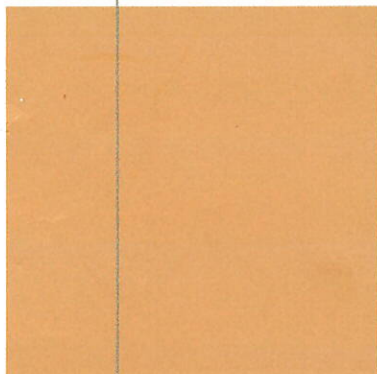
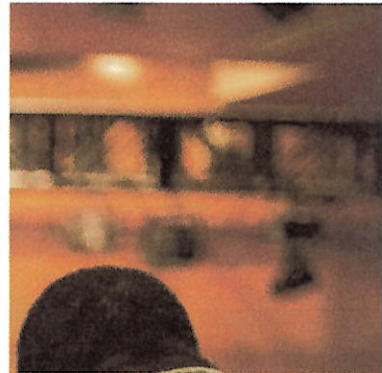


Beacon Church

Annual Report

In these pages, we celebrate the blessings, growth, and fruit of how God has been moving in this community.

Explore More



Purpose of this Report

Welcome to our annual report for 2023/24.

Throughout this document, we aim to give you an overview of the life of the church during 2023/24 and to mark God's goodness to us during this year.

We continue to be grateful to our wonderful church family for all their generosity and service.

Our aim is always to be a community of grace, hope and light in our community and beyond.

We are a bible believing, spirit-filled community, on a journey towards reconciled relationships through the gospel. We are seeking to create a culture in which people are honoured, accepted and cared for, as they grow in relationship with Jesus and one another.

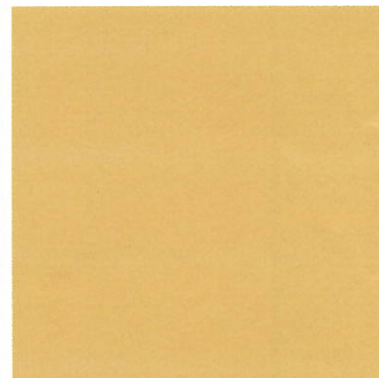
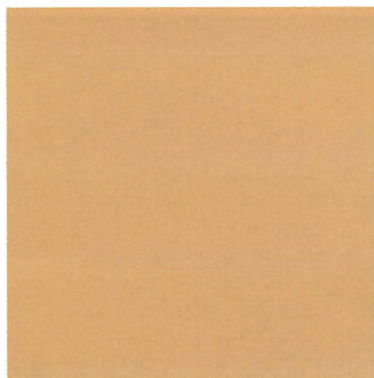
I am delighted to commend this report to you describing some of the work of the church during this last year.

With kind regards,



Phil Hopgood

Elder, Chair of Trustees,
Beacon Church



Objectives and Activities - mission, objectives and aims:

Beacon Mission

Beacon is a diverse church, gathering people from all groups of society and from all over south central London.

We are involved with a number of initiatives including: Christians Against Poverty which we run in conjunction with the Beacon CAP Partnership, Lambeth partnership of Foodbanks and Orchards (a charity supporting women have been subject to sexual exploitation)

Our mission as a church revolves around three key themes.



A Centre of Grace

A grace-filled church where people encounter Jesus, find hope, healing, purpose and join in the mission of restoration in their community. (Isaiah 61:1-4)

A Church Family

A bible believing, spirit-filled community, on a journey towards reconciled relationships through the gospel. We are seeking to create a culture in which people are honoured, accepted and cared for, as they grow in relationship with Jesus and one another. (Ephesians 2:11-22)



A Resource Church

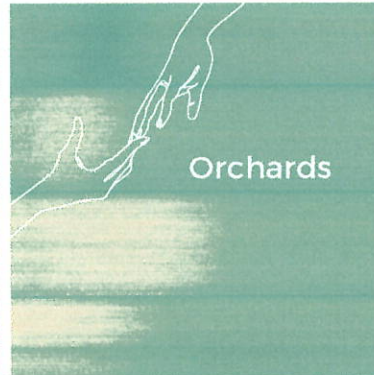
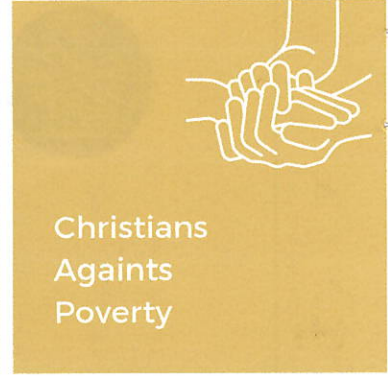
Sharing what we have received through resourcing, encouraging and supporting the wider church. (Acts 16:9-10)

