

Becontree Church

Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the Year ended 31st March 2025

Charity registration no: 1154948

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CHARITY INFORMATION

Management committee

1. Jason Freeman, Chairman
2. Barry Sanders, Treasurer
3. Verona Lawrence (until 30 April 2024)
4. Kane Balagtey (until 16 September 2024)
5. Bethan Norman (from 30 April 2024)
6. Natalie Yates

Secretary

Natalie Yates

Registered Office

The Becontree Church Centre
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Bankers

NatWest

Report of the trustees for the year ended 31 March 2025

The Trustees are pleased to present their report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2025.

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.

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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

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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.

April 2024-25 Activities:

10 Year Anniversary

In April, Becontree Church celebrated ten years on the Becontree Estate. God has been wonderfully good to us in that time. Many have heard the gospel, lots for the very first time, through the doorstep conversations.

We thanked God as we looked back at all that He has been doing these last ten years, and looked at Ephesians 4 - "Remember what you were, and how God has taken you from outsiders, to being part of His family/household", & how He saved us to be where others can meet and know Him.

Discipleship

Our main adult bible teaching has been in 1 Kings (1-11), 1 Timothy, and the last part of Job (29-42). More people have been coming to our three midweek small groups in Barking (Weds 8pm) and in Dagenham (Thurs 2pm & 8pm). Our one to one discipleship amongst women has been another area of growth this year. The "older" women have been meeting to disciple one another, and the younger women in the faith.

Outreach

We have continued to visit a new street bi-monthly in Becontree. Lately these have been in the Eastbury ward. We have had good conversations with a wide variety of people. Some are happy and relaxed to chat to us about their lives and their beliefs about God and the future. We try to bring the conversation to Jesus, who is both God, and the only way to know salvation for certain.

Schools work

During this year, our schools & families worker has visited 5 different schools, and been involved in 20 different lessons/assemblies.

Youth and children

This year our volunteers took on organisation of 'the Ranch' - a May bank holiday long weekend residential for 8-9yr olds from local churches. This year the theme was 'the topsy turvy kingdom'. Four members of our church served as leaders, with 19 children attending from across the churches. Becontree Church has continued to run 'Fridays', a 1.5hr term time session for 7-11 year olds. At the end of each half term we have held a Family Night, which has been popular, and a good way to integrate families from the groups with Christians/church members. We have continued to provide specific Bible teaching each Sunday for primary age children.

Training/events

As a church, we attended the REVIVE weekend in June with other London churches. We also had our own Away Day at Lambourne End in July. Staff attended our network 3 day conference in November, and our minister helped to organise the Anglican Mission in England conference in March 25

Finances

Income remained very healthy, mainly derived from donations within the church and related gift aid. In addition, the income from the building meant that the mortgage and other running costs could be covered without negatively impacting the ministry. The

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larges ministry expense remains staff related costs (salaries, pension, national insurance and housing costs).

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. We are generally using surplus income to repay our mortgage.

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: 26th January 2026

Independent Examiner's report to the trustees of Becontree Church

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2024, 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

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| Statement Of Financial Activities | | | | | 2025 | 2024 |
| for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 | | Unrestricted | Restricted | Designated | Total | Total |
| | | Funds | Funds | Funds | Funds | Funds |
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Incoming Resources | <u>Notes</u> | | | | | |
| Becontree (Church) Donations & Gifts | | 50,165.97 | - | - | 50,165.97 | 35,335.00 |
| Others - (From Outside the Church) | | 15,407.48 | - | - | 15,407.48 | 13,130.52 |
| Rent - Incoming | | 37,394.71 | - | - | 37,394.71 | 21,481.84 |
| Capital Fund | | - | - | - | - | 18,000.00 |
| Youth Fund | | 455.78 | - | - | 455.78 | 815.14 |
| Maintenance Fund £200 PM | | 2,400.00 | - | - | 2,400.00 | 1,400.00 |
| Gift Aid | | 13,180.89 | - | - | 13,180.89 | 6,143.20 |
| Interest Added | | 211.89 | - | - | 211.89 | - |
| TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES | | 119,216.72 | - | - | 119,216.72 | 96,305.70 |
| Resources expended | | | | | | |
| Housing /Council Tax | | 7,357.85 | - | - | 7,357.85 | 9,203.56 |
| Monthly Interest/ Mortgage | | 19,763.22 | - | - | 19,763.22 | 18,342.44 |
| Youth Spends | | 143.87 | - | - | 143.87 | 71.17 |
| Evangelism | | - | - | - | - | 616.55 |
| Maintenance Costs | | 2,541.09 | - | - | 2,541.09 | - |
| Energy Costs | | 1,212.75 | - | - | 1,212.75 | 4,854.75 |
| Salaries + Staff Pension | | 38,975.60 | - | - | 38,975.60 | 35,453.53 |
| HMRC PAYE/NI Taxes | | 5,312.99 | - | - | 5,312.99 | 4,397.40 |
| Sundry (Expenses) | | 1,191.57 | - | - | 1,191.57 | 1,642.88 |
| Cleaning (Expenses) | | 609.40 | - | - | 609.40 | - |
| Subscriptions | | 401.08 | - | - | 401.08 | - |
| Pension Payments | | 1,062.42 | - | - | 1,062.42 | 649.55 |
| Cleaning & Janitorial / Consumables | | 517.41 | - | - | 517.41 | 333.23 |
| Conferences | | 749.00 | - | - | 749.00 | 420.00 |
| Subsidies | | - | - | - | - | - |
| Co-Mission Partnership | | - | - | - | - | - |
| Staff Expenses /Ministry Trainee Costs | | - | - | - | - | 625.00 |
| Insurances | | 1,002.13 | - | - | 1,002.13 | 894.02 |
| Legal fees | | - | - | - | - | - |
| Mission Partners | | - | - | - | - | - |
| Accountancy Fees | | 768.00 | - | - | 768.00 | 732.00 |
| Depreciation | | - | - | - | - | - |
| Collections and Appeals | | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total Resources Expended | | 81,608.38 | - | - | 81,608.38 | 78,236.08 |
| Net incoming/(outgoing) resources | | 37,608.34 | - | - | 37,608.34 | 18,069.62 |

