

# CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BEDFORDSHIRE

England & Wales · Charity number 1151495

## Details

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Other names	BEDFORD ECUMENICAL COMMITTEE, BEDFORD CHURCHES TOGETHER
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2013-04-03
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

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## Activities

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**Objects:** 3.1 TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION AND EDUCATION BY 3.1.1PARTICIPATING IN THE LIFE AND WORK OF CHURCHES TOGETHER IN ENGLAND(CTE)AS AN INTERMEDIATE BODY;3.1.2 SPONSORING LOCAL ECUMENICAL PARTNERSHIPS(LEP);3.1.3ENCOURAGING THOSE BODIES AND INDIVIDUALS IN THE CHURCHES WHO SHARE A SIMILAR REMIT OR CONCERN TO WORK TOGETHER;3.1.4TAKING ANY FURTHER ACTIONS WHICH MAY ENCOURAGE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ECUMENICAL AGENDA.3.2TO RELIEVE FINANCIAL HARDSHIP ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD BY MAKING GRANTS FROM FUNDS RAISED DIRECTLY OR CO-ORDINATED FUNDRAISING EFFORTS BY MEMBER CHURCHES.

**Activities:** Participating in the life and work of Churches Together in England (CTE) as an intermediate body;encouraging those bodies and individuals in the Churches who share a similar remit or concern to work together in Local Ecumenical Partnerships (LEP);

## Classification

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- **How:** Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Bedford
- Central Bedfordshire
- Luton

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£8,755	£5,074	-	-
2023-12-31	£9,593	£2,139	-	-
2022-12-31	£7,005	£2,166	-	-
2021-12-31	£6,905	£4,822	-	-
2020-12-31	£10,405	£7,772	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
ALAN WILLIAM DANSEY		2018-05-01
Jeffrey William Bulled		2023-10-02
MONSIGNOR SEAN HEALY		2013-03-28
Rev George Donald Watt		2022-10-31
STEVEN GARY DOLBY		2023-10-02

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# **Trustees' report**

## **For the year ended December 2024**

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024.

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Trustees names for this period

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George Watt (Chair)

### **Structure, Governance, and management**

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#### **Achievements and Performance**

3 Trustees Meetings and 3 General Meetings were held in 2024 in addition to the AGM which was held as part of the Annual Forum.

We were able to successfully recruit an Ecumenical Facilitator (County Ecumenical Officer), Revd. Dawn Savidge, who started in the role in June 2024. She is also serving as Facilitator for Churches Together in Hertfordshire, which is helpful since a number of the member denominations structures span both counties. She has begun networking with key people, visiting local Churches Together groups and leading worship in LEP's. She plans to lead creative events ecumenically e.g. for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

The Forum met in person on 17th April 2024 in Lidlington, hosted by Lidlington Church. The event was well attended with representatives from across the area and member churches. Revd. Tim Norwood, National Officer for Local Ecumenism in the Church of

# Trustees' report


## For the year ended December 2024

England, spoke on 'Ecumenical Spring: What's changing in Christian Unity? Where are the new signs of life and energy? What might the Spirit be saying to the Churches?

### Financial Review

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Duty of prudence - the trustees are aware that the charity should remain solvent, and assets should only be used to further the purposes and interests of the charity

This report was approved by the Trustees on.....7<sup>th</sup> MAY.....2025  
And signed on their behalf by..........  
George Watt - Chairman

# Churches Together in Bedfordshire

## Financial Activities

January - December 2024

	TOTAL
Income	
Donations	
2023 Donations	120.00
2024 Donations - Organisations	7,955.00
2024 Donations - Other	680.00
<b>Total Donations</b>	<b>8,755.00</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£8,755.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£8,755.00</b>
Expenditures	
Bank charges	91.60
Contribution for CEEDO Wages	2,953.46
Dues and Subscriptions	380.45
Insurances	196.00
Printing, Postage and Stationery	20.90
Secretarial Services	1,300.00
Travel and Accommodation	12.15
Website	120.00
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>£5,074.56</b>
<b>NET OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>£3,680.44</b>
Other Income	
Interest earned	65.47
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>£65.47</b>
<b>NET OTHER INCOME</b>	<b>£65.47</b>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	<b>£3,745.91</b>

EXAMINED AND FOUND TO BE CORRECT

✓ C. W. S.