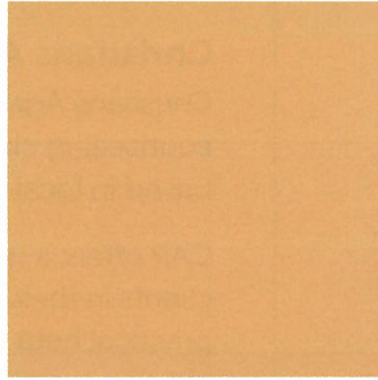


Objectives and Activities - significant activities during the period include:

Being a Centre of Grace in the heart of the community

We are a grace-filled church where people encounter Jesus; find hope, healing, purpose; and join in the mission of restoration in their community. This is the heart of our ministry at Beacon, where we believe in embodying the love of Christ through a range of transformative ministries aimed at growing disciples in the church and making a positive impact in our community. Below you will find a brief description of some of the ministries we are involved in.





A Centre of Grace

Public benefit

We believe that we have been called to be a resource church; a Church that shares what we receive through the resourcing, encouraging and supporting of the local community and the wider church.

Orchards

Orchards is a Christian charity working to see women free from sexual exploitation and empowered for flourishing, independent lives. Orchards was born out of the prayers of two friends and colleagues who had worked with women who have experienced prostitution or human trafficking, through outreach both on and off-street, one-to-one support work and counselling.

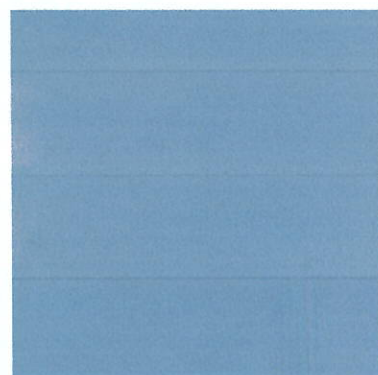
Orchards are pioneering a model to respond effectively to the crucial, interlinking needs for safe, transitional housing, sustained therapeutic support, and access to employability training. Orchards collaborate with a range of complementary Charity, Church, and Business partners so they can best serve women with complex needs, primarily through providing:

- 1) Transitional Safe Housing
- 2) Trauma Counselling
- 3) Support work through job training placements and providing pastoral care

For more info scan the QR code or visit: www.orchardsuk.org



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Achievement and Performance - key charitable activities include:

Christians Against Poverty

Christians Against Poverty is an award winning national debt counselling charity that operates through a network of centres based in local churches.

CAP offers a unique 'hands on' approach that involves visiting clients in their homes and offering debt counselling, advice and practical help. This approach empowers people to help themselves out of poverty and to be released from the worry and fear that is often caused by overwhelming debt.

Over the last year CAP has seen some amazing transitions in peoples lives, seeing many clients start the journey towards becoming debt free, seeing people in community gather to learn about the importance of money management, and running job clubs where people can come and learn practical advice and skills around applying for jobs.

To find out more about the amazing work of CAP and the Beacon CAP Partnership follow the link below or scan the QR Code

