington Road, Bedworth. Warwickshire, CV12 9DH

The church is governed by the board of trustees which abides by the Trust Deed set up in 1911, on the consecration of the church building. The trustees are the guardians of the doctrine and also have a legal responsibility to ensure that the church complies with the laws of England and Wales. Every trustee is a church member.

Objectives

The trustees are committed to ensuring that as many people as possible are able to worship the living God, through reading the Holy Scriptures, prayer, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and through the ministry of music, at church services. They are also committed to ensuring that the church is known in our locality.

We seek to serve God the Father, our Creator, and God the Son, our Saviour, through the indwelling of God the Holy Spirit, our Comforter and Helper. In serving other people we are able to fulfil this commitment.

Wesleyan Reform Union

The Church is a member of the Wesleyan Reform Union of Churches, which is based in Church Street, Barnsley, Yorkshire. The Church adheres to the doctrine of the Wesleyan Reform Union as set out in their Handbook.

Governance and Management

The trustees' responsibilities are set out as above, under 'Administrative Duties.' The Church Members are responsible for decision making on general matters, and they decide on how the church funds should be spent. The Church Members' Meetings are held every two months.

Church Membership

Anyone who desires to become a member of Bedworth Wesleyan Reform Church, and who has professed their faith in one God, and in his Son, Jesus Christ, shall have their name presented to the Church Members at a Church Members' Meeting.

Prospective members will have been attending the church regularly, for worship services and other meetings and events for a period of not less than six months prior to the Church Members' Meeting and will be expected to be come fully involved in the activities of the Church. We do not generally have a formal membership service but will do so on request.

Services of Worship

Our Services of Worship are held on Sundays at 10:30am, where the truth of God's Word is preached. These services are open to all. Additional services as announced.

Children and Young People

We do not currently have an active ministry among Children and Young People, but there are facilities on site for parents to supervise their own children during Services of Worship and other activities.

Church Safeguarding

We are currently recruiting for the posts of Safeguarding Officer and Deputy Safeguarding Officer. We use the services of the Wesleyan Reform Union's Safeguarding Trainer. We have a Safeguarding Policy in place.

Anyone who has regular contact with children and vulnerable adults have undergone DBS checks, and all have clear records.

Bible Study and Prayer Meetings

Combined Bible Study and Prayer Meetings are held at the Church on Tuesday evenings from 7:30pm. These meetings are well-supported and we always welcome new-comers.

Missions Work

The Church supports the home and overseas mission activities of the Wesleyan Reform Union as well as those of external charities and aid organisations. During the year, the Church gave £60 to the Union's Home Missions Department.

The Trustees

The Trustees currently holding office are Mr Colin Johnson and Mrs Natalie Johnson. We are currently seeking additional Trustees.

Finance

The church accounts are as shown elsewhere in this account. We acknowledge the weekly giving of all who attend our worship services.

General Data Protection Regulation Compliance

The church has a GDPR policy in place. All church members who have a responsibility under these Regulations have been trained in their use and have signed a document to say they agree to comply with them.

The Minister

Our Minister, Mr Graham Johnson, leads our worship services and our Bible Study and Prayer Meetings. He takes a full part in other activities of the church. He is currently awaiting ordination within the Wesleyan Reform Union.

Volunteers

We express our thanks to all the volunteers who work hard to make our church a welcoming place, and also for undertaking tasks that keep our property in good order. They do so in the knowledge that they are fulfilling God's call upon their lives and for our church.

Acknowledgements

We gratefully acknowledge:

- Our Minister, Mr Graham Johnson for his spiritual leadership
- Our volunteers who undertake the various offices and roles needed for the furtherance of the church's work in the locality and for the maintenance of the church building
- Our accountant for processing the monthly payroll and the preparation of our annual accounts
- The support of our church members week by week
- Our Trustees

BEDWORTH WESLEYAN REFORM CHURCH

Registered Charity number: 1135361

ACCOUNTANTS CERTIFICATE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

We have prepared the Receipts and Payments Account from the information supplied and certify it to be in accordance therewith.

Armstrongs Bishop Simmons Limited

Chartered Accountants

Gethin House

36 Bond Street

Nuneaton

Warwickshire

CV11 4DA

BEDWORTH WESLEYAN REFORM CHURCH**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023****RECEIPTS**

Offering	5,461.58
Manse & Building Fund	-
Funerals/Weddings	380.00
Church Rent	1,235.00
Manse Rent	5,670.00
Levy	-
Donations	200.00
Sunday School	-
Miscellaneous	190.00
WRU Grant	12,000.00
<u>Interest Received:</u>	
Building Society Account	403.16
Post Office Account	67.27
Wm Hough Fund Account	0.34
	<u>470.77</u>

PAYMENTS

Pulpit Supply	675.00
Electricity	514.44
Water	81.51
Gas	1,439.64
Food Bank	0.00
	<u>1,439.64</u>
Insurance	2,295.83
Assessment	629.10
Received	0.00
	<u>629.10</u>
Church Repairs	9,964.00
Manse Repairs	0.00
Maintenance	0.00
Contact Magazine	0.00
Received	0.00
	<u>0.00</u>
Cleaning Materials	22.46
Cleaner	1,047.60
Refuse Collection	428.83
Donations	156.25
Hospitality	219.28
Postage & Stationery	246.29
Website	139.91
Stipend	14,848.40
Flowers	144.00
CCLI License	377.30
Parish Pump subscription	49.99
Home Missions	60.00
Accountancy Fee	312.00
Payroll Bureau Fee	252.00
Conference	200.00
Fellowship Cups	34.00
Communique Audio	108.00
Bibles	37.08
Sundry Expenses	129.22

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Receipts	25,607.35
Payments	34,412.13
Deficit for the year	<u>-8,804.78</u>

BEDWORTH WESLEYAN REFORM CHURCH
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

Balance of Funds: 1 January 2023	31,311.01
Deficit for Year	-8,804.78
Balance of Funds: 31 December 2023	<u>22,506.23</u>

		Represented by:	
		Barclays Current Account	-1,593.52
		Building Society Account	23,939.30
<u>Barclays Current Account</u>		TRF ex Post Office Account	0.00
Balance brought forward	2,668.07	Wm Hough Fund	155.69
Income	29,245.00	Cash in Hand	4.76
Expenditure	33,506.59		<u>22,506.23</u>
Balance carried forward	<u>-1,593.52</u>	<u>Building Society Account</u>	
		Balance brought forward	13,745.56
<u>Wm Hough Fund</u>		Deposits	11.50
Balance brought forward	155.35	Transfer ex Post Office Account	14,779.08
		Interest received	403.16
Interest received	0.34	Transfer to Barclays Account	-5,000.00
Balance carried forward	<u>155.69</u>	Balance carried forward	<u>23,939.30</u>
		<u>Post Office Account</u>	
		Balance brought forward	14,711.81
		Interest received	67.27
		Account Closed-Balance transferred to Building Society	-14,779.08
		Balance carried forward	<u>0.00</u>



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

**On accounts for the year
ended**

**Charity no
(if any)**

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete [] if not applicable.*

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

Name:

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body**

(if any):

Address:

Section B	Disclosure
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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.