10<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2025

# Churches Together in Bedfordshire

## Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2024

	TOTAL
Fixed Asset	
<b>Total Fixed Asset</b>	
Cash at bank and in hand	
CAF current 7139	6,475.97
HSBC - 538	10,745.25
HSBC - 672	0.08
HSBC - 912	0.00
<b>Total Cash at bank and in hand</b>	<b>£17,221.30</b>
Debtors	
Debtors	3,000.00
<b>Total Debtors</b>	<b>£3,000.00</b>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>£20,221.30</b>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	
Trade Creditors	
Creditors	0.00
<b>Total Trade Creditors</b>	<b>£0.00</b>
Current Liabilities	
Accruals	0.00
PAYE	0.00
Pension Liabilities	0.00
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>£0.00</b>
<b>Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>£0.00</b>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)</b>	<b>£20,221.30</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>£20,221.30</b>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS (LIABILITIES)</b>	<b>£20,221.30</b>
Charity funds	
Opening Balance Equity	-8,472.89
Retained Earnings	24,948.28
Surplus/(Deficit)	3,745.91
<b>Total Charity funds</b>	<b>£20,221.30</b>

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### **Achievements and Performance**

The Forum was able to meet in person in April at Howard Memorial Church in Cardington, Bedford, the first time since the pandemic. The event was well attended with representation from across the area and member churches. Doral Hayes, Principal Officer for Ecumenical Development and Relations for Churches Together in England talked about "Living Ecumenically: Christian unity present and future".

We held 3 Trustee Meetings and 4 general including the Forum (AGM). It was possible to pay off the outstanding pension debt. Consequently, the Trustees were able to begin planning to employ a County Ecumenical Officer agreeing to work collaboratively with Churches Together in Hertfordshire in making a joint appointment. It is hoped this will happen in 2024, providing support to local Churches Together groups and expanding our activities.

# Trustees' report

## For the year ended December 2023

### Financial Review

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Duty of prudence - the trustees are aware that the charity should remain solvent, and assets should only be used to further the purposes and interests of the charity

This report was approved by the Trustees on.....2024

And signed on their behalf by.....

*George Watt - Chairman*

# Churches Together in Bedfordshire

## Financial Activities

January - December 2023

	TOTAL
Income	
Donations	9,593.60
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£9,593.60</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£9,593.60</b>
Expenditures	
AGM Costs	200.56
Bank charges	69.20
Dues and Subscriptions	350.00
Insurances	196.00
Office/General Administrative Expenses	6.00
Secretarial Services	1,197.50
Website	120.00
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>£2,139.26</b>
NET OPERATING INCOME	<b>£7,454.34</b>
Other Income	
Interest earned	46.50
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>£46.50</b>
NET OTHER INCOME	<b>£46.50</b>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	<b>£7,500.84</b>

*Examined and found to be in order.*

*J. Caves*

**JOHN EDWARD CAVES**  
**9<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2024**

# Churches Together in Bedfordshire

## Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2023

	TOTAL
Fixed Asset	
<b>Total Fixed Asset</b>	
Cash at bank and in hand	
HSBC - 538	10,199.64
HSBC - 672	6,054.41
HSBC - 912	221.34
<b>Total Cash at bank and in hand</b>	<b>£16,475.39</b>
Debtors	
Debtors	0.00
<b>Total Debtors</b>	<b>£0.00</b>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>£16,475.39</b>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	
Trade Creditors	
Creditors	0.00
<b>Total Trade Creditors</b>	<b>£0.00</b>
Current Liabilities	
Accruals	0.00
PAYE	0.00
Pension Liabilities	0.00
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>£0.00</b>
<b>Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>£0.00</b>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)</b>	<b>£16,475.39</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>£16,475.39</b>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS (LIABILITIES)</b>	<b>£16,475.39</b>
Charity funds	
Opening Balance Equity	-8,472.89
Retained Earnings	17,447.44
Surplus/(Deficit)	7,500.84
<b>Total Charity funds</b>	<b>£16,475.39</b>

*Examined and found to be in order.*

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Andrew Hollins Chair until 31/07/22

Alan Dansey.

George Watt - new chair appointed 31/10/22.

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### Achievements and Performance

The consequences of the pandemic and the uncertainties it created meant that it was difficult to plan for any events during 2022. However, the Trustees met 5 times during the year. They focused on ensuring that outstanding Annual returns were prepared



## Trustees' report For the year ended December 2022

including the examination of accounts and working to paying off the outstanding pension fund debt. This puts us on a sure footing to make plans for 2023 and beyond. We also received news from Churches Together groups and LEPS in the area and disseminated information and details of relevant events.

### Financial Review

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Duty of prudence - the trustees are aware that the charity should remain solvent, and assets should only be used to further the purposes and interests of the charity.

This report was approved by the Trustees on.....23<sup>rd</sup> March.....2023.