www.beacon-church.org/cap

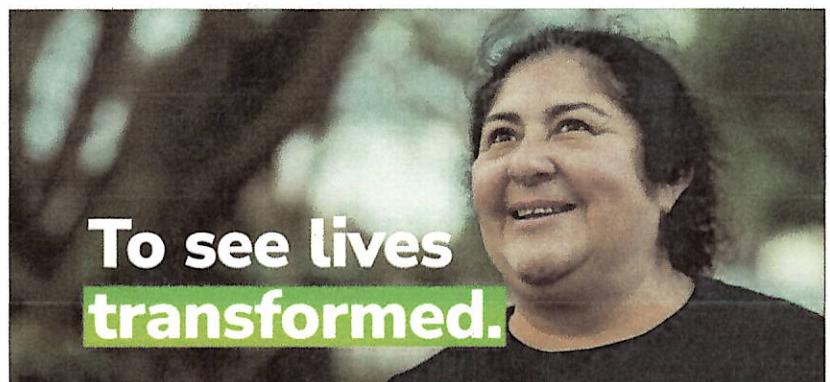
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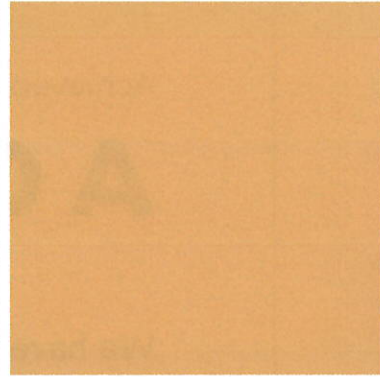
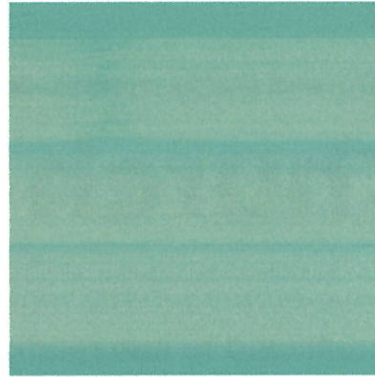
CAP



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To see lives
transformed.





A Resource Church

We believe that we have been called to be a resource church - a Church that shares what we receive through the resourcing, encouraging and supporting of the wider church (Acts 16:9-10). One of the main ways we do this is through a ministry called 'The Reconciled Church'.



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The Reconciled Church

One of our key resources for the broader church is 'The Reconciled Church,' a community of believers advocating for reconciliation within the Church—emphasising the urgent need for unity among ourselves and with God. This reconciliation extends beyond racial issues to various aspects of our lives. In the reconciled Church, we confront the historical and present oppression and injustice, addressing them at the cross where Jesus provides healing, peace, and forgiveness.

This year the Reconciled Church has seen growing numbers of churches start to wrestle with the challenge of what it means to be a reconciled church. There have been opportunities to spend time with churches across the uk. In addition over the year the Reconciled Church have run retreats for ethnic minority leaders to gather together and process their often shared experiences and through this to work towards healing, forgiveness and faith.

