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The trustees confirm that the accounts comply with current statutory requirements and those of the Charity's Trust Deed.

Trustees as of at the financial year end 31 August 2023:

Ruth Francis David Lewis Veada Walker Marion Palmer (Co-opt)

Trustees report is approved by the BAM Board of Trustees on:

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Signed on its behalf by:

SIGNING TRUSTEE's NAME

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Financial Statements for the

Year ended 31 August 2023

Company number 7746641

Charity Number 1147464

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Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2023

	Note	2023	2022
		£	£
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets for use by the church	7	94,466	97,026
Current Assets			
Debtors	8	5,390	5,217
Bank & Cash	9	40,855	36,759
Total current assets		46,245	41,976
Creditors : amounts falling due within one year	10	1,582	895
Net Current assets		44,663	41,081
Total assets less current liabilities		139,129	138,107
Net Assets	11	139,129	138,107
The funds of the charity			
Restricted Funds		8,350	8,350
Unrestricted Funds:			
General and Capital Funds		118,779	117,757
Designated Building Fund		12,000	12,000
Total funds		139,129	138,107

The directors have taken advantage of the Companies Act 2006 in not having these accounts audited under Section 477 (1). No members have required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476

The Directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with s386 and s387 of the Companies Act 2006 and for preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at 31 August 2023 and of its profit for the year then ended in accordance with the requirements of s396 and which comply with the requirements of the Act relating to the accounts so far as applicable to the company.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

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Name

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Statement of Financial Activities (includes summary of income and expenditure) for the year ended 31August 2023

		Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Income							
Income from charitable activities							
Donations	2	30,241	-	30,241	31,662	-	31,662
Total Income		<u>30,241</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,241</u>	<u>31,662</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>31,662</u>
Expenditure							
Charitable Activities							
Church Running Costs	3	29,219	-	29,219	23,620	-	23,620
Other Expenditure							
Loan Interest		-	-	-	92	-	92
Total Expenditure	5	<u>29,219</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>29,219</u>	<u>23,712</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,712</u>
Net Income		<u>1,022</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,022</u>	<u>7,950</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,950</u>
Reconciliation of Funds							
Total funds brought forward		129,757	8,350	138,107	121,807	8,350	130,157
Total funds carried forward		<u>130,779</u>	<u>8,350</u>	<u>139,129</u>	<u>129,757</u>	<u>8,350</u>	<u>138,107</u>

There were no recognised gains or losses for 2023 or 2022 other than those included in the Statement of Financial Activities

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Notes to the accounts

for the year to 31 August 2023

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of preparation

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) published on 16 July 2014, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) the Charities Act 2011 the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015. The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention modified to include certain items at fair value.

No changes have been made to the financial statements for previous years unless otherwise stated within the notes as a prior year adjustment.

Funds

Unrestricted funds are income funds which are to be spent on the church's general purpose.

Restricted funds are donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the church for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund.

Income

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and Legacies are accounted for when the church is legally entitled to the amounts due. All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources expended

Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed assets

Equipment is capitalised if it can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £1,000. They are valued at cost.

Equipment And Furniture	@ 25% Reducing Balance
Minibus	@ 25% straight line
Building	@ 2% straight line

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2. (a) Voluntary Income

	2023			2022
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Tithes And Offerings	24,398	-	24,398	25,011
Gift Aid Tax Refund	5,843	-	5,843	5,841
Insurance Claim	-	-	-	400
Other Income	-	-	-	410
	<u>30,241</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,241</u>	<u>31,662</u>

3. Costs of Charitable Activities

	2023	2022
	£	£
Premises Costs	8,652	3,922
Utility Costs	3,907	3,454
Depreciation	2,560	2,616
Transport Costs	150	726
Convention and Events	2,462	555
Ministry costs	2,118	2,367
Gifts and Donations	916	2,306
Overseas Donation	-	410
Insurance	2,582	2,285
Office costs	1,441	1,431
Small Equipment	1,850	690
Governance	938	953
Communication	929	1,165
Bank Charges	330	356
Security Costs	384	384
	<u>29,219</u>	<u>23,620</u>

4. Governance expenditure

	2023	2022
	£	£
Independent Examiner Fees	925	895
Underprovision 2021	-	45
Companies House Charges	13	13
	<u>938</u>	<u>953</u>

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5. Net movement in funds for the year

The net movement in funds for the year is stated after charging:

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	£	£
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Underprovision for 2021	-	45
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6. Staff Costs

There were no paid staff in the year

Trustees remuneration and expenses

No remuneration or expenses were paid to the trustees in the year

7. Tangible fixed assets for use by the Charity

	Church Premises	Equipment & Furniture	TOTAL
	£	£	£
Cost as at 1 September 2022	119,640	10,662	130,302
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
Cost as at 31 August 2023	<u>119,640</u>	<u>10,662</u>	<u>130,302</u>
Depreciation as at 1 September 2022	23,282	9,994	33,276
Charge for the year	2,393	167	2,560
On Disposals	-	-	-
Depreciation as at 31 August 2023	<u>25,675</u>	<u>10,161</u>	<u>35,836</u>
Net book Value as at 31 August 2023	<u>93,965</u>	<u>501</u>	<u>94,466</u>
Net book Value as at 31 August 2022	<u>96,358</u>	<u>668</u>	<u>97,026</u>

8. Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Gift Aid due	5,190	5,217
Other Debtor	200	-
	<u>5,390</u>	<u>5,217</u>

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	2023	2022
	£	£
9. Bank and Cash		
Bank Account	40,855	36,759
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10. Creditors : amounts falling due in one year

Accrual	925	895
Other Creditor	657	-
	<u>1,582</u>	<u>895</u>

11. Funds

	Brought Forward	Income	Expenditure	Carried Forward
Restricted Funds				
Insurance Claim-Minibus	8,350	-	-	8,350
Designated Funds				
Building Fund	12,000	-	-	12,000
Unrestricted Funds				
Capital funds	100,000	-	-	100,000
General Funds	17,757	30,241	29,219	18,779
Total Funds	<u>138,107</u>	<u>30,241</u>	<u>29,219</u>	<u>139,129</u>

The minibus purchased using the National Lottery Community Fund was stolen
The replacement will purchased using the Insurance Claim received.

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- (1) Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- (2) To follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act, and
- (3) To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

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- (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
- (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 (FRS102).

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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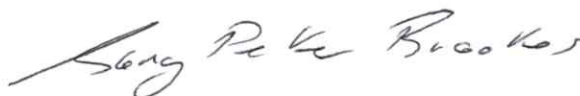
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- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those records
- (3) the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 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 (FRS102).

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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