And signed on their behalf by

George Watt - Chairman

# Churches Together in Bedfordshire

## Financial Activities

January - December 2022

	TOTAL
Income	
Donations	7,005.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£7,005.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£7,005.00</b>
Expenditures	
Bank charges	68.00
Conference Costs	215.00
Dues and Subscriptions	350.00
Gifts	95.00
Insurances	196.00
Office/General Administrative Expenses	2.00
Secretarial Services	1,120.58
Website	120.00
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>£2,166.58</b>
<b>NET OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>£4,838.42</b>
Other Income	
Interest earned	4.28
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>£4.28</b>
<b>NET OTHER INCOME</b>	<b>£4.28</b>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	<b>£4,842.70</b>

# Churches Together in Bedfordshire

## Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2022

	TOTAL
Fixed Asset	
<b>Total Fixed Asset</b>	
Cash at bank and in hand	
HSBC - 538	6,245.30
HSBC - 672	1,011.17
HSBC - 912	218.08
<b>Total Cash at bank and in hand</b>	<b>£7,474.55</b>
Debtors	
Debtors	1,500.00
<b>Total Debtors</b>	<b>£1,500.00</b>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>£8,974.55</b>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	
Trade Creditors	
Creditors	0.00
<b>Total Trade Creditors</b>	<b>£0.00</b>
Current Liabilities	
Accruals	0.00
PAYE	0.00
Pension Liabilities	0.00
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>£0.00</b>
<b>Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>£0.00</b>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)</b>	<b>£8,974.55</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>£8,974.55</b>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS (LIABILITIES)</b>	<b>£8,974.55</b>
Charity funds	
Opening Balance Equity	-8,472.89
Retained Earnings	12,604.74
Surplus/(Deficit)	4,842.70
<b>Total Charity funds</b>	<b>£8,974.55</b>

# **Churches Together in Bedfordshire**

## **Independent Examiner's statement on the Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022**

I have examined the accounts of Churches Together in Bedfordshire for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records have not been met, or to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



John Edward Caves  
27 Northhill Road  
Cople  
Bedford MK44 3TU.

6th March 2023.

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### Achievements and Performance

Trustees and the committee continued to meet via Zoom. During the course of the year, it was possible to continue to repay pension contributions - £2,000 to both the URC and Baptist schemes. The Executive noted the end of the LEP in Dagnell. At the Forum in May 2021, Reverend Andrew Hollins was elected for a further year as Chair. George Hay was appointed as an independent examiner. Later in the year, the Reverend Stephen Toze retired as an Anglican representative on the committee. The Chair continued to attend Faith in Focus meetings. The University of Bedfordshire Ecumenical Chaplaincy Trust (UBECT) wanted to continue its relationship with CTB. This was agreed by committee members and a representative of UBECT was asked to join the committee and give an annual report. In the October committee meeting, Carolyn Smith was elected as treasurer. Two committee members attended the Forum of Churches Together in England.

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This report was approved by the Trustees on.....24/1/.....2023

And signed on their behalf by.....

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "George Watt". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal line.

George Watt - Chairman

# Churches Together in Bedfordshire

Financial Activities  
January - December 2021

	TOTAL
Income	
Donations	6,905.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£6,905.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£6,905.00</b>
Expenditures	
Bank charges	5.40
Dues and Subscriptions	350.00
Ecumenical Training	282.15
Gifts	29.00
Insurances	196.00
Secretarial Services	1,100.00
Website	120.00
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>£2,082.55</b>
<b>NET OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>£4,822.45</b>
Other Income	
Interest earned	0.50
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>£0.50</b>
<b>NET OTHER INCOME</b>	<b>£0.50</b>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	<b>£4,822.95</b>

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## Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2021

	TOTAL
Fixed Asset	
<b>Total Fixed Asset</b>	
Cash at bank and in hand	
HSBC - 538	1,671.88
HSBC - 672	3,007.22
HSBC - 912	217.75
<b>Total Cash at bank and in hand</b>	<b>£4,896.85</b>
Debtors	
Debtors	5,250.00
<b>Total Debtors</b>	<b>£5,250.00</b>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>£10,146.85</b>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	
Current Liabilities	
Accruals	0.00
PAYE	0.00
Pension Liabilities	6,015.00
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>£6,015.00</b>
<b>Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>£6,015.00</b>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)</b>	<b>£4,131.85</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>£4,131.85</b>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS (LIABILITIES)</b>	<b>£4,131.85</b>
Charity funds	
Opening Balance Equity	-8,472.89
Retained Earnings	7,781.79
Surplus/(Deficit)	4,822.95
<b>Total Charity funds</b>	<b>£4,131.85</b>

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BEDFORDSHIRE**

England & Wales - Charity number 1151495

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' report

## For the year ended December 2020

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020.