For more info scan the QR code or visit: www.trchurch.co.uk

Staff & Volunteers

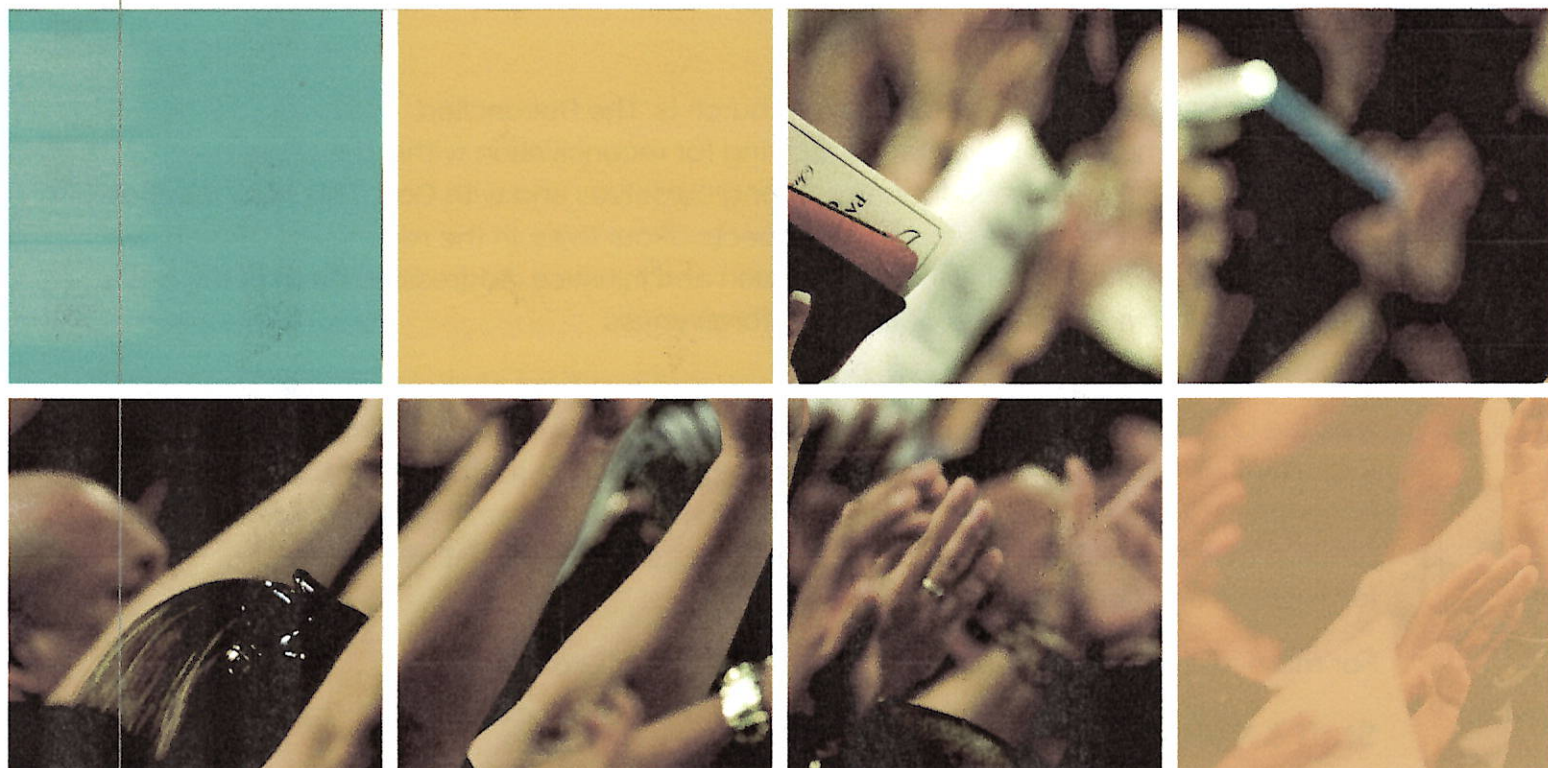
Beacon Church employs a full-time pastor, a part-time Beacon CAP Partnership project lead, a part-time Administrative and Finance Coordinator and two part-time Pastoral Assistants. In addition, Beacon uses the services of a contracted Bookkeeper and a Sunday caretaker. Volunteers perform the rest of the church activities and are therefore critical to the continued operation of the church. The trustees wish to express their deep gratitude to all those who have given of their time and their resources during this period to help support and build the church.

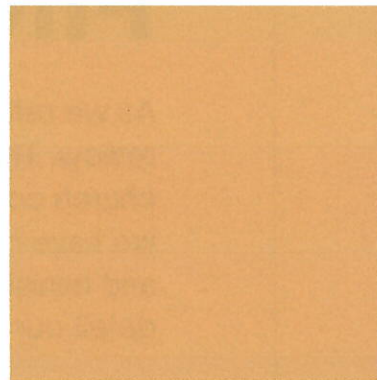


Achievement and Performance - key charitable activities include:

A Church Family

We have continued to see relationships grow in our church over the last year through our Sunday gatherings, mid week prayer and bible study, as we have lived together as a church community. We have seen our youth grow in numbers and faith through the regular youthwork and summer festival - 'Newday'. This is a family church where we continue to value our children and enjoy having them as part of our community.





A Church Family

Sundays:

The aim this year was to prioritise simplicity, keeping the Bible and Jesus central during gatherings and devotionals, including 'free Sundays' for spontaneous moments with God. The first series, "Heart of Mission," focused on youth ministry, followed by "Lessons from the Prophets," which highlighted Old Testament prophets Malachi and Haggai. These prophets encouraged trust in God during challenging times, despite slow responses to prayers and promises.

