

# **Becontree Church**

Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022

Charity registration no: 1154948

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## CHARITY INFORMATION

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### Management committee

1. Mr. Jason Freeman, Chairman
2. Mr. Barry Sanders, Treasurer
3. Miss. Verona Lawrence
4. Mr. Kane Balagtey

### Secretary

Miss. Natalie Yates

### Registered Office

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### Bankers

Barclays Bank,  
Dagenham Branch,

## **Report of the trustees for the year ended 31 March 2022**

The Trustees are pleased to present their report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.

We wish to acknowledge and thank all our committee members, staff and volunteers who have contributed their time and energy to achieve the Church's objects with minimal resources.

Our Charity remains deeply grateful to the various sponsors, partners and church members who supported us through out the year.

### **Our objects, mission, values and activities**

Our charitable objects are

- (1) For the benefit of the public,
- (2) The advancement of the Christian faith in Essex, and in such other parts of the United Kingdom and the world, as the charity trustees may from time to time decide.

### **Our Mission Statement**

To visit every home in our area to explain the importance of Jesus and to encourage each other to joyfully be like him.

## **BECONTREE CHURCH STATEMENT OF FAITH**

### **1. The Bible is God's written word**

Carried along by the Holy Spirit, the human authors spoke from God and their words are wholly trustworthy in all that they affirm and deny. Being God-breathed the Scriptures are the full, final and sufficient revelation of God, and are therefore our supreme authority in all matter of faith and doctrine.

### **2. Sin renders all people liable to condemnation**

By nature, all people are rebels against their Creator, and objects of his righteous anger and wrath. Being dead in sin we are powerless to save ourselves and, apart from God's mercy and the life-giving power of the Holy Spirit, must surely perish on the Day of Judgement.

### **3. The gospel proclaims the only way of salvation**

The living God, eternally existing in three persons, has acted in love for the salvation of men and women, old and young from every people and nation. God the Father sent God the Son into the world to be the Saviour we need; God the Son gave himself up to death on the cross to redeem all who will turn and trust in him for their salvation; God the Holy Spirit brings the blessing of conviction of sin and new birth into the rich inheritance of grace and truth, pardon and peace won for us by Christ. This belongs equally to all who are adopted as children of God. In Christ there is now no condemnation.



#### **4. Jesus is the only Saviour, and judge of all**

In the fullness of his eternal deity our Lord Jesus Christ was conceived by the Holy Spirit and became man, being born of the Virgin Mary. He took upon himself a perfect human nature without compromising his divine nature and acquired a truly human experience. Humbling himself to death on a cross, Jesus shed his blood as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, bearing in our place the condemnation our sin deserved. All who turn to him as Lord are justified by faith alone through grace alone and, having Christ's righteousness credited to them, are assured of eternal life. By raising Jesus bodily from the dead, and by exalting him into heaven, God the Father demonstrated full acceptance of Christ's finished atoning work and proclaimed him to be the one who will judge all the world.

#### **5. The worldwide church is the fellowship of all who belong to Christ**

The people of God consist of all those who are born again by the Spirit. The fellowship of believers is sustained primarily through prayer and the ministry of God's word, with baptism and the Lord's Supper as important signs of God's covenant of grace. The risen and ascended Lord Jesus gives gifts and ministries to his people so that, under the authority of his word, his church may be built up in love to serve God and proclaim his salvation in the power of the Spirit.

#### **6. God's mission is to proclaim salvation to the ends of the earth**

All mission is God's mission. From the time of humanity's rebellion God has acted in loving mercy to seek and to save the lost. It is God who is the missionary, and the church is the fruit of his mission. Out of his great love God the Father sent his one and only Son into the world, not to condemn but to save. Likewise, Jesus sent his disciples into the world with delegated authority, and in living dependence upon the Spirit. They were sent to make available the forgiveness of sins to all who will believe.

Jesus prayed that every subsequent generation of his people would be united with the Apostles in belief and mission, and so today we continue to take God's word to God's world. We proclaim the forgiveness of sins to all nations, and teach all that Jesus commanded, baptising in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, until he returns.

God delays Jesus' return, not wishing any to perish but all to come to eternal life. But return he will, to judge the living and the dead, to usher in the new heaven and new earth, to call his servants to account and to receive them into glory. Amen. Come Lord Jesus.

### **Church Activities to 31 March 2022**

This year we have very much enjoyed being able to form new friendships, and strengthen ongoing relationships, without the need for face-masks, and social distancing!

This year has involved the following:

1. **Bible teaching** - The way we can know God, is through His Son Jesus, and each part of His word, the Bible, points us to Him. So, this year we've been working through the Bible book of Joshua in the Old Testament, and 1 John and Colossians in the New Testament, during our Sunday services. Following this, three separate small groups have been meeting to further apply what God has been saying, to their individual situations, and to pray.
2. The advertisement, interview and appointment of **a new staff member** (4 days a week) to coordinate our work amongst primary-age children, and their families. This has in turn increased the number of volunteers, and their involvement. Their responsibilities include:



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  - Planning and running 'Fridays' (a weekly session with Bible teaching, games and activities) with a group of volunteers.
  - Themed *Family Nights* - open to the family of the children who attend 'Fridays.'
  - Age-appropriate Sunday school teaching during our main service (Sundays)
  - School Assemblies and other schools work (when requested).
3. As well as these listed above, we have sought to share the gospel through:
  - **'A Passion For Life'** - a nation-wide campaign during the early part of 2022. Locally, we combined with two other local churches, and a team of students, to engage the community with first contact evangelism and a number of events, such as: 'Where is God in a Covid world?', a women's brunch, and a five-a-side football tournament. Church members also collaborated to put on '**The Mark Drama**', a dramatised account of the whole of Mark's Gospel over 90 minutes, which saw 150-200 attend over the two performances.
  - **All-Age services** - the last Sunday a month is an interactive service for young and old, where the bible teaching is given in bite-size chunks, with a particular focus on those who've never thought about the Bible or what it says previously. Many have heard of Jesus through these gospel events, and some have continued to follow him and have been joined to our number.

### **Reserves Policy and Risk Management**

It is our policy to maintain a minimum balance on undesignated funds which equate to 1 year's unrestricted payments to ensure all expenditures are covered. This is currently set at £30,000.00. This will be continuously reviewed according to the charity's exposure to risk, and the Management Committee will put measures in place to manage those risks.

### **Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements**

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity at the end of the financial year and of its surplus or deficit for the financial year. In doing so the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enables them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985 and 1989. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.



Jason Freeman  
Chairman

Date: 20<sup>th</sup> December 2022



### **Independent Examiner's report to the trustees of Becontree Church**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2022, which are set out on pages eight to eleven.

#### **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').

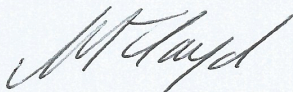
I have examined your charity's accounts as required under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. that accounting records were not kept as required by section 130 of the Act;  
or
2. that the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. that the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Act;  
or
4. that there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts.

#### **Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.



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Statement Of Financial Activities				2022	2021
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022				Total	Total
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated	
		Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
		£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources	Notes				
Becontree		34,638	11,000	-	45,638
Others		19,571	85,000	-	104,571
Gov Grant		-	-	-	-
Gift Aid		8,457	-	-	8,457
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		62,667	96,000	-	158,667
Resources expended					
LCM Centre Rent		5,000	-	-	5,000
Housing /Council Tax		8,913	-	-	8,913
Evangelism		139	-	-	139
Salaries		30,009	-	-	30,009
HMRC PAYE/NI Taxes		-	-	-	-
Meals top up		-	-	-	-
Expenses		7,163	-	-	7,163
Pension Payments		546	-	-	546
Consumables		-	-	-	-
Conferences		768	-	-	768
Subsidies		295	-	-	295
Co-Mission Partnership		-	-	-	-
Cleaning Costs		-	-	-	-
Staff Expenses		880	-	-	880

Insurances	237	-	-	237	228
Legal fees	301	-	-	301	294
Mission Partners	1,227	-	-	1,227	5,468
Accountancy Fees	660	-	-	660	630
Depreciation	282	-	-	282	282
Syria Aid	-	-	-	-	705
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	<b>56,419</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>56,419</b>	<b>54,886</b>
<b>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources</b>	<b>6,247</b>	<b>96,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>102,247</b>	<b>13,832</b>

**Balance Sheet as at 31st March  
2022**

		Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated		
	<i>No te s</i>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
		£	£	£	£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS:</b>						
Tangible Assets (AppleLaptop)		0	0	0	<b>0</b>	<b>282</b>
<b>Total fixed assets</b>		0	0	0	0	282
<b>CURRENT ASSETS:</b>						
Debtors		2,161	0	0	2,161	555
Cash at Bank and in hand		89,833	96,000	0	185,833	81,714
<b>Total current assets</b>		91,994	96,000	0	187,994	82,269
Creditors:	<b>1</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year		-5,764	0	0	-5,764	-2,568
<b>Net current assets/(liabilities)</b>		86,230	96,000	0	182,230	79,701
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		86,230	96,000	0	182,230	79,983
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>86,230</b>	<b>96,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>182,230</b>	<b>79,983</b>
<b>Funds of the Charity</b>						
Unrestricted funds	<b>2</b>	86,230	-	-	86,230	79,983
Restricted funds			96,000	0	96,000	0
Designated funds		-	-	0	0	0
Prior Year Adjustments		-	-	-	0	0
<b>Total Funds</b>		<b>86,230</b>	<b>96,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>182,230</b>	<b>79,983</b>

**BARRY SANDERS**

**Date of Approval: 6th September 2022**

**Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Designated Funds</b>	<b><u>2022</u></b>	<b><u>2021</u></b>
<b>1 Creditors: Amounts falling due within 1 year</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
(Unpresented Cheques)					
HMRC - PAYE	-	-	-	0	1,938
Pension contributions	104			104	0
Accountancy Fees	660	-	-	660	630
LCM Rent for Dawson Centre	5000	-	-	5000	0
	<b>5,764</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,764</b>	<b>2,568</b>
	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Designated Funds</b>	<b><u>2022</u></b>	<b><u>2021</u></b>
<b>2 Revenue Reserve</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Net movement in funds	6,247	96,000	0	102,247	13,833
Total funds brought forward	79,983	0	0	79,983	66,150
Total funds carried forward	<b>86,230</b>	<b>96,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>182,230</b>	<b>79,983</b>