### **Reference and administrative details of charity and its trustees.**

Churches Together in Bedfordshire was registered in England and Wales as a charity (Number 1151495) on the 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2013.

The registered office of the charity is:

Willington Methodist Church  
Station Road  
Willington  
Bedford  
MK44 3QH

The trustees under charity law who served during the period and up to the date of this report were

Trustees names for this period

Rev John Sean Healy  
Andrew Hollins Chair  
Alan Dansey

### **Structure, Governance, and management**

Churches Together in Bedfordshire (CTB) is a constituent part of Churches Together in England and both bodies work in tandem to foster ecumenical links and good practice across the County of Bedfordshire. The group meets usually three times a year with an Annual General Meeting open to all in the county interested in the work of ecumenism. CTB is supported by the following denominations:

Church of England  
Methodist Church  
United Reformed Church  
Roman Catholic Church  
Baptist Union  
Salvation Army  
Society of Friends  
Congregational Federation

Bedfordshire Ecumenical Committee (BEC) is governed by a Constitution that was adopted on the 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2013 and registered with the Charity Commission on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2013 as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

# Trustees' report

## For the year ended December 2020

The trustees meet at least 4 times per year with other members of Churches together in Bedfordshire to discuss the strategic direction of the charity and to monitor progress both financially and in terms of successful delivery of its activities.

The day-to-day management is undertaken by the trustees and members.

### Objectives and Activities

As stated in the trust deed:

To Advance the Christian religion and education by

(a) participating in the life and works of Churches together in England (CTE) as an intermediate body

(b) Sponsoring Local Ecumenical Partnerships

(c) Encouraging those bodies and individuals in the churches who share a similar remit or concern to work together.

(d) Taking any further actions which may encourage the development of the Ecumenical Agenda

To relieve financial hardship anywhere in the World by making grants from funds raised directly or coordinated fundraising efforts by member churches.

### Achievements and Performance

The pandemic meant that our usual round of meetings was much curtailed. The Forum met this year via Zoom and was addressed by the Reverend Paul Goodliff, outgoing secretary of Churches Together in England. It was a year in which our churches have experienced great change and have found new ways of worshipping and witnessing, and a year in which there have been new opportunities for service and mission. CTB met only once during the course of the year, but the Trustees have met three times, monitoring progress between committee meetings and dealing with specific issues as requested by the committee.

### Financial Review

## Trustees' report

### For the year ended December 2020

The trustee's records of the financial transactions undertaken by the charity from which the annual statements of accounts are prepared have been maintained as required by Part 6 of the Charities Act 1993, as amended by the Charities Act 2006.

Income during the year did not reach the threshold requiring an independent auditor.

At the time of writing the charity does not have a reserves policy.

The charity does not hold any fixed assets.

Duty of prudence - the trustees are aware that the charity should remain solvent, and assets should only be used to further the purposes and interests of the charity

This report was approved by the Trustees on.....24/1/.....2023

And signed on their behalf by.....

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "George Watt". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal line.

George Watt - Chairman

# Churches Together in Bedfordshire

## Financial Activities

January - December 2020

	TOTAL
Income	
Donations	10,405.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£10,405.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£10,405.00</b>
Expenditures	
Bank charges	15.00
Dues and Subscriptions	350.00
Ecumenical Training	120.00
Gifts	30.00
Insurances	196.00
Office/General Administrative Expenses	51.62
Secretarial Services	1,750.00
Website	120.00
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>£2,632.62</b>
<b>NET OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>£7,772.38</b>
Other Income	
Interest earned	9.41
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>£9.41</b>
<b>NET OTHER INCOME</b>	<b>£9.41</b>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	<b>£7,781.79</b>

# Churches Together in Bedfordshire

## Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2020

	TOTAL
Fixed Asset	
<b>Total Fixed Asset</b>	
Cash at bank and in hand	
HEBC - 538	1,799.43
HEBC - 672	8,506.72
HEBC - 912	217.75
<b>Total Cash at bank and in hand</b>	<b>£10,523.90</b>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>£10,523.90</b>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	
Current Liabilities	
Accruals	0.00
PAYE	0.00
Pension Liabilities	11,215.00
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>£11,215.00</b>
<b>Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>£11,215.00</b>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)</b>	<b>£ -691.10</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>£ -691.10</b>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS (LIABILITIES)</b>	<b>£ -691.10</b>
Charity funds	
Opening Balance Equity	-8,472.89
Retained Earnings	
Surplus/(Deficit)	7,781.79
<b>Total Charity funds</b>	<b>£ -691.10</b>