Devotional Wednesday:

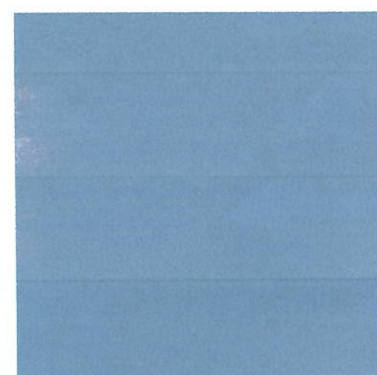
Over the past year we've continued to meet weekly to grow in our understanding of the bible. Our focus has been the book of Matthew through a short devotional and then breakout conversations and prayer.

Kids & Crèche:

We have a dedicated kids and crèche team. Each week the teaching follows the preaching series that the adult church are following. The team always aims to create a vibrant and welcoming environment for children to learn about God's love and the teachings of Jesus - through creative storytelling, fun activities and relationship building.

Youth

This year, our youth group has grown in relationships and faith, highlighted by a fantastic five-day trip to 'Newday.' Worship sessions in the Big Top featured powerful movements of the Holy Spirit. Among our 34 youth (14 from Beacon and 20 from Jubilee Croydon), there were first-time commitments to follow Jesus and several recommitments. 'Newday' allowed young people to immerse themselves in the kingdom's ways, and we are encouraged by their growth.



FINANCIAL REVIEW

As we reflect on the past year, it is with gratitude that we present our financial review. This report serves as a testament to the collective generosity of our church community. Through their generous contributions and active participation, we have not only maintained our operations but have also expanded our resources and ministries, furthering our mission statement. In the following pages, we will detail our financial review for the year ended March 2024

Principle Funding

The church continues to be funded primarily through the regular tithing and donations of its members. All monies received are given for the general operational costs of the church and are therefore treated as unrestricted funds. The church also receives restricted funds from other sources specifically for its work with the Beacon CAP Partnership.



REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 07237553 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1136435

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024
FOR
BEACON CHURCH LONDON

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BEACON CHURCH LONDON

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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) (effective 1 January 2019).

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

It is the policy of this church to hold general purpose unrestricted reserves to the equivalent of 3-6 months general running costs, to cover unforeseen emergencies and to allow for the ordered termination of staff contracts and winding down of church activities, were this to be required. Reserves currently exceed this. Several potential initiatives have or are being considered that would further the charity's objectives and are likely to see a managed reduction in the level of reserves over the next period.

Going concern

The accounts have been prepared on the basis that Beacon Church is a going concern. There are no apparent reasons to believe that Beacon Church will not continue to operate over the foreseeable future. We continue to regular review the status and position of the church.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS:

The aims of the trustees include:

- Continued spiritual and relational support and growth of both individual members and the community of believers;
- Growth of the work of the church amongst the poor and socially disadvantaged within Brixton;
- Cultivating an increased 'presence' within the Brixton area, including links with other churches and other existing community based activities;
- Navigating a continuing period of transition, including staff, volunteer and congregational changes;
- Continuing to build and establish the work of the church in the local area and to explore future development and expansion of this work, both locally and beyond.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

07237553 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1136435

Registered office

Caretakers House
Clapham Park Centre
New Park Road
London
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Trustees

O P Hylton
P G Hopgood
N Ngene
Ms R Robertson
Ms S J Rudd (appointed 11.1.2024)

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Independent Examiner

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 12 December 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



P G Hopgood - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
BEACON CHURCH LONDON**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Beacon Church London ('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').

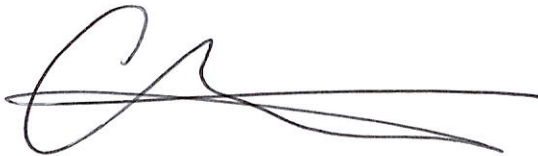
Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). 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

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:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. 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
4. 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.