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Balance Sheet

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| Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2025 | | | | | | |
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| | Notes | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Designated Funds | 2025 | 2024 |
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| FIXED ASSETS: | | | | | | |
| Church Hall | | 805,945.41 | | | 805,945.41 | 805,945.41 |
| Tangible Assets (AppleLaptop) | | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total fixed assets | | 805,945.41 | - | - | 805,945.41 | 805,945.41 |
| CURRENT ASSETS: | | | | | | |
| Debtors | | - | - | - | - | - |
| Cash at Bank and in hand | | 23,966.97 | - | - | 23,966.97 | 21,873.79 |
| Total current assets | | 23,966.97 | - | - | 23,966.97 | 21,873.79 |
| Creditors: | | | | | | |
| Amounts falling due within one year | 1 | 956.85 | - | - | 956.85 | 2,513.97 |
| Net current assets/(liabilities) | | 23,010.12 | - | - | 23,010.12 | 19,359.82 |
| Total Assets less current liabilities | | 828,955.53 | - | - | 828,955.53 | 825,305.23 |
| Creditors | | | | | | |
| Amounts falling due after one year | | 287,355.33 | - | - | 287,355.33 | 321,313.37 |
| Net assets | | 541,600.20 | - | - | 541,600.20 | 503,991.86 |
| Funds of the Charity | | | | | | |
| Unrestricted funds | 2 | 541,600.20 | - | - | 541,600.20 | 503,991.86 |
| Restricted funds | | - | - | - | - | - |
| Designated funds | | - | - | - | - | - |
| Prior Year Adjustments | | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total Funds | | 541,600.20 | - | - | 541,600.20 | 503,991.86 |
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| BARRY SANDERS | | Date of Approval: | | | | |

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Notes to the Accounts

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| BECONTREE CHURCH | | | | | |
| Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 | | | | | |
| | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Designated Funds | 2025 | 2024 |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| 1 Creditors: Amounts falling due within 1 year | | | | | |
| (Unpresented Cheques) | | | | | |
| HMRC - SHIPLEY | - | - | - | - | 52.63 |
| Rob Salary | - | - | - | - | 1,647.42 |
| Accountancy Fees | 768.00 | - | - | 768.00 | 732.00 |
| Pension (from March 2025) | 188.85 | - | - | 188.85 | 81.92 |
| | | | | | |
| | 956.85 | - | - | 956.85 | 2,513.97 |
| | | | | | |
| 2 Creditors: Amounts falling due after 1 year | | | | | |
| Mortgage | 287,355.33 | - | - | 287,355.33 | 321,313.37 |
| | | | | | |
| | 287,355.33 | - | - | 287,355.33 | 321,313.37 |
| | | | | | |
| | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Designated Funds | 2025 | 2024 |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| 3 Revenue Reserve | | | | | |
| Net movement in funds | 37,608.34 | - | - | 37,608.34 | 18,069.62 |
| Total funds brought forward | 503,991.86 | - | - | 503,991.86 | 485,922.24 |
| Total funds carried forward | 541,600.20 | - | - | 541,600.20 | 503,991.86 |
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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025

Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of accounting

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities(SORP2005) issued in April 2005, applicable Accounting Standards and the Companies Act 2006

The accounting policies have not changed during the year.

(b) Grants

Grants are recognised in the Statements of Financial Activities (SOFA) on an accrual basis following the satisfaction of any pre-conditions.

(c.) Fundraising and Donations

Fundraising and donations include contributions made towards expenses incurred and the provision of facilities used by the charitable company. These are valued at their value to the Charity and are included in the financial statements on a receivable basis.

(d) Gifts in kind

Gifts in kind donated for distribution are included at valuation and recognised as income when they are distributed to the projects. Gifts donated for resale are included as income when they are sold.

(e) Other income

Other income is recognised in the financial statements when received.

(f) Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis inclusive of VAT which cannot be recovered.

Certain expenditure that is directly attributable to specific activities have been wholly included in those categories. Other costs which are attributable to more than one activity are apportioned across cost categories on the basis of the proportion of time spent by staff on those activities.

In preparing these accounts no monetary value has been attributed to the work performed by volunteers in accordance with SORP 2005, although their work is considered vital to the activities of the charity.

(g) Capitalisation

Expenditure on repairs, renewals, plant, machinery, fixtures, fittings, equipment and donated goods which exceed £500 are capitalised.

(h) Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible assets at rates calculated to write off the costs on a straight-line basis over their expected useful economic lives as follows:

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|---|-----------------|
| Furniture, equipment, fixtures and fittings | 12.5% per annum |
| Computer Equipment | 25% per annum |

(i) Taxation

No provision for taxation is included in the financial statements as the charity is entitled to exemption from tax afforded by Section 505 of the Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

(j) Fund accounting

Undesignated general funds are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

Designated funds are funds which are earmarked for a specific project

Restricted funds can only be used for particular purposes within the objects of the charity

Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when raised for particular restricted purposes.