



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/01/2023 Period start date To 31/12/2023 Period end date

Charity name: Bere Regis Congregational Church

Charity registration number: 1144980

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The advancement of the faith in accordance with the basis of faith primarily but not exclusively within Bere Regis and the surrounding neighbourhood. Such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the members of the church general meeting further the work of the church
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	We have provided the opportunity for people to worship within our church buildings and have continued live streaming on You Tube to spread the Good news of the Gospel to a wider audience. We have also sought to reach out to the wider community offering guidance and help to any seeking to live a Christian life or who are in need of comfort and help.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	When considering the churches activities consideration was given to the commission's guidance on the public benefit and in particular to the guidance for charities for the advancement of religion

## Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	

Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Weekly Sunday worship meetings open to all have been held and we continue to live stream our services for those unable to physically attend. The services are also recorded and are available to view any time on You tube. These have been viewed many times so are reaching a wider audience with Christian teaching.</p> <p>Two midweek house groups continue for teaching and fellowship again open to all who may be interested.</p> <p>The Mother and Toddler group continues to offer fellowship for any mothers in the village.</p> <p>An open meeting offering teaching on the creation/ evolution debate was held and was well attended.</p> <p>Some street evangelism has been carried out in Dorchester and we also held a Christmas carol service in a local retirement home.</p> <p>We continue to offer spiritual support and guidance to any seeking help.</p>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	

Other		
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## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	As shown in our accounts the charity is in a sound financial position.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	It is the policy of the church to hold sufficient reserves to cover the normal running costs but also to cover any emergency repairs
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£10,000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	No funds in deficit
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document ( <a href="#">trust deed</a> , <a href="#">royal charter</a> )	Para 1.25	Constitution dated 12 <sup>th</sup> October 2011
How is the charity constituted? (e.g <a href="#">unincorporated association</a> , CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Trust
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Elected by the members

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Bere Regis Congregational Church
Other name the charity uses	Bere Regis Chapel
Registered charity number	1144980
Charity's principal address	Butt Lane Bere Regis Wareham Dorset BH20 7HZ

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	I Stevens	Treasurer		Appointed by Church members
2	R Kirk			As above
3	G Gee			As above
4	P Jackson			As above
5	G Bennington			As Above
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### Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

### Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches		

## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

#### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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## Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	I Stevens	G Gee
Full name(s)	Ivan Richard Stevens	Graham Gee
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	Trustee
Date	31/07/2024	31/07/2024





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Charity Name	No (if any)
Bere Regis Congregational Church	

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 1/1/2023	To	Period end date 12/31/2023
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Weekly Offerings	21,034	-	-	21,034	16,714
Donations	935	-	-	935	190
Tax Return	4,324	-	-	4,324	4,194
Trental Income	5,520	-	-	5,520	5,340
Bank Interest	196	-	-	196	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b> (Gross income for AR)	32,009	-	-	32,009	26,438
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	32,009	-	-	32,009	26,438
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Ministry	7,267	-	-	7,267	12,687
Missionary Giving	4,469	-	-	4,469	2,535
Maintenance of Church Premises	3,549	-	-	3,549	11,426
Electricity/Gas/Oil	2,910	-	-	2,910	1,785
General Expenses	980	-	-	980	4,287
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	19,175	-	-	19,175	32,720
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	19,175	-	-	19,175	32,720
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	12,834	-	-	12,834	- 6,282
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	12,834	-	-	12,834	- 6,282

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Current Account	34,351	-	-
	Deposit Account	20,196	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>54,547</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Church /manse Buildings	Restricted	-	-
	Church Contents	Unrestricted	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
Bere Regis Congregational Church

On accounts for the year  
ended

£1<sup>st</sup> December 2023

Charity no  
(if any)

1144980

Set out on pages

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(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

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent  
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

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

Signed:

Date:

24/02/2024

Name:

Robbie Lee Brian Green

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

BA Hons Accounting & Finance Degree

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Section B

Disclosure

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