Charlotte Cross FCCA BSc IMA

Andrew Cross & Co.
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12 December 2024

BEACON CHURCH LONDON

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	<u>187,849</u>	<u>17,143</u>	<u>204,992</u>	<u>178,284</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	3				
Charity		<u>161,595</u>	<u>13,039</u>	<u>174,634</u>	<u>172,474</u>
NET INCOME		26,254	4,104	30,358	5,810
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		101,460	3,914	105,374	99,564
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>127,714</u></u>	<u><u>8,018</u></u>	<u><u>135,732</u></u>	<u><u>105,374</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

BEACON CHURCH LONDON (REGISTERED NUMBER: 07237553)**BALANCE SHEET**
31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	9	3,465	-	3,465	5,259
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	10	33,938	-	33,938	41,425
Cash at bank		92,090	8,018	100,108	60,539
		<u>126,028</u>	<u>8,018</u>	<u>134,046</u>	<u>101,964</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	11	(1,779)	-	(1,779)	(1,849)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>124,249</u>	<u>8,018</u>	<u>132,267</u>	<u>100,115</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>127,714</u>	<u>8,018</u>	<u>135,732</u>	<u>105,374</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>127,714</u>	<u>8,018</u>	<u>135,732</u>	<u>105,374</u>
FUNDS	12				
Unrestricted funds				127,714	101,460
Restricted funds				8,018	3,914
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>135,732</u>	<u>105,374</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

BALANCE SHEET - continued
31 MARCH 2024

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 12 December 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:



P G Hopgood - Trustee

BEACON CHURCH LONDON

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

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

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives 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 the notes to the financial statements.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Donations	<u>204,992</u>	<u>178,284</u>

BEACON CHURCH LONDON

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 4) £	Totals £
Charity	<u>50,999</u>	<u>123,635</u>	<u>174,634</u>

4. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management £	Finance £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Charity	<u>114,220</u>	<u>1,795</u>	<u>7,620</u>	<u>123,635</u>

5. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2024 £	2023 £
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>1,794</u>	<u>2,136</u>

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Mr O Hylton, a trustee of the charity and also a director of the company, was remunerated as an employee of the company in the period under review. This is permitted under the charity's constitution which has been approved by the Charities Commission in England and Wales. There was no trustees' remuneration or other benefits in the period to 31 March 2024.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

7. STAFF COSTS

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	98,999	94,684
Social security costs	3,433	3,279
Other pension costs	5,498	5,249
	<u>107,930</u>	<u>103,212</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2024	2023
Working on direct charitable activities	2	2
Administration & Support Staff	3	4
	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

7. STAFF COSTS - continued

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	155,536	22,748	178,284
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Charity	153,059	19,415	172,474
NET INCOME	2,477	3,333	5,810
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	98,983	581	99,564
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	101,460	3,914	105,374

9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024	3,326	7,610	10,936
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2023	686	4,991	5,677
Charge for year	665	1,129	1,794
At 31 March 2024	1,351	6,120	7,471
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2024	1,975	1,490	3,465
At 31 March 2023	2,640	2,619	5,259

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BEACON CHURCH LONDON

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

10. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other debtors	33,782	40,932
Prepayments	156	493
	<u>33,938</u>	<u>41,425</u>

11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other creditors	-	362
Accrued expenses	1,779	1,487
	<u>1,779</u>	<u>1,849</u>

12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.23	Net movement in funds	At 31.3.24
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	101,460	26,254	127,714
Restricted funds			
Beacon Cap Partnership	3,914	4,104	8,018
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>105,374</u>	<u>30,358</u>	<u>135,732</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	187,849	(161,595)	26,254
Restricted funds			
Beacon Cap Partnership	17,143	(13,039)	4,104
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>204,992</u>	<u>(174,634)</u>	<u>30,358</u>

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BEACON CHURCH LONDON

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	98,983	2,477	101,460
Restricted funds			
Beacon Cap Partnership	581	3,333	3,914
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>99,564</u>	<u>5,810</u>	<u>105,374</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	155,536	(153,059)	2,477
Restricted funds			
Beacon Cap Partnership	22,748	(19,415)	3,333
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>178,284</u>	<u>(172,474)</u>	<u>5,810</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	98,983	28,731	127,714
Restricted funds			
Beacon Cap Partnership	581	7,437	8,018
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>99,564</u>	<u>36,168</u>	<u>135,732</u>

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BEACON CHURCH LONDON

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	343,385	(314,654)	28,731
Restricted funds			
Beacon Cap Partnership	39,891	(32,454)	7,437
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>383,276</u>	<u>(347,108)</u>	<u>36,168</u>

13. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2024.



Thank you for reading this report. We hope you found it encouraging.

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Thank you for taking the time to read through this document about all that God is doing in and through our church family.

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